



NOVEMBER 2013

Character Matters!

From The Office

The Sutton Stinger

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November's
Character Trait is
COURAGE

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

Eddie Rickenbacker

Progress report cards will be going home on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 with students from SK-Gr. 8. The progress report card focuses on six learning skills (Responsibility, Organization, Independent Work, Collaboration, Initiative and Self-Regulation). Definitions of these learning skills can be found on page one of the progress report. By focusing on these learning skills, students gain valuable skills to help them cope with many day to day tasks in an appropriate manner.

Supporting your child's learning is a team effort made between the school and the home. The Ministry of Education has created an important resource for parents which can be found online at: www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/ReportCard_En.pdf We encourage parents/guardians to discuss the report card with their child(ren) at this time. Interviews will be set up for either the evening of November 14th or during the day on November 15th.

The Remembrance Day Assembly will be held in our gymnasium on Monday, November 11 at 10:30 am. We will be observing the two minutes of silence to 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 the 57th anniversary of the United Nations' peacekeeping efforts. The school community is welcome to attend our Remembrance Day Service.

Mrs. R. Hibberd
Principal

Mrs. Angelie Barkey
Vice Principal



We wish to thank Ms. Luba Cleary for 13 years of supporting Sutton Public School as a lunch time School Assistant. Luba has decided to retire.

She will be greatly missed by the students and staff.

We all wish her well as she begins a new chapter in life.

November Events



November	
Remembrance Day Assembly	11th
Progress Reports Go Home	13th
Dental Screening JK\SK\Gr. 2 & 8	13th
HPV Gr. 8	13th
Parent Interviews	14th 15th
P.A. Day	15th
Picture Re-take Day	19th



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



York Region Mission:

We unite in our purpose to inspire and prepare learners for life in our changing world community.

Tips for Successful Parent Teacher Conferences

Throughout the school year, parents have the opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher. Some of these opportunities will be casual, while others will be more formal, such as those following the distribution of report cards. In order for the conferences to be valuable, it is important for parents to understand that these are opportunities to give and receive information about their child. Here are some tips to help parents prepare for successful parent-teacher conferences.

Why are parent teacher conferences important?

- Conferences give you a chance to get to know your child's teacher, learn about the program your child will be studying (the curriculum) and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of your child with the person who will be helping him/her to learn this year.

As a parent, what should you do to prepare for a parent-teacher conference?

- Talk to your child beforehand. Have a good understanding of the expectations of the teacher, the curriculum, homework assignments and any issues that you should raise with the teacher.
- Be prepared to share specific examples if you have concerns about any aspect of the classroom or program.
- If applicable, bring your child's latest report card with you so that you can discuss it in more detail.
- Make a list of things that will help the teacher better understand your child, such as any special health or medical needs, outside interests and hobbies that may have an impact on school, and events occurring at home that may affect your child's learning (such as the sickness or death of someone close, change in your home life or past school experiences.)
- Share approaches that have worked for you when dealing with your child that the teacher might also find useful.
- Put together a list of things you would like to find out from the teacher such as services and programs the school offers, discipline policies, how your child will be assessed and graded, homework expectations, or extra curricular activities that your child can take part in.

What can you expect to learn from a Parent Teacher Conference

Although all conferences will be different since they are about individual students, most conferences will provide information related to:

- Your child's progress to date in the required courses.
- Recent test results and what they mean.
- Your child's strengths and weaknesses in school.
- Any observations about your child that may be affecting his/her school work (i.e. difficulty seeing the board, distractibility or requiring more sleep).
- Your child's current reading and math levels and how they compare to the grade expectations.
- Recent work your child has completed.
- Any issues related to behaviour, discipline or work completion.
- How your child is getting along with other students.
- Suggestions or ideas that you can use at home to help your child in school.

Helpful Hits for Conferences

- If possible, both parents should attend the conference. See if you can exchange babysitting with another parent or find out whether the school offers child-minding services during the interview period. In most cases, you and the teacher will be able to speak more frankly if your child is not present.
- Be on time. Most conferences will be held on a day when teachers are meeting with parents back-to-back throughout the day. When one parent is delayed, it backs up the meetings of all other parents and creates more pressure for the teacher.
- If you aren't available to meet with the teacher during the designated period, call and see if there is another time that could be arranged. Teachers will work to ensure that they can find a mutually convenient time for you to get together. A phone interview, while not optimal, may be another option.
- If you feel there is a need, ask about extending the time of your conference beforehand or scheduling the meeting at another time, instead of running late and causing delays for other parents.
- Follow-up with the teacher if there are areas discussed during the conference that require further action.
- If you feel your child's progress warrants a discussion with the principal or vice-principal, either call ahead to plan a meeting on parent's night or schedule a follow up meeting at another time.

