



MARCH 2014

Character  
Matters!

From The Office



March's

Character Trait is

**PERSISTENCE**

*"It always  
seems  
impossible  
until it's  
done."*

Nelson  
Mandela



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

# The Sutton Stinger

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**Principal:** Roxanne Hibberd

**Vice Principal:** Angelie Barkey

**Elementary Office Administrative Assistants:** Colleen Kirton and Lianne McAndrew

**School Website:** <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/sutton.ps>

**Superintendent:** Dianne Hawkins 905-895-5155

**Trustee:** Nancy Elgie 905-476-4184

## March Events



### March

Spirit Day—Pajama Day	6th
P.A. Day—No School	7th
March Break—No School	10th— 14th
Green Day	17th
Music Workshops Grade 4—8	20th
Spirit Day—Geek Day	21st
Heart Healthy Presentations Grades 3,4 and 5	24th
Earth Hour 8:30—9:30 pm	24th
Winit Assemblies Junior/Intermediate 9:00 a.m. Primary 1:00 p.m.	28th
<b>April</b>	
Spirit Day—Superhero Day	4th
McMichael Art Gallery Workshop	8th
Sibbald's Point Outdoor Centre Gr. 2	9th
Sibbald's Point Outdoor Centre Gr. 4	10th
Sibbald's Point Outdoor Centre Gr. 7	11th
Spirit Day— Backwards\Inside Out Day	17th
Easter Holiday—No School	18th— 21st

Providing students with an opportunity to learn and develop in a safe and respectful community is a shared responsibility in which school boards and schools play an important role. At Sutton Public School, we have bullying prevention and intervention strategies that foster a positive learning and teaching environment that supports academic achievement for all students and that helps students reach their full potential.

A positive school climate is a crucial component of prevention; it may be defined as the sum total of all of the personal relationships within a school. When these relationships are founded in mutual acceptance and inclusion, and modeled by all, a culture of respect becomes the norm. A positive school climate exists when all members of the school community feel safe, comfortable, and accepted. To help achieve a positive environment, boards and schools should actively promote and support positive behaviours that reflect their character development initiatives. They should also endeavour to ensure that parents and members of the community are involved in the school community. (excerpt taken from Policy/Program Memorandum No. 144 "Bullying Prevention and Intervention").

At Sutton Public School we are reviewing our Positive Climates for Growth initiatives. If you are interested in being a member of this committee and have time during the day to attend meetings, please call Mrs. Hibberd at the school. Throughout the year, we will be updating the parent community of our plans and next steps.

Ms. R. Hibberd  
Principal

Ms. A. Barkey  
Vice-Principal

Check out our new School Website at:

[www.yrdsb.ca/schools/sutton.ps](http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/sutton.ps)

Official Launch Date—March 5, 2014

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

## 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.

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.

## Red Cross Babysitting Course

On the March 7th, PA Day, Morning Glory Public School will be bringing in the Red Cross for their one day babysitting certification course.

The program is for students who were born in 2003 or later and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The cost of the program is \$55.00. This has been discounted from the regular price of \$75.00.

We do not require payment at this time. If you are interested in attending the course, please see Ms. Mintz for a registration form.

## The Eco Club!!!

The eco club members are planning to perform a skit for our school. They have been talking about recycling recently and the amount of waste that our school actually produces each month. They saw that the amount of recycling is lower than it should be. People have been throwing garbage into the recycling bins which causes the recycling to be contaminated and end up just being thrown away into garbage. It needlessly contaminates our earth, and reduces the amount of plants we have. The people that will star in the skit are Aidan McLean, Charlie MacDonald, Jordan Veljkovic, Emma Mabee, Olivia Perry, Samuel White, Grace Croome, Beth Croome, Fred Reid-Matt, Morgan Shepard, Christina Barfoot, Julien Waring, Billy Hadden, Blair Bartlett and Claire Hughes. Everything was organized by Mr.Jaski, the awesome gifted teacher. After going through multiple practises the kids seem ready to do really well.

