



NOVEMBER 2014

Character Matters!

From The Office

The Sutton Stinger

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PARENT ENGAGEMENT

"Schools that successfully engage parents are inclusive – they reach out to parents who may not feel included in the life of the school and to families whose children may be experiencing challenges with the curriculum. They work at building positive relationships and a welcoming school climate and at providing parents with practical strategies to build a stronger educational culture in their homes. Such authentic family-school partnerships are focused on improving attitudes to school and enhancing students' future success; they are engaged in what Ken Leithwood calls 'co-producing learning' (Webcasts for Educators, 2012).

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 well-lit, 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."

Parents' Corner – Asking Questions

Did you know that by asking open-ended questions you can help your child do better at school? Ontario's curriculum is divided into 4 achievement categories: Knowledge and Understanding, Thinking, Communication, and Application. By asking our students to articulate their thinking as they apply their knowledge and understanding to solve real-world problems, we are addressing all four areas of the achievement chart. Our students need to be able to justify their thinking. You can help them develop this skill by asking questions that encourage your child to **THINK!**

What do you think about that?

What makes you think that?

Now that you have more information, how has your thinking changed?



Encourage these kinds of conversations throughout your daily routines.



November's

Character Trait is

COURAGE

"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 please!



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.

Events



November

Spirit Day—Wear Red	Every Friday
Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 a.m.	11th
Progress Reports Go Home	12th
Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament	12th
Parent\Teacher Interviews	13th 14th
P.A. Day No School	14th
Picture Re-take Day	19th
Intermediate Boys Volleyball Tournament	19th
Area Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament	25th
Area Intermediate Boys Volleyball Tournament	26th
December	
Gr. 7/8 Immunization	5th
Holiday Concert	10th
Winter Break Ends Jan. 5th	22nd

What's Happening @
Sutton P.S.

Eco-Club

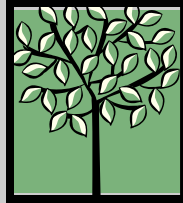
What, Where and When: Three amazing days in October at Eco-camp 2014 at Camp Glen Cedar
Who: Robbie, Aidan, Billy, Emma, Grace, and Jordan
Why: To promote leadership for eco projects and the Eco-school certification for Sutton Public School .



Twin Day



Take Me Outside Day



Mathletes



Hallowe'en



Peace Tree Conference

This month 6 students from grade 5/6 went to the Peace Tree Conference that was held at Maple High School.

Sports

Junior Boys 3-Pitch Baseball Team



2014 Sutton P.S. Jr. Boys Baseball Team

Junior Girls 3-Pitch Baseball Team



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 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. There are coats, boots, shoes, shirts, hats, mitts, scarves and much more.

Thank you.

Parent Council

Canadian Tire Money is still being collected in the main office. These funds are used for purchasing outdoor equipment (skipping ropes, soccer balls) for the students to use at recess.

We are asking for gently used baskets for our Christmas Silent Auction.

The minutes of the Parent Council meetings will be posted to the Sutton Public School website.

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

Dreambox

Dreambox is an interactive online math game. The game adjusts to your child's strengths and next steps.

Our school has a free trial period until December 22nd, 2014. If your child would like to access the game from home, the website address is <https://play.dreambox.com/login/pwte/suttonps>. Students need to click on their classroom icon and enter their personal logins in order to play.

Enjoy the learning!



ROC YOUR MOCS

**WHEN: NOVEMBER 19
WHERE? EVERYWHERE**

Be apart of a worldwide event! Happening everywhere for the sixth year! We celebrate Roc your Mocs day in November in honour of Native American/Canadian Heritage month. Wear your moccasins all day! To school, to work, around the house, to the store, anywhere you go on November 17. Why do we do this? To show everyone that First Nations people are still present and proud of who we are! We would like to invite everyone in the school to participate in this activity to show that we work together as a community First Nations and non-First Nations!

A Message from Student Council

Thank you from the students and staff of Sutton Public School for the food and cash donations to our Breakfast Club. The response was overwhelming. Along with 5 boxes of food, you also donated \$103.65!! Thank you so much for supporting our haunted house and intermediate dance.

S.P.S Student Council

SUTTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

along with **The GEM Theatre**



on **Wednesday November 19th at 6:30**

Presents

THE BOXTROLLS



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.