



MAY 2015

*Character
Matters!*

From The Office

The Sutton Stinger

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EQAO

EQAO Provincial testing for grades 3 and 6 students will be occurring during the last week in May and the first week in June. In six one-hour sessions, students will complete a variety of assessment activities designed to allow them to demonstrate their knowledge relating to reading, writing, and mathematics as described in *The Ontario Curriculum*. The assessment is administered province-wide and is developed by the Education Quality and Accountability Office to reflect curriculum expectations. The dates are:

May 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and June 1, 2, 3, 4

Grade 3 – 8:15 to 9:45 Grade 6 – 10:30 to 12:00

If you have a child in grade 3 or 6 please try to ensure your child is at school on these days. EQAO has developed a "Parent's Guide to EQAO Tests" and "Questions and Answers for Parents" to give you more information about the assessments and an understanding of what to expect. To access these resources, go to the EQAO Web site (www.eqao.com), click on "Parent Resources" and then select "Primary Division (Grades 1-3) and/or Junior Division (Grades 4-6)."

SUMMER RESOURCES

Our staff is often asked to recommend resources:

- to support students who need remedial help;
- for students who will experience an extended absence for vacation or illness;
- as alternatives to video games and TV in the summer;
- to alleviate boredom for academically engaged students;
- ♦ that will enable parents to get more involved in their child's education (in summer or during school time);
- ♦ that will give a child a head start on future themes and concepts.

Learning Advantage is a program that is student-friendly. Learning Advantage offers a book for each grade that is aligned with our school curriculum. You can order the grade level that your child is advancing to and they will get a head start on the new school year! Please look for an order form in your child's backpack in the coming weeks.

We suggest you visit www.learningadvantage.ca for further information, and a tour of the books. **ORDERS DUE DATE: JUNE 5 TH.**

Kind regards from Sutton P.S. Leadership team,

Roxanne Hibberd
Principal

Gillian McDowell
Vice Principal

Terry-Cariglia Bull
P+ Teacher

Aimee Coulter
P+ CYW

Greg Jaski
Literacy/Numeracy Teacher

Events



May

Gr. 7 & 8 - Immunization	1st
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Heart and Stroke Presentation	5th
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Jump Rope for Heart	15th
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Victoria Day—No School	18th
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Track and Field Rain Date	19th 22nd
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Day of Footy	20th
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Gr. 3 EQAO Starts	25th
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Gr. 6 EQAO Starts	25th
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Welcome to Kindergarten	27th
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June

P.A. Day—No School	6th
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Area Intermediate Track and Field	8th
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Area Junior Track and Field	9th
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Year End Dance	19th
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Grade 8 Graduation	23rd
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Last Day of School 1/2 Day	25th
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P.A. Day	26th
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May's
Character Trait is

PERSEVERANCE

*"Great works
are performed
not by strength
but by
perseverance."*

Samuel
Johnson



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



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.

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to all those, who supported literacy in the school and in your home, by visiting the Book Fair in April. We raised about \$1700 in resources from Scholastic for the School! Congratulations to Josh and Ms. Dunn for winning the Scholastic Book Fair Door Prize! Josh chose \$25 worth of books from the Book Fair and Ms. Dunn chose \$25 worth of books for her classroom.

Ms. Wilczek, Teacher-Librarian

Chess Club News



Congratulations to Sverik for his successful participation in the Optimist Club of York Region's Regional Chess Tournament. He placed first in his grade level competing against students from the public, private and separate school boards!

Grade 8 Graduation—Save the Date

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

More details to follow.



Projected Enrollment?



Are you moving before next September?

Is there someone in your neighbourhood with first-time Kindergarten age children?

If so, please let us know as soon as possible.

We are currently projecting our student enrolment for September 2015. These numbers help us hire sufficient staff and support personnel. It is important that we know as soon as possible whether you may be leaving the Sutton Public community before September. If you know of someone moving into your neighbourhood with school-aged children, we would like to know as well.

Thanks you for your assistance in preparing for the next school year. Call our office with any information please: 905-722-3782

For Your Information...

Kindergarten Registration for September 2015

Kindergarten registration commenced 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.

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 May 12th, 2015 6:00-7:30 p.m.

EQAO Assessments

Students across Ontario write provincial assessments of their reading, writing and mathematics skills at key stages in education:

- ◆ Grade 3 reading, writing and mathematics (May 25th—June 5, 2015)
- ◆ Grade 6 reading, writing and mathematics (May 25th—June 5, 2015)
- ◆ Grade 9 mathematics
- ◆ Grade 10 literacy—the Ontario Secondary Literacy Test

The tests are administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an arm's-length agency of the Ministry of Education. EQAO distributes an individual report to each student who writes the tests and posts school, board and provincial results on its website at www.eqao.com

York Region District School Board Student Surveys

In order to provide information for Board and School planning, York Region District School Board students in Grades 5 to 12 will be invited to participate in a school survey. The survey, which is anonymous and confidential, will be conducted from **April 7 to May 15, 2015** and will take place at school. The information from this survey will be used to identify areas to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. Aligned with Board priorities, the survey will address topics including equity and inclusion, school safety, learning environment, student well-being and other priorities. If you have questions, please contact the school office.



