



Sutton Public School

March 2017

THE SUTTON STINGER

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

March

Principal's Message:

We have implemented our gradual entry 'start of the day' program and everything is going well. Students have time to visit the breakfast program and go to their coat hooks and lockers to prepare their material for the day. When the bell rings at 8:10 students are ready for the learning to begin. There has been a misunderstanding which I would like to address. School starts at 8:10 am but we allow students into the school starting at 7:55 am. This is also the time students are let off the bus in the mornings. Staff supervision does not begin until 7:55 am so students cannot be in the school until then unless they are in the daycare program. Prior to 7:55 the child is under the parent's supervision. I hope this clarifies the timelines. It is about keeping the students safe and properly supervised.

Another issue continues to be the Kiss & Ride. Unfortunately, when the school was built the size of the parking lot was established. The staff at Sutton did not monitor the traffic flow in and out of the school. School council asked us to get involved because of the congestion in the parking lot and out on the street as cars try to enter. We have tried to keep the flow of the traffic moving by creating procedures for the Kiss & Ride area, for example:

1. If you need to get out of your car to help your child, please park. We need to make sure the Kiss & Ride is for a quick drop off only.
2. Students can only get out on the sidewalk section so they are not opening car doors or walking where cars are trying to drive past.
3. Please pull up as far as you can so the drivers behind can also let off their children.

If you have any ideas that might help please let us know. The Kiss & Ride appears to be working most days but there are numerous cars trying to get in to drop off their children, especially on rainy days. We are doing our best to keep the flow of traffic moving for all parents.

March Break is a week away 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 had some staffing changes. Mr. Counter is teaching Ms. Minielly's class because she is now a vice principal in the Bluewater District School Board. Mrs. O'Reilly has returned from her maternity leave and is excited to be back with her class. 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 school work routine is set up at home. Enjoy your March Break and have a safe holiday!

*Kind regards,
R.Hibberd
Principal*

*D.Totten
Vice-principal*

School Council

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 - March 6th, 2017 6:00-7:30 p.m

Kindergarten Registration for September 2017

Kindergarten registration started on **January 20, 2017** for the 2017-18 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, 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 in May. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

York Region District School Board School Climate Survey for Students

Students in Grades 5 to 12 at the York Region District School Board will be invited to participate in a survey between **March 20 and April 28, 2017**. **The survey is voluntary, anonymous and confidential**, and will take place at school.

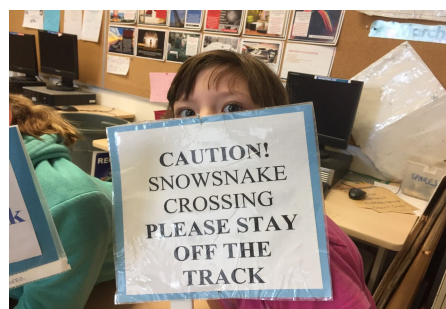
The YRDSB survey fulfills the Ontario Ministry of Education's requirement for schools to conduct student surveys and is aligned with the YRDSB's Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being. Survey questions will address topics related to Math, Modern Learning, Mental Health and Well-Being, Equity and School Safety.

This survey provides an opportunity to hear directly from students and the results will be used to identify student needs and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. If you have questions, please contact the school office.

If you do not wish your child(ren) to participate in the survey, please contact the school by March 10, 2017.

Eco-School News: Watch out for snow snakes!

Students in the the eco-club were invited to join Mr. Jaski's class in participate in the snow snake program that was presented by veteran outdoor educator, Ian Faulds. He volunteered two days of his time to teach students to this traditional aboriginal game. We learned about the game through discussion and a National Film Board short documentary about the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford. First, the group built up a snow snake track on a beautiful snowy day. After the snow had set for a few days the group went back out to create the track and begin racing their snakes. The snakes are actually made out of wood and are varnished and sometimes waxed to help them travel farther. Teams representing the provinces and territories then competed to see who could throw the farthest. Good fun and many laughs were had by all, which was the whole point of the game over the hundreds of years that it has been played.



For more information see: <http://bit.ly/2mi73HY>

Chess

Students from grades 1 to 8 have been coming out to practice the game of chess since December. They are currently preparing for the Optimist Chess Tournament at Kin Hall on Mar. 3. About 35 students will attend this tournament. School Council has generously subsidized the team so that members are able to attend without any cost to families.

Int. Girls Basketball

Our Int. Girls' Basketball team has almost finished their successful season. We are attending the regional tournament on March 6th, where the top 12 school teams from the school board compete. Throughout the season the girls participated in a wide variety of tournaments that challenged and drove them to increase their skills and become confident athletes. In order to develop as basketball players and build chemistry as a team, they put in at least four hours of practice time a week. Players should be proud of their 1st place finish at the area tournament and continue to participate in the sport in the coming years.



This team is a prime example of hard work paying off!

EQAO Dates

EQAO for students in grades 3 and 6 will take place between May 23 - June 5. Attendance is important throughout this assessment. Please put these dates on your calendar to help with booking appointments and planning family holidays.

Parent Math Tips

- Build strong, positive attitudes about math. When children feel positively engaged and successful, they are more likely to stick with an activity or a problem to find a solution.
- Begin with activities that meet your child's level of mathematical understanding. Early success in solving problems will build your child's confidence. Gradually move to activities that provide more challenge.
- If you and your child are more comfortable in a language other than English, use it. Your child will understand concepts better in the language that he/she knows best.

