



DECEMBER 2015

**Character Matters!**

From The Office



### December's

Character Trait is

**EMPATHY**

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."*

Leo Buscaglia



**For the safety of our students, no peanuts or nut products please!**



# The Sutton Stinger

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The winter concert will be on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00pm. The theme of the concert is **"Winter Wonderland."** There will be songs and skits presented by our students. Santa will be here for pictures between 4:00 to 6:00pm. School Council is having the silent auction again at the concert as each class is creating a themed basket. The Character Room is selling tickets for a draw where the winner will receive reserved parking and/or seating at the concert. More information will be available next week. Parking is always a problem during this time of year. Please plan to car pool and there is extra parking available at Sutton District High School.

The next school council meeting is on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00. We will be wrapping the baskets for the silent auction during the Winter Wonderland Concert.

Warm greetings to the families celebrating during this holiday season! This is the time for families to get together to appreciate the memories of the past and to build future memories. People celebrate the holidays in many different ways with their families. Love warms our hearts and hope promises us a bright future. The staff at Sutton PS wish the families of their school community a peaceful holiday season and happiness in the New Year.



Roxanne Hibberd  
Principal

Gillian McDowell  
Vice Principal

## Events



### December

12 Days of Kindness	3rd—18th
Candy Grams Sales	8th-10th
Progress Reports Go Home	10th
Concert Reserved Parking Draw	11th
Christmas Character Day	14th
School Council Meeting 3 p.m.	14th
Glitter Day	15th
Christmas Sweater Day	16th
Santa Visit 4-6 p.m. Free Pictures	16th
Winter Wonderland Concert 6-8 p.m.	16th
Gift Basket Silent Auction	16th
Candy Cane Day (Red and White)	17th
Candy Grams Delivered	17th
PJ Day	18th
Winter Break	21st to 4th
<b>January</b>	
1st Day Back	4th

### York Region Mission:

*To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.*

# What's Happening @ Sutton P.S.

## SPS Playground Opening Ceremony

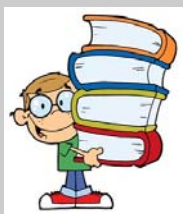
Sutton Public School and Sutton Public School Council would like to thank the following companies and organizations for their generous donations and support of our school project:

*Hydro One, TD Bank (Friends of the Environment Foundation), BMO (Bank of Montreal), Scotiabank, Keswick Walmart, The Town of Georgina, York Region District School Board, Eco Wood/Meldan, Sutton Home Hardware, Schell Lumber Home Building Centre Sutton, Black River Contracting & Rental, National Building Supplies, LaRue's Haulage, Keswick Canadian Tire, Cambium Tree Farms, Ballymore Homes, Delpark Homes, Oxford Homes, Kat's Gallery, The Georgina Advocate, The Georgina Post*

There were many local businesses and community members, including our Sutton families, who contributed to our fundraising efforts by giving their time, energy and resources. Thank you for supporting the students at our school and the local community as the playground is used all week long, especially on the weekends!



## Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair will run from Monday, December 7th to Friday, December 11th, 2015. It will be open from 8:20 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. daily. On Tuesday, December 8th, the book fair will be open after school until 5:00 p.m.

Students will be able to go to the book fair with their classes, as well as, at morning recess.

*Lots of holiday gift ideas. Hope to see you there!*

*Ms. Wilczek*

# For Your Information...

## French Immersion

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools on January 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2016 (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location. FI registration will begin January 15, 2016. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2016, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register between January 15 and February 12, 2016. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

## Kindergarten Registration for September 2016

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 15, 2016 for the 2016-17 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2016, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

## Message from our Trustee

It is that time of year when our schools brim with energy and excitement for the many diverse celebrations taking place across our region. I am always happy to join the festivities happening in our schools and appreciate the efforts of our students, staff and community members to bring the holiday season alive.

As we wind down 2015, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and guardians for their support of our students and staff over the past few months. A school community is only as strong and welcoming as the people who make up that community. Our students, staff and community members have continued to demonstrate respect, character and commitment in their work and interactions over the last few months. As a trustee, I consider myself very fortunate to work with such supportive community and staff members.

On behalf of all of the trustees and staff of the York Region District School Board, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy holiday season.

All the best for 2016!



## No Parking in the Kiss and Ride Zone

Despite signage stating the area is a Kiss and Ride Zone, cars are parking to drop off or pick up students. The driveways are fire and evacuation routes. We need to keep the flow of traffic moving through our parking lot and keep our students and community members safe. Please remember to enter the parking lot staying to the right. Drop off your child(ren) in the KISS and RIDE zone and circle around and exit. If you are coming into the school or need to get out of your car to help your child, please follow the flow of traffic and park in a designated parking spot. Parents are having difficulty getting into the parking lot and are caught waiting on the road for cars to exit. Please don't park and get out of your car in the Kiss and Ride. Another way to help with the traffic flow is to walk your child to school. Daily physical exercise for your child before school starts gets them ready and alert for learning. Sometimes, as parents, we forget that big hill we had to walk up (going to school and going home) in the snowstorm as we navigated the five miles.

## Recess—Elementary

All students are expected to go out for recess and lunch hour, weather permitting. If a student is well enough to attend school, then he or she will benefit from short periods of outdoor exercise. Schools do not have supervised health room facilities. Recess, entry and dismissal times, and lunch time are supervised. Students should dress comfortably and appropriately according to weather conditions.

### Recess Playground Expectations:

Each school's code of conduct outlines acceptable behaviour for students. During playground time, the code of conduct applies and includes the following:

- ♦ Harmful behaviour toward others is not acceptable (eg. Play fighting, piggybacks, pushing, rock/stone/sand/snowball throwing, etc.).
- ♦ Show respect for students, staff members, visitors and volunteers.
- ♦ Swearing is not permitted.
- ♦ Spitting is not acceptable, whether playing sports or not.
- ♦ All students are responsible for keeping school property clean and tidy.
- ♦ Students must only play in designated areas.
- ♦ Only Kindergarten students are allowed in the Kindergarten play area.
- ♦ Tag games and ball games are prohibited on playground climbers.

## School Council

The school council provides advice on school matters. The council includes parents/guardians, school staff and community members. School council involvement gives you the opportunity to be part of a team working to ensure a high quality of education. All parents/guardians and members of the school community are welcome to attend meetings.

[www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/getinvolved.html](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/getinvolved.html)

**The Next School Council Meeting is December 14, 2015  
3:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.**



  
Georgina Public Library  
**PRESENTS:**

# **JUNIOR TECHFEST**

December 5, 2015 ~ 10:00am - 2:00pm ~ At the Keswick Branch  
REGISTER TODAY & GET MORE INFO AT: [www.mackenzietsi.com/techfest](http://www.mackenzietsi.com/techfest)

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