Please join the York Region District School Board Psychological Services Department for:

An Evening Presentation for **PARENTS**
with **Dr. Debra Pepler**
Promoting Resiliency Through Healthy Relationships

The symposium will be of interest to parents/guardians in promoting caring and supportive relationships within their family.

Healthy relationships are critical for the development of resiliency in children and youth.

These relationships start at home and then extend to school, peers and the community.

Recent research is showing that the quality of children's relationships is important for many outcomes: healthy DNA and the expression of genes in cells, brain development, behaviour, learning and physical, mental, and social health.

This workshop will:

- Provide a deeper understanding of how healthy development depends on healthy relationships, which sets the groundwork for developing resiliency and well-being;
- Focus on strategies to support children and youth's healthy development;
- Focus on strategies to support the development of resilience; and
- Describe the work being done within PREVNET (Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network) to promote healthy relationships in all places that children and youth live, learn and play.

When: Wednesday, May 6, 2015
Where: Riviera Parque Convention Centre
2800 Hwy. #7 West
(Hwy. #7 & Creditstone Road/ between Keele and Jane, North Side)
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$10.00 per person **or** \$15.00 per Family (parents or guardians of student(s))
(no refund if unable to attend)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU VIA YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED

Name(s): _____ Contact Phone #: _____
(Please print clearly, name or names of each Parent/Guardian attending)

E-mail: _____ Number Attending: _____ Amt. Attached: \$ _____

Please **return this portion** of the flyer with your **CHEQUE only**. **(ABSOLUTELY NO CASH)**
made payable to York Region District School Board by April 30, 2015

By Mail: Elizabeth Iarocci, Psychological Services, York Region District School Board,
300 Harry Walker Parkway South, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 8E2

By YRDSB Board Courier: Attn.: Elizabeth Iarocci - Psychological Services - C.L.L. - Newmarket

A confirmation of registration will be sent to you on receipt of payment.

Please note: THE E-MAIL CONFIRMATION IS YOUR TICKET FOR ENTRANCE TO THE SESSION.



Triple P Positive Parenting

For parents of children birth to 12 years of age

Managing Behaviour with Assertive Discipline

Assertive discipline helps children understand that their behavior always has consequences and that those consequences are carried out in a predictable, loving environment. Assertive discipline helps children learn to accept responsibility for their behavior, develop self control and helps them learn to consider the feelings and needs of others.

This free workshop will help parents learn about:

- ✓ Five Positive Principles to encourage building positive relationships
- ✓ Building a Positive Bank Account
- ✓ Importance of being emotionally available to children
- ✓ Possible causes of misbehavior
- ✓ Identifying "Parenting Traps" and escalation cycles
- ✓ Establishing Family Rules
- ✓ How and when to give instructions and requests
- ✓ Strategies for managing misbehavior and guiding/teaching appropriate behavior

Location: Westminster Public School
366 Mullen Drive, Thornhill L4J 2P3

Date: Wednesday May 27, 2015

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

To register and for further information contact:

Oksana Majaski, Community Resource Facilitator, Inclusive School & Community Services

Email: Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

This presentation is brought to you by Westminster P.S. in partnership with Blue Hills Child and Family Centre and York Region District School Board.





Join us for a **free** workshop about:

**Addressing the Roots of Bullying,
Discrimination and Conflict**

Thursday, May 7th, 2015
W.J. Watson Public School
162 Carrick Ave. Keswick, ON L4P 3P2

6:00PM – 8:30PM

Learn about:

- the roots of bullying and cyber bullying
- the roots of discrimination
- impact on a child's learning and academic achievement
- how parents can respond when they witness or hear about mistreatment

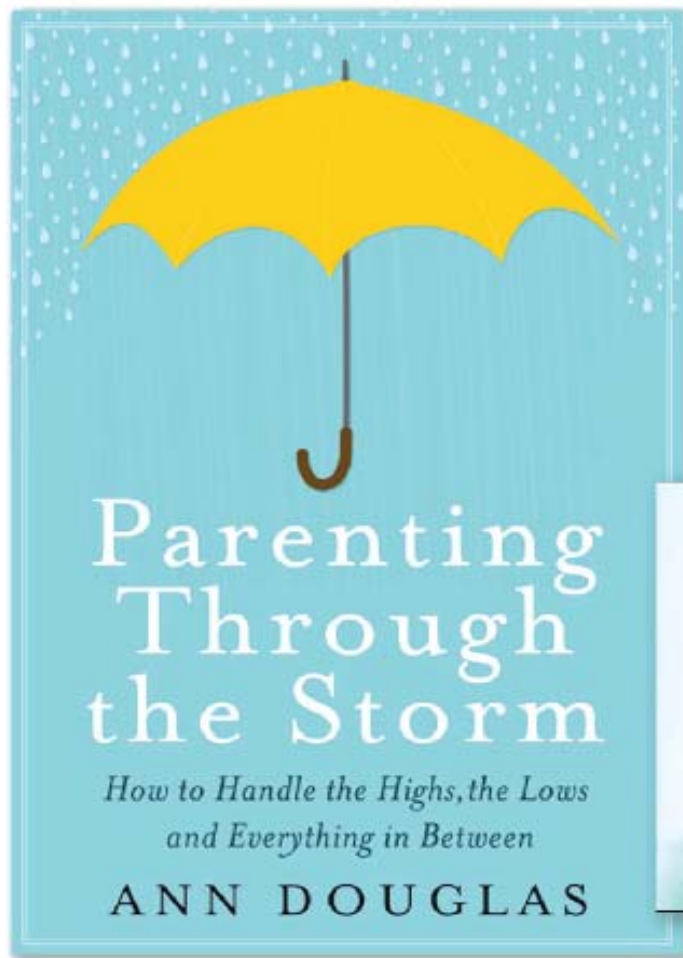
all welcome -- light refreshments, child minding and transportation provided

