

# Character Matters

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# The Sutton Stinger

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# From The Office



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**Character Trait is** 

COURAGE

The Remembrance Day Service was held today at 1:30pm so we could honour the veterans who attended. I would ask that tomorrow, November 11<sup>th</sup>, that everyone remember the men and women who have fought in times of war. As we honour the soldiers who fought in the World Wars, it is important that we recognize the men and women who are currently serving overseas. This is also the 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations' peacekeeping efforts. Students can make a donation tomorrow to the veterans if they wish. On Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will also have a minute of silence at 11:00am.

How can parents support the learning in the classroom at home? Students are more successful when parents are actively involved in their child's education. What are some things parents can do? Find a method of communication with the teacher to keep updated with classroom activities. Make sure your child has an area to do their homework at the same time every evening that is welllit, quiet, and has the necessary supplies. Have snacks and water available for breaks. Make sure your child does their own work or they won't learn how to think for themselves and correct their own mistakes. The process of learning is more important than the correct answer. Talk to your child about upcoming assignments, tests, due dates and be there if they get stuck or have a question. Praise their effort! Perseverance is one of the skills that support an alert learner. If your child continues to have problems, even with your support, talk about it with the teacher. Let your child talk about their thinking and listen to how they justify their answers. This is how children develop a deep understanding and "learn how to learn."

The development of oral language skills is important as it shows us how well students have learned to communicate. For younger children, they need many opportunities for language development. They need to be challenged to talk and answer questions as they attempt to make meaning of what is occurring around them. Make sure your child feels they have something worthwhile to say. Spend time having conversations with them. Ask them about their thoughts and then get them to repeat the thoughts of others. Try to steer away from the one word answers. Ask questions like, "What do you think is happening in this picture?" Before children start school their language growth is

November	
Remembrance Day Assembly	10th 1:30 pm
Parent Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10th
Remembrance Day	11th
Picture Re-take Day	17th
PA Day	27th
December	
Winter Break Ends Jan. 4th	21st

**Events** 

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"Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared."

> Eddie Rickenbacker



For the safety of our students, no peanuts or nut products <u>please!</u>





Mrs. R. Hibberd Principal Ms. G. McDowell Vice Principal

#### York Region Mission:

To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.

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# **Eco-Club**

The Sutton Public School Eco-club began operating in mid-October. Forty-seven students from grades 2 to 8 have joined. The recycling committee began auditing each classroom's recycling bin in order to diagnose the needs of the school. We also had our first hike to explore the 6 acre lot that we are fortunate enough to have as our backyard. Last year we were able to certify at the silver level for the Ontario Eco-school Certification Program. This year we are going for gold. There will be many opportunities for students to join committees and make a difference in our community. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Jaski.



### Hallowe'en 2015



# **Grow Your Brain Club**

Students in grades 4 and 5 are welcome to join "Grow Your Brain Club." Meetings take place in Mrs. Aston's or Mrs. Collingham's room after school from Monday to Thursday from the end of the day to 3:15. At the club you can finish work, practice skills or meet new challenges.

In order to be part of the club you need to arrange a way to get home after 3:15. Students are welcome any of the days and do not need to attend on a regular basis unless an agreement has been made with your parents.

Parents can call Mrs. Aston or Mrs. Collingham to make special arrangements for regular visits. (905) 722-3782.

## **Library News**

#### Kevin Sylvester

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Grade 3-6 students at Sutton PS had the pleasure of listening to a presentation by the author Kevin Sylvester. He is an award winning Blue Spruce and Silver Birch author. His presentation was very engaging and entertaining. It was enjoyed by both students and staff.

Books, by Kevin Sylvester, which we have in our library:

Splinters

Neil Flambe and the Marco Polo Murders (Silver Birch Winner)

Neil Flambe and the Aztec Abduction

Neil Flambe and the Crusader's Curse

Neil Flambe and the Tokyo Treasure

Neil Flambe and the Bard's Banquet

#### MINRS

Don't Touch That Toad and Other Strange Things Adults Tell You (Silver Birch Winner)

Gold Medal for Weird

Sports Hall of Weird

Game Day: Meet the People Who Make It Happen

Baseballogy

\*\*The books are all signed out at the moment, but please come and see Ms. Wilczek in the library to put your name on the waiting list!\*\*





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Sports

# **Cross-Country Running**

This year's cross-country running team competed in the area meet with a lot of success. Out of over 20 schools and hundreds of competitors we had 10 top 16 finishes. The students had a great day.

What a great group! Thank you!

Emma M., Grace C., Morgan S., Sara R., Andie K., Cailey D., Billy H., Brandon C., Beth C., Chase G., Danielle E., Cameron K., Bella R., Nicole W., Emma Z., Maddy A., Makayla C., Rebeckah F., Sydney B., Caileigh D., Cole D., Robbie L., Travis A., Kameika S., Maggie M., Taytum D., Ben S., Blu H., Brendon L., Brock L., Anna-Lynne F., Keira M., Krissa J., Savannah A.



# **Volleyball at Sutton Public School**



#### Girls Intermediate Volleyball:

Coach—Ms. O'Reilly Practices—Wednesdays after school and Thursdays at lunch

#### **Boys Intermediate Volleyball:**

Coach—Ms. Jolivel and Mr. Counter Practices—Wednesdays at lunch and Thursdays after school

The coaches will forward tournament information when it becomes available.

# Elementary Safe Arrival and Departure Program

The safety of our students is a priority. Our safe arrivals programs and safe departures protocols are in place so that we can account for the whereabouts of absent students.

Parents/guardians, inform your child's school if your child is going to be absent or late to school or at an after-school event that he or she has planned to attend. Where possible, notify the school in advance. Call the school and leave a message on the answering machine or with the office.

If you have not informed the school of your child's absence in advance, the school will take the following steps, in this order, to ensure your child is safe:

- 1. We will call your home.
- 2. If we do not reach you at home, we will call your work and/or cell phone.
- 3. If we cannot reach you at work, we will call your emergency contact number.
- 4. If we cannot get information from your emergency contact about your child's location, we will speak to a sibling if one is in the school.
- 5. If we are still unable to get information, we may check with a friend of your child.
- 6. If we are still unable to get information, we will consider your child missing and we will contact York Regional Police.

For more information, see Board Policy and Procedure # 665.0, Safe Arrivals and Departures— Elementary Students.

#### Lost and Found

Our lost and found table is overflowing! Please remind your child\ren to check the lost and found area for their missing items.

Thank you.

# Parent Council

Thank you everyone for your contributions to the NorCard fundraiser. Mr. Counter's grade 5/6 class is the winner of the NorCard pizza party for the highest fundraising sales. Congratulations!

## Next Meeting is November 10th 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Please let the school know if child care is needed.

# **Stay and Play**

CAPC is currently running Stay and Play at Sutton Public School every Tuesday from 9:30—11:30 a.m.

This program is for parents and their children ages 0-4 years old.

