



**Sutton Public School**

March 2016

# THE SUTTON STINGER

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




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## Principal's Message:



March Break is a week away and this is also the year that Easter is occurring in March – so this month will pass by quickly. Many clubs, team sports, and activities are occurring at Sutton Public School to keep our students active and socializing with their peers. Talk with your child in the evenings about everything they are doing at school!

We have some upcoming staffing changes. Mr. Counter is teaching in Mrs. O'Reilly's class as she begins her maternity leave. Mrs. Cariglia-Bull has left to become vice-principal at Morning Glory Public School and Mrs. Craven has taken her place as performance plus teacher. Mr. Phillips has returned to teach Mrs. Craven's class for the remainder of the year. We must also say goodbye to Mrs. Aston as she is retiring at March Break. We wish her all the best as she begins another journey. Bon voyage Mrs. Aston and enjoy your retirement on your boat!

As we begin our second term, parents can support their children by ensuring that they are communicating with their child's teacher and that a homework routine is set up at home. Enjoy your March Break and have a safe holiday!



## HOMEWORK HELP!

Learning how to follow a homework routine helps children develop responsibility and organization. These life skills are important because it teaches students how to manage their time, follow directions, and complete work to the best of their abilities.

Parents can help make homework time a positive learning experience by:

1. **Create a space for your child to do their homework** every night that is well lit and quiet. Make sure that there are no distractions, like television or phone calls, during this time.
2. **Choose a consistent time every evening** that both the child and parents agree upon. It may not be the best time to schedule homework when they know their friends are outside playing or during their favourite show. **Make it routine.**
3. Parents need to **observe their child's homework habits**. Are they making the best use of their homework time? If they get stuck on a question, can they figure out where to look for help? Parents can help their child get started, ensure they have the materials they need, and let them know that they can ask for support if needed...but don't do the work for them! This is their time to learn and they need to 'learn how to learn'!
4. **Make the experience a positive one**. Praise them when they are following the homework routine. Don't criticize when they make a mistake. Making a mistake and learning from it is an important part of the learning.
5. **Communicate with your child's teacher**. Find the best method to keep in touch.
6. If there isn't an assignment or homework due, let your child **READ** and talk about what they are reading. There are many articles on the internet that your child can read that will interest them. Help them to become **critical readers** so that they question the opinion of other writers and question the accuracy of what they are reading.

**April's newsletter will address how to support your child in becoming a critical reader.**



## Electives

### *Fun Times at Snow Valley!!*

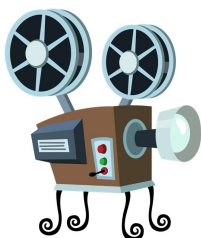


### *Great tubing at the ROC!!!*



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### Family Movie Night



The March movie is **NORM OF THE NORTH**. Please join us at the GEM Theatre in Keswick on **Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m.**

Tickets are \$3.00 each. Tickets may now be purchased with the school's online payment option, as well as, at the theatre on March 23rd.

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### 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 Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

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Spaghetti Lunches are coming back to Sutton on Fridays April 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd!!! This year choose from MEAT or TOMATO sauce with garlic toast, and a drink all for only \$5.00 per day. Look for the flyer coming home soon, and it's a great way to try the new online pay service.

## The Character Trait for March is COURAGE:

*"Courage is being scared to death.....and saddling up anyway." John Wayne*

## Upcoming Events at Sutton Public School

March 2016	
Chess Tournament at the Kinsmen Hall	4th
Pizza Day	9th
March Break - No School	14th-18th
Pizza Day	23rd
Good Friday - No School	25th
Easter Monday - No School	28th
Pizza Day	30th
April 2016	
April Fool's Day	1st
Spaghetti Lunch	1st
Mathletes Gr. 3-6	1st
Milk Program Begins Again	4th
Pizza Day	6th
Pizza Day	13th

***Thank you so much for letting us know when your child/ren will be away from school.***

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