For more practical tips and activities you can do at home, read "Doing Mathematics with Your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6: A Parent Guide"



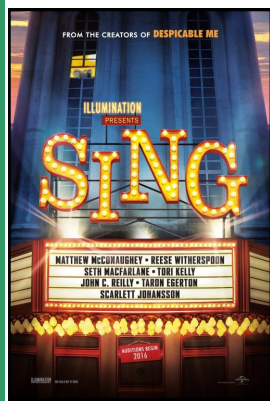


MARCH BREAK MADNESS

Saturday, March 11 to Saturday, March 18



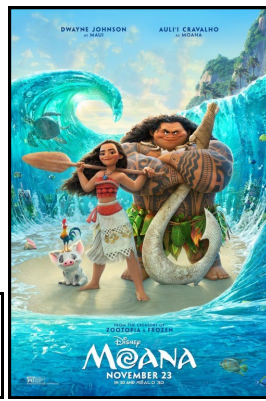
Blockbuster Movies



Keswick Library **All ages**
10:30am start time **Free, drop-in**
Enjoy blockbuster family films on the big screen. Feel free to bring nut-free snacks and something cozy to sit on. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sing
Saturday, March 11

Moana
Saturday, March 18



St. Patrick's Day



REPTILIA
REPTILE ZOO & EDUCATION FACILITY

FOR CHILDREN, TEENS & FAMILIES

MORE INFO ON BACK!

Blockbuster Movies: <i>Sing</i> (see info on front)	Saturday, March 11
Teen Locked In: Nerf Dart Battle The library will only be open to participating teens. Bring your own Nerf Blasters and prepare for an epic adventure...in the dark! With snacks! <i>Free, register in-person or at 905-476-5762 beginning Feb 21 at 10 a.m.</i>	Monday, March 13 6:30 to 9 p.m. Keswick Library Grades 7+
Parachute Play Come fly with us! We're getting the parachute out for half an hour of rubber chicken tossing, popcorn popping, noisy fun. You won't want to miss it! <i>Free, drop-in.</i>	Tuesday, March 14 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Peter Gzowski (Sutton) Library Suitable for ages 1 and up
Pi Day: Paper Crafts & Pie Paper, sparkles, and pi—oh my! Join us for paper crafts of all kinds: bookmarks, paper dolls, and airplanes...and delicious pie (it is March 14, or 3.14, after all). Bring your imagination and your appetite. <i>Free, drop-in.</i>	Tuesday, March 14 2 to 3:30 p.m. Peter Gzowski (Sutton) Library Grades 1+
Kids Knitting Knit 1, purl 2! Learn basic introductory knitting with local experts. All knitting tools and supplies will be provided. <i>Free, space is limited to five participants. Register in-person or at 905-722-5702 beginning Feb 21 at 10 a.m.</i>	Tuesday, March 14 2 to 3:30 p.m. Peter Gzowski (Sutton) Library Ages 8 and up
Reptilia Stage Show Join a Reptilia performer to meet an assortment of scaly and fantastic live creatures in a show you'll never forget. Prepare to be wowed, entertained, and educated! <i>Free, ticketed event. Tickets will be given out on a first come first served basis and must be picked up in person at any branch beginning Saturday, March 11 at 12 p.m. Limit of two (2) adult tickets per family.</i>	Tuesday, March 14 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Keswick Library Ages 3 and up
Family Gaming Bring the whole family and get your game on! Play an old favourite or learn a new game. Table top and video games will available, and all games will be provided by the library. <i>Free, drop-in.</i>	Wednesday, March 15 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Keswick Library All ages
LEGO Friends Clubhouse Grand Opening & LEGO Competition Build five brand-new LEGO Friends sets and Canada 150 creations at this evening's Grand Opening. Or compete in our LEGO Competition that will be voted on by the public. Cake included! <i>Free, drop-in.</i>	Wednesday, March 15 6 to 8 p.m. Peter Gzowski (Sutton) Library All ages
Dino Bingo Welcome...to Dino Bingo! Get ready for some dino-sized fun as you fill dinosaur cards and win cool prizes. Is it a T rex? A triceratops? A brontosaurus? Get ready to roar! <i>Free, drop-in.</i>	Thursday, March 16 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Peter Gzowski (Sutton) Library All ages
Tween Video Game Tournament Join us as we unveil our brand new 60" high definition flat screen television and compete against kids your age in a series of video games to win a trophy and be crowned the Wii U champion! Snacks included. <i>Free, drop-in.</i>	Thursday, March 16 6:30 to 8 p.m. Keswick Library Ages 8-12
St. Patrick's Day Party Wear something green and celebrate in style! Join other families to make green crafts, enjoy St. Paddy's Day stories, and taste our famous Lucky Leprechaun Fizzy Floats. <i>Free, drop-in.</i>	Friday, March 17 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Pefferlaw Library All ages
Blockbuster Movies: <i>Moana</i> (see info on front)	Saturday, March 18

The Character Trait for February is **COURAGE**:

Upcoming Events at Sutton Public School

March 2017	
Optimist Chess Tournament	March 3rd
School Council Meeting	March 6th 6:00-7:30 p.m.
March Break No School	March 13th - March 17th
April 2017	
Good Friday No School	April 14th
Easter Monday No School	April 17th
Gr. 2's to Sibbald's Outdoor Education Centre	April 20th
Gr. 4's to Sibbald's Outdoor Education Centre	April 24th
Gr. 7's to Sibbald's Outdoor Education Centre	April 25th
Gr. 7 & 8 Intermediate Field Trip	April 26th - April 27th

***Thank you so much for letting us know when your child/ren will be away from school.
905-722-3782***