please pre-register by email Pauline.costello@ydsb.ca
or phone 905-895-5155 ext 144 or text 289-231-5796



Harmony Movement is Ontario's leading provider of education programs promoting diversity, equity and inclusion.

Workshop conducted by Harmony Movement and made possible through the Ministry of Education Parents Reaching Out Regional Grant



Ann Douglas is a Canadian Author of a number of bestselling books about parenting and also a magazine writer who specializes in writing about parenting and health. This year she published her newest book **Parenting Through the Storm**: handling the Highs, the Lows, and everything In Between, a guide to parenting a child who is struggling with mental, neuro-developmental, or behavioral challenge.

Please join us for an evening with her on

Wednesday May 27th. Time: 6-7:30 PM

Location: Anne Frank Public School

RSVP to: anne.frank.ps@yrdsb.ca (subject line: "Ann Douglas")

Anne Frank Families: RSVP by May 1st, 2015

It will be open to community after May 1st. Limited space available.



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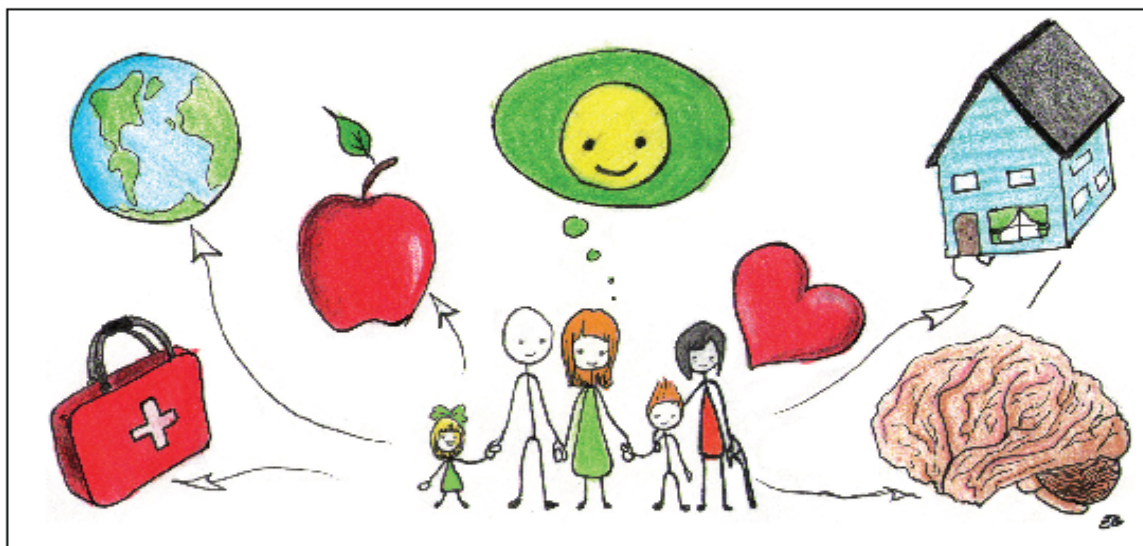


RESILIENT FAMILIES

Hosted by Keswick High School and Fairwood Public School

Location: Keswick High School Cafeteria, 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick

Wednesday, May 6th, 2015 • 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



**Join us for an evening with speaker Michelle Cassidy,
Mental Health Lead for the York Region District School Board.**

In this session for parents and guardians, we will:

- learn tools to manage stress and promote positive mental health;
- learn how your brain manages stress;
- explore some ways to bring balance into your family life; and
- learn about mental health resources at school and in the community.

Child care will be provided at no cost. For child care email keswick.hs@yrdsb.ca

CONTACT INFORMATION

Keswick High School
Telephone: 905-476-0933

Fairwood Public School
Telephone: 905-476-5447

SUTTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

along with **The GEM Theatre**

on **Wednesday June 3rd at 6:30**



Presents

HOME



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.