With contributions from the National School Public Relations Association

Picture Re-take Day

Please mark **November 19th** on your calendar for picture retake day. Students who were absent for the original photo day, new students to Sutton PS, or students who had a problem with their original photographs may have their photo's taken on Photo Retake Day.

This is unfortunately a one day event—so if your child is absent on this day, and needs to have their picture taken, please bring your child in for pictures on this day. Photographers will be in the school for the morning only.

REMEMBER: You must have returned your first pictures—if you wish to have retakes. If you have not already done so, please return them with your child on photo retake day. Please include a note in your child's agenda so that their teacher is aware that you wish them to have a retake done.

Chess Club

The Chess Team try-outs began Oct. 30 with 36 students competing. The first round will narrow down the top three competitors in each grade. The second round will then determine the top 8 students in the whole school. The limiting factor will be that a maximum of 3 students per grade may attend the tournament. Contact Mr. Walkden or Mr. Jaski if you have any questions.



Junior Kindergarten Observation Visits

This information is for Junior Kindergarten parents, and parents of children in SK whose child *did not* attend JK.

The Kindergarten teachers will soon send home a letter regarding the Junior Kindergarten Observation Visits. This is the time of year when you can come into the classroom for approximately one hour to observe your child's active involvement in the Kindergarten Program. You will have an opportunity to contribute to the report card and to conference briefly with your child's teacher. The letter will include several time slot options for you to choose from in order to best fit with your schedule. Thanks for your attention to this important matter!

**SK reports will go home on November 13th.

Kindergarten Field Trip to Brooks Farm



The Kindergarten classes visited Brooks Farm in October. Students explored the growing life cycle of a pumpkin. Students went on a walking tour to see farm animals and their habits and finally they ended their trip with a wagon/train ride giving them the opportunity to see the whole farm operation. This included an apple orchard, various fruit, vegetable and grain fields, and they got the opportunity to pick their own pumpkin!



Parent Volunteers

We are grateful to many parents who volunteer their time in any capacity at our school. Our breakfast and milk programs are areas where our school community benefit because of our wonderful group of parents who donate their time daily. Our next area of need is to have parent volunteers read to and with our early emergent readers. Many of our students in the primary grades need longer and extended time to read one-on-one with adults. Training is provided to have interested parents learn strategies to work individually with students' literacy skills. As well, if you are looking for other opportunities to volunteer, our library will welcome your services to help shelve books and perform some administrative work. If you are a parent/guardian interested in helping out within these areas (breakfast/milk program, one-on-one reading with students and library work), please contact office staff.

Tree Planting at Sutton Public School

The transformation of our schoolyard continues! This past Friday an outdoor classroom was built in the primary yard. It is set up on a slope like an amphitheatre and is purposely composed of many different types of rocks so that it can be used in lessons. It is surrounded by newly planted trees and promises to be a lovely oasis for outdoor learning as well as a great addition to the primary yard. This was donated by the TDs Friends of the Environment Foundation. Using a donated mini-excavator from Black River Rental and other equipment all the holes were dug and the rest of the trees placed in them. On a soggy Saturday many volunteers and the workers from Cambium Tree Farms completed the planting of all the trees except for the placing of the mulch donated by Eco-Meldan. The volunteers worked in teams and did not let the dampness extinguish their enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone listed below for their help.

- ◆ Mrs. Hambley with Emma and Lily Mabee
- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Croome with Beth and Grace Croome
- ◆ Mrs. and Mr. Hadden with Billy Hadden
- ◆ Mrs. and Mr. MacDonald with Willa and Henry MacDonald and their grandmother.
- ◆ Mrs. Cooper
- ◆ Mrs. Pegg
- ◆ Mr. Lawrence
- ◆ Mrs. Hibberd

On Monday Mr. Jaski organized a planting program with every class having the opportunity to plant their tree by placing mulch around it and to be introduced to the outdoor classroom. The Eco-club was actively involved in assisting this day long activity along with Jamie from Cambium. Twenty-five more trees are now in our yard and it looks terrific. A huge thank you to everyone involved especially those who contributed materials and money for the trees. There are just a few more to plant when our playground equipment is placed in the yard and then The Sutton Tree Planting Project will be complete.

Submitted by Rob Lawrence



Costume Parade and Dance-a-thon



Remembrance Day Assembly

November is a special month to remember the men and women who served or continue to serve our country in our Military forces. Please join us for a Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov. 11 at 10:30 am. If your child belongs to Girl Guides or Scouts Canada they can wear their uniform.





Junior/
Intermediate
WINITS
Assembly



Primary

WINIT
Assembly



Sports

Junior 3-Pitch Baseball Team



Back Row: Austin, Jayden, Cody, Jake, James, Aidan, Tanner and Hayden
Front Row: Tori, Jack, Austin, Robbie and Talon

Mr. Walkden would like to congratulate the junior 3-pitch team for placing fourth out of eleven teams at the Area 3-pitch Baseball tournament, October 3rd, 2013.

