



OCTOBER 2013

*Character  
Matters!*

From The Office



#### October's

**Character Trait is  
RESPONSIBILITY**

*In the long run, we  
shape our lives, and  
we shape ourselves.*

*The process never  
ends until we die.  
And the choices we  
make are ultimately  
our own  
responsibility.*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

# The Sutton Stinger

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Our breakfast program is running every morning starting at 7:55 am. It contributes to a nutritional start of the day for many of our students and also provides a fun social environment for the students before school. All students are welcome! We do have some children coming to school before 7:55am. There is no supervision prior to 7:55am so students are not allowed on school property during this time without adult supervision.

Reading continues to be part of Sutton Public School's Improvement Plan. Children need a friend or adult to read and discuss books with, and to share their thinking and learning. "How can a parent select just the right book to capture a child's interest? Even if you are not familiar with children's books, you know more about your child than anyone else does. You have the best possible chance to find a good fit. A boy who dislikes reading may become engrossed in a book about his favourite athlete. A girl who rarely finishes books may discover a series that makes her feel as if she's found new friends. Knowing your children's interests helps you to tell when a book is 'just right.' Don't worry if you can't find the perfect book right away. Make a list of your child's interests and then go to the library. If possible, select books you're also interested in, because enthusiasm is contagious. If you and your child aren't enjoying a book you've selected, don't be afraid to try something else." (International Reading Association – [www.reading.org](http://www.reading.org))

Safety week activities occurred this past week in classrooms which highlighted safety at home, at school, and in the community. For the past eleven years, YRDSB Safety Awareness Week has been observed annually, during the month of September. Safety Awareness also includes the opportunity to conduct a required "lockdown" drill and "Hold-And Secure" drill in our school. We had a lockdown practice last Wednesday, October 2nd where students remained quiet and everyone remained out of sight. A "Lockdown" is a school emergency response to the presence or suspected presence of an armed intruder or other similar violent threat within the school. The purpose of a lockdown is to make the school building appear empty.

Mrs. R. Hibberd  
Principal

Mrs. Angelie Barkey  
Vice Principal

#### October Events



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Gr. 7/8 Hep B and HPV	2nd
Area Cross Country	9th
PA Day—No School	11th
Thanksgiving Holiday	14th
Regional Cross Country	17th
Dance-a-thon	31st
Winit Assembly	Nov. 1



**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.*

# What's Happening @ Sutton P.S.

## Winit Assembly

Beginning this month, our school will begin acknowledging and appreciating our students' efforts through learning, achievement and well-being with our 'Winit Program'. At the end of the month, an assembly is scheduled to recognize students' efforts and involvement in school community life. We will also acknowledge those who have modeled the character trait focus for each month. Parents are always welcomed to attend our assemblies. We appreciate the support of our School Community Council who invested resources into the Winit Program.

The date of the first assembly, in recognition of student involvement for the month of October, is on November 1. Times are as follows:

- 8:10 – Intermediate (grades 7, 8)
- 10:20 – Junior (grades 3/4, 4/5, 6/7)
- 1:00 - Primary



We are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting a Professor Jamz and the Spin Machine Ultra Neutron dance-A-thon on October 31, 2013.

The proceeds from our efforts will be used to support various aspects of your child's learning environment.

More details will come home with our students after our kick-off assembly which is on Tuesday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.



### **SAFETY WEEK**

*"Safety needs to be on our minds all year round, but as the school year begins, it's especially important that students be reminded that staying safe requires awareness and planning." YRDSB*

Safety at home, at school, and in the community is a focus at Sutton PS especially during Safety Week, Sept. 30 to Oct. 4. All YRDSB schools will participate in a variety of activities related to student safety, under an umbrella theme of "Safety Awareness Week". Among these activities, all schools will carry out an exercise to test their response to 'Lockdown' and 'Fire Drill' conditions in the school. Classrooms will discuss the expectations in the health documents addressing personal safety and injury prevention.



Sutton Public School has joined the Operation Education program at Boston Pizza Keswick! This program will assist in helping us raise money for our school.

How this program works is as follows:

When ANY Sutton P.S student/family member or staff member eats at Boston Pizza Keswick all they have to do is sign Sutton P.S on the back of their bill and place it into the receipt box at the front door. The receipts are then totalled together and 10% of the total money spent is awarded to Sutton P.S.!

This program has no deadline and will span throughout the entire school year!

As an added bonus, Boston Pizza Keswick currently has KIDS EAT FREE every Wednesday night with the purchase of an adult meal (\$12.99 or more). There is FREE face painting, crafts and activities for all the kids to do while dining at Boston Pizza Keswick. So while dining at Boston Pizza Keswick, let's work together to support our school.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SUTTON PS**

We have two important programs running at Sutton PS for students and we need help from the parent community to volunteer their time. First, the Breakfast Club is in need of more parents to help prepare the food from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. If you have younger children at home you may bring them into the kitchen while you prepare the breakfast.

Secondly, we need parent volunteers for our Reading Program. One hour once a week would really help our students with their reading development. You will be trained and it is a matter of listening and prompting children as they read aloud to you. If you have the time available for either program, please contact Mrs. Hibberd at the school.

# Sports



Terry Fox Run

September 26, 2013



# For Your Information...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Re: Student Busing Eligibility**



Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com).

## Search and Seizure

In order to promote safety at school, it is important to remind all school community members of the right for school administrators to search school property, such as lockers and desks, without notice or permission of any person. Further, police may also, from time to time, be invited to conduct a search of school property; such searches may be conducted without notice to, or permission of, any member of the school community other than the principal. Such instances as noted above shall be documented accordingly.

