



JANUARY 2016

Character
Matters!

From The Office



January's

Character Trait is

FAIRNESS

"I think perfect objectivity is an unrealistic goal; fairness, however, is not."

Micheal Pollan



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



The Sutton Stinger

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Trustee: Nancy Elgie 905-476-4184

*Be sure to visit our website at
www.yrdsb.ca/schools/sutton.ps
for all the latest forms, newsletters and events.*

Kindergarten registration begins on January 15, 2016. YRDSB will have registration at Sutton PS, and we require the child's birth certificate and proof of residence (i.e. tax bill, Rental Agreement). If you have time, come and join our Early Years' program which runs at the school weekly. Get more information at the office if you are interested.

First term reports go home on February 16th. "The purpose of the Elementary First Term 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, work habits and curriculum expectations. 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.

We wish to remind students that at Sutton Public School, we believe that children learn better when they receive regular intervals of exercise and fresh air. We send the children out for either a full or a shortened recess in everything but the most inclement weather. We ask that children are appropriately dressed for the weather: warm hat, gloves, scarf, coat, pants and boots at this time of year.

"Happy New Year" to our families from the staff at Sutton Public School!"



Kind regards from,

Roxanne Hibberd
Principal

Gillian McDowell
Vice Principal

Events



January

Gr. 2's Sibbald's Point	12th
Gr. 4's Sibbald's Point	13th
Gr. 7's Sibbald's Point	14th
Course Selection for Gr. 9	14th
P.A. Day No School	15th
G.E.M. Movie Night	20th
Gr. 7/8 Immunization	22nd
February	
P.A. Day No School	1st
School Council Meeting	2nd
Electives Day	12th
Valentines Day	14th
Family Day No School	15th

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 Update

Thanks to the eco-club recycling committee for all of their efforts to keep the recycling contamination free, saving it from being dumped into the trash. Also, a separate sub-committee takes care of all of the ink cartridges, cell phones, and batteries from the school and community that get dropped off at our bins just inside the front door. Just this year they have collected 722 batteries, 4 cell phones, and over 50 printer cartridges to be properly disposed of or recycled. (absent: Jordan, Taylor, Grace, Makayla).



If you have any batteries, ink cartridges, cell phones, cameras, laptops or tablets that you would like to dispose of safely, please bring them into the school and drop them into the appropriate bins beside the front doors.

(Note: It was pyjama day when we took this photo)

Class Nature Hike

Mr. Jaski's class took Mrs. Andrews' class on a nature hike in December.



Note: The students were taught how to use binoculars upside down to magnify close objects





WINTER WONDERLAND

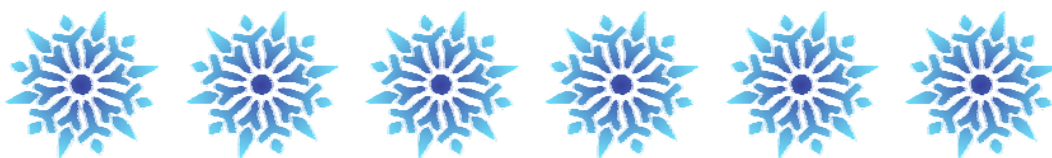


For Your Information...

French Immersion for September 2016

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. 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. 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.

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 good condition.

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 and does not cause illness. 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 a child'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. 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) and the Canadian Pediatric Society. 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.

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

The Next School Council Meeting is February 2nd, 2016 6:00-7:30 p.m.



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The right to learn, the power to achieve

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MINDFULNESS EVERYDAY™

An Evening on Mindfulness and Learning Disabilities

Workshop: Mindful Parents – Resilient Children

With Heidi Bornstein and Sue Hutton from Mindfulness Everyday

The purpose of the evening is to provide parents with relevant information and skills on mindfulness and how it can benefit students with LDs. In addition, we will examine how social and emotional competencies can be supported through mindfulness.

This experiential workshop will provide parents with practical skills and knowledge about mindfulness: what it is, what are the benefits to both parents and children and how it can be practiced. It will deliver practical tips on practicing mindful awareness within family dynamics. The session will examine aspects of mindfulness specifically related to parenting and education:

- how parents can support their children through mindful parenting
- how practicing mindfulness can support students with LD and MID needs
- how mindfulness can support well-being for families

Heidi Bornstein is the founder of Mindfulness Everyday, a registered charity that has been delivering and designing custom programming for mindfulness in education since 2009 to students, educators, and parents since 2009 and is a member of The Resiliency Planning Committee for the YRDSB.

Sue Hutton has over 20 years' experience as a social worker, and leads mindfulness groups with Wellspring, social workers, and the disability community.

Time:

March 1st 2016
6:30pm — 8:30pm

Location:

York Catholic District
School Board Office
320 Bloomington Road
West Aurora, ON L4G 0M1

Cost:

\$10 LDAYR members
\$15 Non-LDAYR
members

Workshop fees are
transferable
and non-refundable.

How to Register:

Register by February 24

905-884-7933 x 23

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WOULD YOU ENJOY **COLLABORATIVELY** 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**. If you are currently in grades **four or five** you may apply for the **arts@baythorn program**, where you will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music in a **cooperative learning environment**.

To learn more about the arts@baythorn program, you and your family are invited to attend an information evening at Baythorn Public School on:

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

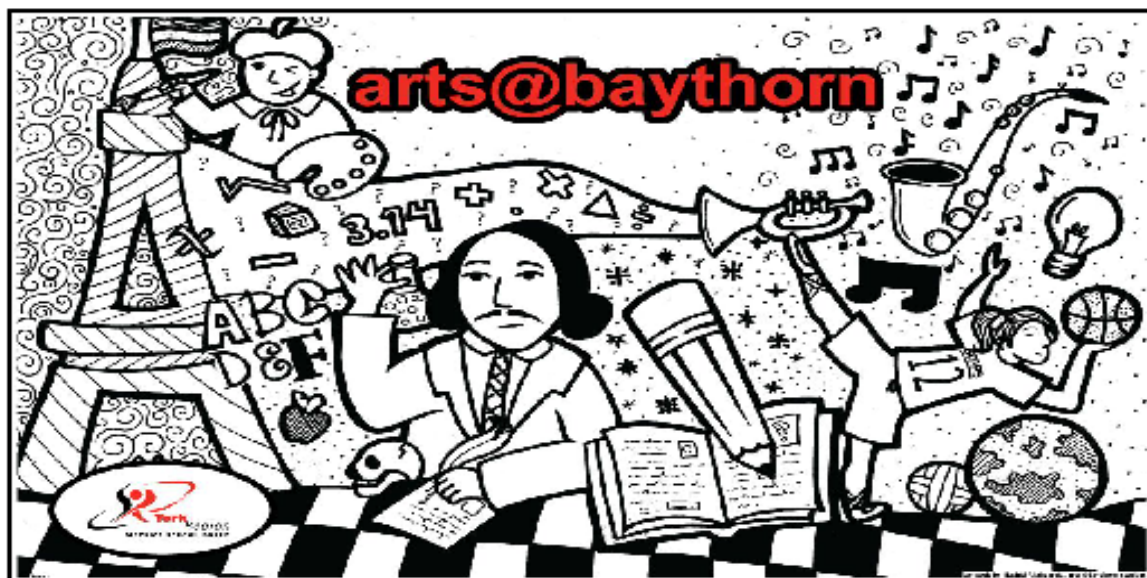
Applications will be available at **bit.ly/arts_application2016**
online after January 13th, 2016.

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

Kate Kurek
Principal

The Arts Team

Meytal Daniels
Vice Principal



SUTTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

along with **The GEM Theatre**

on **Wednesday January 20th at 6:30**



Presents **THE PEANUTS MOVIE**



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.