Cross Country 2013



BUS RESPONSIBILITIES:

All students at Sutton PS have received Bus Safety sessions from our school bus drivers. Responsibilities when riding the School Bus were explained to all students.

Students are responsible to the principal for their conduct on the bus and are asked to listen to instructions from the driver. Student conduct that endangers safety or the health of others may result in the loss of transportation privileges.

Please remind your children of the expectations when riding the school bus. Thank you for your ongoing support by encouraging the following appropriate behaviour:

Students shall:

- Arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled pick up time
- Refrain from boisterous behavior, fighting and the use of profane language
- Remain seated at all times
- Refrain from eating, drinking or littering
- Be responsible for any willful damage or vandalism to the school bus



Student Safety

Students who ride bicycles, scooters or skateboards to school must:

- Wear a helmet—for bikes, it is the law!
- Keep the bicycle locked on the bicycle rack
- **Walk** the bicycle, scooter or skateboard on and off school property

Kiss & Ride Drop Off Zone



Thank you to the parents for following the integrity of the “Kiss & Ride” drop off area. The cars are moving quickly as parents manoeuvre safely through the parking lot. Parents who need to get out of the car are parking so that they are not holding up the cars behind them. There is still a line up on Baseline Road and we are doing everything we can to alleviate the “wait” time. Thank you to all parents for helping us make sure all students are safe.

If you have any concerns or suggestions to help with the “Kiss & Ride” please call Mrs. Hibberd at the school. Another suggestion would be to walk with your child to school. A good breakfast and exercise help students prepare for their day of learning and it keeps everyone in shape.



IS YOUR CHILD
LABELLED A BULLY?

DO YOU FEEL YOU
ARE BEING HEARD?

Georgina Against Bullying

an event organized by parents for parents

HIGHLY
INTERACTIVE

Saturday, November 23rd, 2013
1:00PM – 4:00PM

QUESTIONS
ANSWERED

Fairwood Public School Gymnasium
201 Fairwood Dr. Keswick, Ontario L4P 3Y5

Join us for a **FREE** interactive afternoon of presentations and discussion that will outline:

- ✓ Bullying - What is bullying and whose responsibility is it?
- ✓ How bullying is a societal/global issue
- ✓ Bullying prevention strategies that are working/not working

Presenters and panelists include:

- Michelle Cassidy – *Moderator*
- Brian Smockum – *Canadian Red Cross*
- YouthSpeak – *1st hand experiences*
- Randy Ketterling – *Effects on our children*
- York Regional Police -*Consequences*
- Linking Georgina- *Resources and Community Partners*
- York Region District School Board- *Strategies in the School*

*This event is for adults only, but free child minding and transportation are available.

Reserved seating is limited to 375 so please pick up your free tickets at the following locations:

Jersey, WJ Watson, Fairwood, Lakeside and Deer Park Public Schools, The Gem and the Georgina Leisure Pool
Or you may contact us to reserve your tickets at GeorginaAgainstBullying@gmail.com

Light Refreshments will be provided

This event, during *Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week* is made possible through the collaborative efforts of Deer Park, Fairwood, Jersey, Lakeside and WJ Watson Public School Councils and through funding from the *Ministry of Education Parents Reaching Out Grants*.





Raising Resilient Children

November 26th, 2013

6:00pm-8:00pm

Lakeside Public School

213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick Ontario L4P 1J1

A child's emotional resilience, or ability to cope with their feelings, is important to long-term happiness, well being, and success in life. Learn about the 6 key resiliency skills by attending this seminar.

Triple P stands for Positive Parenting Program

Triple P offers adults parenting skills that encourage positive behaviour in children. Everyone can help, whether you are a parent, coach, neighbour or family member by using the same positive messages with children.

Free pizza dinner, drinks and snacks will be served!
Free child minding available.

PLEASE REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 22
FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION PLEASE CALL 905-476-8369

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND...



Community Living Georgina's Partners in Support Speaker's night

Janine Fournier Registered Holistic Nutritionist:
will address the link between nutrition and learning disabilities specifically food allergies and sensitivities, food colouring/dyes and lack of essential nutrients. Digestive issues, inflammation and the gut – brain connection. Wheat and dairy and their connection to the brain - Autism, ADD ADHD, Diabetes, learning difficulties, etc. How to improve digestion and reduce inflammation and optimal food choices for those with learning disabilities.

Date: November 14, 2013 Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00pm
Location: 26943 Hyw 48 Sutton West.

To register please contact Nicole Dunphy prior to
November 12, 2013: 905-722-8947 or by e-mail
respite@communitylivinggeorgina.com Insert

SUTTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

along with **The GEM Theatre**



on **Monday November 18 at 6:30**

CLOUDY CHANCE MEATBALLS

Presents

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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: _____

Please make payment in cash. Sorry, we are unable to make change.

ORDER EARLY! Tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis.