



JANUARY 2015

Character Matters!

From The Office

2015
Happy New Year

January'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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Welcome back to our parents and students! We hope everyone had a relaxing holiday. We want to continue our work around parent/teacher communication. Parents must have an idea of how their child is doing academically before they receive the first term report card. First term reports go home on February 19th. "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). Parents are to be included in the conversations and preparation of their child's supports and learning pathway. You should hear from your child's teacher regularly throughout the school year. Documentation of a child's learning is shared with parents through agendas, student work and assessment tasks, conversations, phone calls, and meetings.

Our goal is to provide each student with a calm and alert learning environment. For some students the return to school after the holidays is a difficult adjustment. Parents can help to support their child by continuing to reinforce regular routines such as providing a quiet space for homework, reasonable bedtime routine and nutritious snacks and meals.

This week our school community was saddened with the news of the passing of our caretaker, Jim Hill. Mr. Hill was a well loved member of our school community and will be missed. We recognize that some of our students are struggling with this news. There are school board personnel here to support our school community. If your child is struggling with this news or with the transition back to school, please let us know so we can provide further support.

Kindergarten registration begins Friday, January 16th. YRDSB will have registration at Sutton PS, and we require the child's birth certificate and proof of residence (i.e., tax bill, rent agreement). Our new families can receive our monthly newsletter online at <http://www.sutton.ps.yrdsb.ca>. Also check out our school twitter account at @suttonstingers.

Kind regards from Sutton PS P+ team,

Roxanne Hibberd
Principal

Gillian McDowell
Vice Principal

Terry-Cariglia Bull
P+ Teacher

Aimee Coulter
P+ CYW

Greg Jaski
Literacy/Numeracy Teacher

Events



January

Gr. 8's—High School Course Selection	12th
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Jr. Boys VB Tournament	14th
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P.A. Day No School	16th
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Jr. Boys Area VB Tournament	20th
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Jr. Girls Area VB Tournament	21st
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Movie Night G.E.M. Theatre	21st
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February

P.A. Day No School	2nd
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Jr. Co-ed Regional VB	5th
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Gr. 8 Graduation Picture Day	10th
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Family Day No School	16th
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Int. Girls Area Basketball	17th
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Int. Boys Area Basketball	18th
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Report Cards	19th
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Electives Day	27th
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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.



Eco Club Energy Review and Waste Audit

The eco-club is conducting an energy review and a waste audit in every classroom over the next two weeks. Anyone with ideas on how to reduce energy use and reduce waste can submit them, either verbally or in writing, to members of the eco-club executive committee: Billy H., Grace C., Will S., Emma M. or Mr. Jaski (905-722-3782 ext 204; greg.jaski@yrdsb.ca).

One of our biggest problems is how to stop students from putting garbage into the recycling bins because all of the recycling gets thrown in the garbage when this happens. The eco-team will be reviewing all ideas and planning a strategy to try out.

Chess Club Meeting Reminder

Chess club is meeting every week at lunch hour on Thursdays and Fridays for grades 4-8.

Primary chess club will begin next week and meet on Fridays at lunch.



Staff vs. Student Volleyball Game



Student Sing-a-long





For Your Information...

French Immersion

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Keswick P.S. on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 16, 2015. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2015, 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 Keswick P.S. to register between January 16 and February 13, 2015. 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. 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 2015

Kindergarten registration will commence on **January 16, 2015** for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, 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.

Dreambox

Dreambox is an interactive online math game. The game adjusts to your child's strengths and next steps. Our school's free trial period has been extended until September 2015. If your child would like to access the game from home, the website address is <https://play.dreambox.com/login/pwte/suttonps>. Students need to click on their classroom icon and enter their personal logins in order to play. If your child is using an iPad, a Dreambox app can be downloaded. The school code for the app is pwte/suttonps.

Enjoy the learning!

School Property

Students are expected to show respect for school property and materials at all times. Students, together with their parents/guardians, are responsible for ensuring that school items are returned in the same condition in which they were used.

Textbooks, lockers, desks and chairs should not be vandalized (e.g. writing inside school books, torn pages, holes in desks, etc.). Lost or damaged textbooks, library books or other school materials are the responsibility of the student. Restitution will be expected and outlined by each school.

Head Lice (Pediculosis)

Head lice or pediculosis is common in school-aged children. It is not a communicable disease. All families can help to decrease head lice in our school communities by performing regular head checks of their children and treating the head lice if found. Checking for lice takes patience, diligence and plenty of time.

It is recommended that you always be sensitive to the student's feelings around this topic. Head lice can happen to anyone regardless of socioeconomic factors or level of personal cleanliness.

When head lice are identified at school, parents/guardians are contacted so treatment can start right away. Students are allowed to re-enter the class only when all of the lice eggs (nits) have been removed from the hair. Students who have had head lice must be checked by school staff before they can return to school. Notices and an information pamphlet are also sent home with other students in the class.

Effective treatment of head lice includes:

- ♦ Checking all family members for lice
- ♦ Using the appropriate shampoo
- ♦ Treating all family members who have lice
- ♦ Removing all nits (eggs)

Additional information about head lice is available through York Region Community and Health Services (www.york.ca). York Region Health Connection information telephone line also provides consultation about the identification, prevention and treatment of head lice. If you have questions about head lice or any other public health-related topic, please contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933.

Parent 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

The Next Parent Council Meeting is January 13th, 2015 6:00-7:30 p.m.



CAPC York Region creating opportunities, with families, neighbourhoods communities, to work together so that by age 6 all children will **have** developed to their optimum level - physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually.

For more information please call 905 - 989 - 1896

Family Time

Stay and Play
Meet other parents, crafts,
games, storytime snack,
FUN!



Sutton Public School

Starting: Tues. Jan. 13 –
Ending: Tues. Mar. 24

9:30 - 11:30

Transportation available: call
905 – 989 - 1896

Are you looking for something to do with your
children 0- preschoolers?
Come and explore with your
children

***Fingerplays * Coffee *Meet other Parents**
***Snacks * Crafts *Parenting ideas**

SUTTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

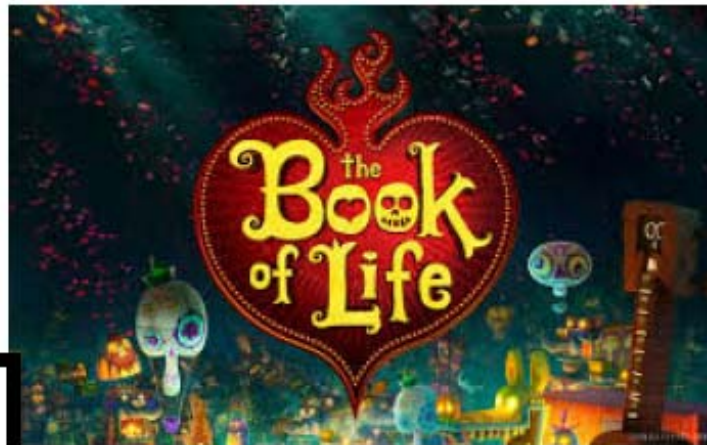
along with **The GEM Theatre**

on **Wednesday January 21st at 6:30**



Presents

THE BOOK OF LIFE



Rating: G

Running Time: 95min

TICKETS ARE \$3.00 per person

Please detach and send to your Movie Coordinator

Name: _____

of Tickets: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

Room: _____

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