## 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



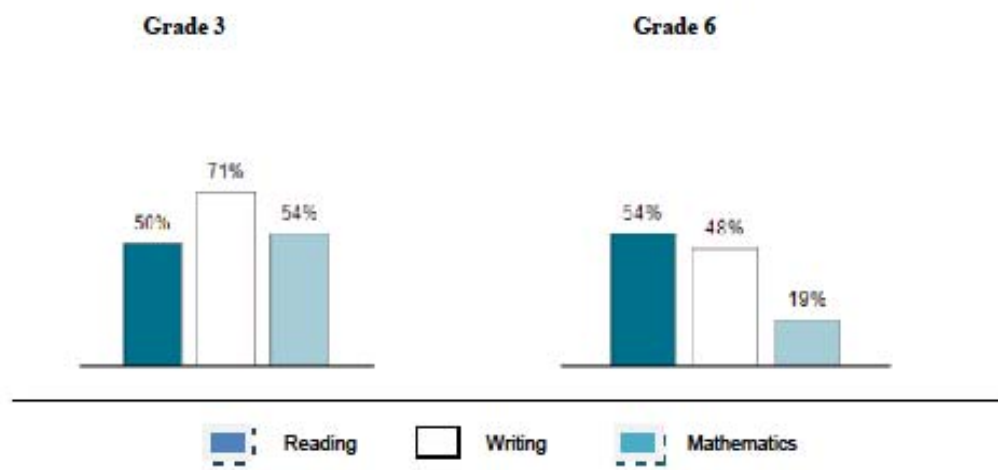
Thank you to the parents for following the integrity of the "Kiss & Ride" drop off area. The cars are moving quickly as parents manoeuvre safely through the parking lot. Parents who need to get out of the car are parking so that they are not holding up the cars behind them. There is still a line up on 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.

### EQAO Results 2012–2013

Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for the primary division  
(Grades 1–3) and junior division (Grades 4–6).

#### Achievement Data Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)



This graph provides a summary of Sutton Public School's performance related to literacy and mathematics skills measured by the EQAO assessments. The test was written by last year's grade 3 and grade 6 students last May 2013. The summary can be used to identify strengths and weaknesses in the reading, writing and mathematics skills that students are expected to develop by the end of the primary and junior divisions, as outlined in Ontario curriculum documents.

As a school, we interpret our school's strengths and weaknesses and engage in a discussion about what percentage would suggest a strength in our students. We then identify factors that might have contributed to a strength in specific areas (e.g., teaching strategies, content coverage, school focus, new learning resources). We similarly discuss with staff what percentage would suggest an area in need of improvement in our students. We identify factors that might have contributed to the need for improvement in specific areas (e.g., lack of direct teaching, poor student attendance).

The EQAO data will be shared with parents during October's School Council meeting.



## Resource Days

York Support Services Network (YSSN) provides resource days for families who have a relative with a developmental disability living in York Region.

A face to face meeting with a case manager can assist you with:

- Completion of application forms
- Navigating the developmental services system
- Locating and accessing appropriate resources
- Development of transition plans

Offered at various locations, dates and times for your convenience.

Markham: 50 McIntosh Dr. suite 239			
Fall		Winter	
September 19, 2013 :	11am to 7pm	January 28, 2014 :	11am to 7pm
October 1, 2013 :	9am to 5pm	February 13, 2014 :	9am to 5pm
November 26, 2013 :	11am to 7pm	March 4, 2014 :	11am to 7pm
December 12, 2013 :	9am to 5pm	April 17, 2014 :	9am to 5pm
Newmarket: 17565 Yonge St. Unit 5 ( enter blue door – back of the building )			
Fall		Winter	
September 10, 2013 :	9am to 5pm	January 23, 2014 :	11am to 7pm
October 30, 2013 :	11am to 7pm	February 13, 2014 :	9am to 5pm
November 13, 2013 :	9am to 5pm	March 4, 2014 :	11am to 7pm
December 3, 2013 :	11am to 7pm	April 17, 2014 :	9am to 5pm
Vaughan: 9401 Jane St. 3rd floor, suite 14, Maple			
Fall		Winter	
September 24, 2013 :	9am to 4pm	January 14, 2014 :	9am to 4pm
October 15, 2013 :	9am to 4pm	February 18, 2014 :	9am to 4pm
November 19, 2013 :	9am to 4pm	March 25, 2014 :	9am to 4pm
		April 22, 2014 :	9am to 4pm

Appointments are made on a first come first served basis.

To arrange an appointment or for more  
information please contact:  
905-898-6455 x 2574  
1-866-257-9776 x2574

[www.yssn.ca](http://www.yssn.ca)

*"A Meaningful Life: Relationships, Community, Wellbeing."*

## SUTTON COMMUNITY/CREATIVE HUB OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 8, 2013

6:30pm-8:00pm

20849 Dalton Rd. - former Sutton Public School



### Public Open House for the Sutton Community/Creative Hub Project

Town of Georgina and community partners invite you to come out and learn about the new community/creative hub project in the former Sutton Public School. Short tours and light refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to your input.

For more information contact Tamika Royes at [troyes@georgina.ca](mailto:troyes@georgina.ca) or call 289-716-4930



# SUTTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

along with **The GEM Theatre**

on **Wednesday October 16th at 6:30**



## TURBO

Presents



**Rating: G**

**Running Time: 95min**

Tickets are \$3.00/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.