*Written by Charlie MacDonald (Grade 5)*



## Intermediate Girls Basketball

The Intermediate Girls Basketball Team had an incredible finish to their season last week at the Area Tournament. They won their first three games 34-13, 30-2, 29-16 and ended up with a fourth place ribbon overall. Amazing effort, ladies!

## Sounds and Wonders Music Workshop

On Thursday, Mar. 20, Sounds and Wonders Workshops will be coming our school to train our students from grades 6 – 8 about music and various music instruments. The workshop addresses the creative process and how students are all musicians and can be part of creating music. The Sounds and Wonders Workshop is an opportunity to discover World Music in an interactive setting. The students will experience other cultures through visual, audio, and hands-on instruction. What better way to get students more engaged in music then bringing in real musicians. The workshops are scheduled as follows:

**8:30 - 9:45 am grade 7 Workshop**  
**9:45 - 11:00 am grade 8 Workshop**  
**11:00 - 12:00 am grade 6 Workshop**  
**1 pm Show for grade 4/5 classes in the gym**

We are grateful to our parent council for partial funding of this opportunity for our students. Parents are welcome to attend the 1:00 show.

For more information, please also check the Sounds and Wonders Workshops website at [http://www.soundsandwonders.com/Sounds\\_and\\_Wonders/Sounds%26Wonders.html](http://www.soundsandwonders.com/Sounds_and_Wonders/Sounds%26Wonders.html)

## School Council News

Next meeting, April 7th, 6th—7:30 p.m. Childcare available at no cost.

Pasta Lunch—Volunteers needed to cook and serve pasta. Mondays 10:00—12:00. Please call our school office at 905-722-3782.

Miko Sale—March 8th—23rd. Remember to get your receipt stamped. 10% of your sale comes back to the school. (Flyer to follow!)

Save the Date: May 24th. School Council Spring Plant Sale. Plant your seedlings!!!

Canadian Tire Money—Our donation tub will be in the main office. All donations go towards outdoor toys in the Spring. (balls, hula hoops, etc.)

March 17th—Green Day at Sutton Public School

Checkout our new school website for information on fundraising, Special Events, School Council meetings.

*Everyone Welcome!!*



# Chess Tournament February 2014







February 21, 2014

Dear Members of the York Region District School Board Community:

As you may be aware, our current director of education will be retiring as of July 31, 2014. The important responsibility of selecting his successor now becomes the task of the Board of Trustees.

We have engaged the services of Laverne Smith & Associates, a leading Canadian firm that has worked extensively with school boards and other public sector organizations across the country. Dr. Laverne Smith, our consultant, will be assisting us by gathering input from you, the educational community.

Your input into the qualities and characteristics that you would like to see in the new director of education is critical. Please take a few minutes to complete the [linked](#) online survey which comprises four questions. The survey results will be submitted electronically directly to Laverne Smith & Associates. All responses will be held in strict confidence by the consultant.

Please submit your response by **Tuesday March 18, 2014**. If you require more time to complete the survey, responses will continue to be accepted after this deadline.

Thank you in advance for your time and input.

Yours truly,

Anna DeBartolo

Diane Giangrande

Co-Chairs of the Search Committee for Director of Education  
York Region District School Board

## UNDERSTANDING LEARNING DISABILITIES

**Date:**

Monday April 7, 2014

**Time:**

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Location:**

Gym

Keswick Secondary School  
100 Biscayne Blvd  
Georgina, ON

**For further information  
please contact :**

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Association of York Region**

*The right to learn, the power to achieve*

**In partnership with:  
Inclusive School and Community  
Services, YRDSB**



**Workshop Information:**

This workshop will help parents and students better understand Learning Disabilities.

- What are Learning Disabilities?
- How to teach self-advocacy skills.
- Parents' rights within the school.
- Advocating for your child.
- Transitioning into Secondary and Post-Secondary.

**Guest Speakers:**

**Renee Flannery** is a Resource Facilitator with the Learning Disabilities Association. Renee has provided support and guidance to parents for over 20 years.

**Stephanie Gatti** is a Program Coordinator with the Learning Disabilities Association of York Region.

**\*\*\*Translation services  
available in Tamil, Hindi,  
Punjabi and Urdu \*\*\***