



SEPTEMBER 2014

From The Office



# September's Character Trait is

RESPECT

"One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say."

> Bryant H. McGill



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



# The Sutton Stinger

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Welcome back students and parents. We hope you had a wonderful summer with family and friends. It is an exciting time of year as we begin our learning routines and work together on student success. A daily reading and homework routine will help your child succeed this year. Please contact your child's teacher to find out what they are learning in class so you can support at home. Our Meet the Teacher night is on September 18th from 5:30 to 7:00pm. The school will be open at 5:30 and teachers will be in their classrooms from 6:00 to 7:00pm. Make sure you drop by to discuss plans for the upcoming year and how you can help your child at home. Arrange the best way for the teacher to communicate with you regarding your child's progress this year.

We would like to welcome the new staff members: Mrs. Andrews (Gr. 1), Ms. Bullock (Gr. 1/2), Ms. Greenwald (Primary), Mrs. Bezuyen (Gr. 3/4) and welcome back to Mrs. Scott (FDK). We also want to welcome our new vice principal, Mrs. McDowell. Thank you to the caretaking team, Mr. O'Halloran, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Marr for the very clean and inviting learning environment. The team is very skilled at keeping the school a place to be proud of all year long and everyone appreciates their pride in our school environment. Also thank you to Ms. Kirton and Ms. McAndrew for their work during the last couple of weeks to set up classrooms and programs.

Remember that classes may change at the end of September. Families are still registering and we may have to shuffle students and grades the teachers teach as we ensure we meet the cap of 20 students in primary classes. We appreciate your patience as we work through our class placements. We do have a number of combined classes which are composed of students from two or more adjacent grades who are grouped with one teacher for instruction. "In all classrooms, no matter how they are organized, teachers need to provide for the individual needs of students. To achieve this, they use a variety of methods on a daily basis to asses the needs of each student, and then adjust the focus of instruction for skill development accordingly. In all classrooms, there is a range of students, and a teacher's goal to meet the needs of all learners remains the same regardless of classroom organization. Also, the focus of instruction for all subjects is on helping students to advance regardless of age, grade, or current level of performance." (Combined Grades - Ministry of Education, Ontario)

At Sutton PS we will be continuing our work on respectful workplace and learning environment. This means "that we create and maintain a healthy and productive working and learning environment that fosters respect for and is supportive of the dignity, self-esteem and fair treatment of everyone taking part in its activities." Respect is the character trait this month which links to our school and community focus of respectful workplace and learning environment. Respect plays an important role in a school. We need to take a person's feelings, needs and thoughts into consideration as we build relationships within the school community. It is important that this message of treating each other with respect is a similar message a student receives at home and at school in order for them to build positive relationships with staff and their peers. What can members of our school communities do to support Respectful Workplaces and Learning Environments?

Treat all people with dignity and respect. Serve as a model of respectful behavior to others in your daily life. Voice complaints in a constructive manner, beginning directly with the person whose behavior has offended. (YRDSB)

Mrs. Roxanne Hibberd Principal Ms. Gillian McDowell Vice– Principal



| September          |           |
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| Meet the Teacher   | 18th      |
|                    |           |
| P.A. Day           | 22nd      |
| Terry Fox Run      | 24th      |
| October            |           |
| Area Cross Country | 1st       |
|                    |           |
| Regional Cross     | 8th       |
| Country Meet       |           |
| Eco-Camp (3 days)  | 8th, 9th, |
|                    | 10th      |
| Thanksgiving       | 13th      |
| Immunization       | 20th      |
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| Picture Day        | 23rd      |
| P.A. Day           | 27th      |
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**York Region Mission**: *To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.*  

## **Kilometer Club (Cross Country Running)**

Students in grades 4 to 8 are invited to start practicing for our cross-country team. The practices will be during morning recess. Members will meeting five times per week until the Area Meet which will take place Wednesday October 1 (permission letters will follow). Individual students will move on to the Regional Meet on Thursday Oct. 17 if they place in the top 15 of their age group or if their whole team places in the top three teams. Please contact Ms. Coulter, Ms. Massig or Mr. Jaski if you have any questions.

#### **Terry Fox School Run**

The Sutton Public School Annual Terry Fox run will take place on Wednesday September 24 (rain date: Friday September 26). All family members are invited to participate. The run will start at 1:30 in the school yard and will end at 2:30. There is a donation jar in the office.

Our goal is to raise \$600. Please send in your donations to your homeroom teacher or directly to the office. Tax receipts are available for donations of \$20 or more. Please fill out the form in the office if you are interested in the tax receipt. Thanks for your continued support. Please contact Mr. Jaski if you have any questions.

## Milk Program

The Milk sales will begin again in October. Please watch for information and order forms coming soon.

Thank you.

#### A Message from Anaphylaxis Canada

Anaphylaxis Canada would like to remind everyone to always read the ingredient list and precautionary statements (e.g. May contain), whether you are purchasing a product for yourself, your child, or to share with others. Be careful not to rely solely on a "free-from" claim on the front of a package for important allergen information. Of special note, for those with peanut and tree nut allergies, please be aware that there are currently several products that have a "peanut-free" claim on the front of the package and a "May contain tree nuts" warning on the back. If you have any questions regarding a product or ingredient/labelling information, kindly contact the manufacturer directly.

For tips on how to read a food label please visit us at

http://www.anaphylaxis.ca/en/daily\_living/food\_labelling.html

In addition, we also recommend the "Triple Check" when reading food labels

(http://www.anaphylaxis.ca/en/daily\_living/food\_labelling.html)

Reading Food Labels

Make a habit of reading ingredient labels every time you buy or eat a product. To be safe, do the Triple Check and read the label:

- When buying an item
- When putting the product away at home
- Just before serving the product