



JANUARY 2014

*Character  
Matters!*

From The Office



January's  
Character Trait is  
**OPTIMISM**

*"Optimism is  
the faith that  
leads to  
achievement."*

*Hellen Keller*

Happy New Year to our school community! We are excited to be back to school with our students. It is time for some students to make a resolution about getting to school on time. It is expected that from time to time, students will be late for school because of appointments. We have noticed that there are a growing number of students who are late for school each day. When students arrive late, they interrupt students who have settled into the class routine and have missed the instructions for their lessons. Studies have shown that good attendance routines, including being on time, contributes to school success. Students need to be here by the 8:10am bell, or need to get a late slip in the office if they are late. Thanks for supporting our attendance routines at Sutton PS!

First term reports go home on February 12<sup>th</sup>. "The purpose of the Elementary Progress Report Card is to communicate your child's progress towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations since the beginning of the school year. It describes how well, at this point in the year, your child is demonstrating the various learning skills and work habits. It serves as a central part of the early discussions between home and school" (Elementary Report Cards, YRDSB). Discussions are occurring between parents and teachers to ensure the children are receiving the next steps that home and school can collaboratively work on to improve student learning.

Beginning next month, all YRDSB elementary schools will have installed a front door security system as part of the 'Safe Welcome Program'. Please join us in ensuring that our school continues to be a safe place to welcome our parents and community members as we move towards the 'Safe Welcome Program'.

Ms. R. Hibberd  
Principal

Ms. A. Barkey  
Vice-Principal

# The Sutton Stinger

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## January Events



### January

School Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.	13th
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P.A. Day	17th
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### February

School Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.	3rd
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Intermediate WINIT Assembly 9:15 a.m	7th
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Graduation Picture Day	11th
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Report Cards Home	12th
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Family Day No School	17th
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Electives Day	25th
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Chess Tournament	28th
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**For the safety of our  
students, no peanuts or  
nut products please!**



### **York Region Mission:**

*We unite in our purpose to inspire and prepare learners for life in our changing world community.*

# For Your Information...

## Kindergarten Registration for September 2014

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 17, 2014 for the 2014-15 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2014, 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.

## French Immersion Registration September 2014

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Keswick Public School on January 16, 2014 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 17, 2014. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2014, 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 Sutton Public School to register between January 17 and February 14, 2014. 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.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.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.

## Locked School Doors

Beginning February 3, all school doors, including the front doors and doors to portables, will be locked 15 minutes after the morning entry bell. The doors will remain locked for the rest of the day. Anyone arriving at the school after that time must buzz in and sign in at the main office.

Measures will also be put in place for parents/guardians to buzz in and pick up students participating in before and after school programs. More detailed information will be available in January. Measures will also be put in place to lock port-a-pack doors.

Our school continues to be a safe place where parent and community member involvement is welcomed and encouraged. This additional step will enhance the measures we already have in place, and ensure that all visitors sign in at the main office upon arrival.

## arts@baythorn

Would your child enjoy learning the Ontario curriculum through the Arts?

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an Elementary integrated Arts program at Baythorn Public School. Students currently in grades four and five may apply for the arts@baythorn program, where they will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music while meeting the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum for grades five, six, seven, and eight.

To learn more about the arts@baythorn program, students and their families are invited to attend an information evening **at Baythorn Public School on Thursday, January 16, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Applications will be on line via the school website and available after January 16, 2014.

[www.baythorn.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.baythorn.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

Please call us at Baythorn Public School (905) 889-7992, if you require further information.

Jacqueline Linton  
Principal

Jennifer Rosenberg  
Vice-Principal

## Join the Chess Club!!!

The chess club is opening up to students in grades 1,2 and 3. All students that would like to learn how to play are welcome to come out each Friday at lunch recess. We will start a round of competitions to prepare for the February 28 Optimist Tournament at Kin Hall in Sutton. Students in grades 1 to 8 are welcome to compete for places on their grade team. Mr. Walkden and Mr. Jaski can take up to 8 students per grade level. The practices will be at lunch recesses on Thursdays for all grades.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Jaski



# SUTTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

along with **The GEM Theatre**

on **Monday January 13th at 6:30**



Presents

## FREE BIRDS



**Rating: G**

**Running Time: 90min**

Tickets are \$3.00 per person.

Please detach and send to your Movie Coordinator

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make payment in cash. Sorry, we are unable to make change.

ORDER EARLY! Tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis.