



Sutton Public School

September 2016

THE SUTTON STINGER

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



Principal's Message:

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. 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. Platt (FDK), Mrs. Berger (gr. 1), Mrs. Cheung (Gr. 3/4), Mrs. Baumhard (gr. 5), Mr. Casson (Gr. 7/8), Ms. Minielly (SSC), Ms. Bellotto (French), Mrs. Gilligan (CC), Ms. Christie (CC), Ms. Smoke (CC), Mrs. Greenham (P+), Mrs. Hedley (EA), and Mr. Totten (vice-principal).

Thank you to the caretaking team, Mr. Bell, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Marr for the very clean and inviting learning 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 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 assess 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 a 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 school for them to build positive relationships with staff and their peers.

Kind regards,

*R.Hibberd
Principal*

*D.Totten
Vice-principal*

School Council

The school council provides advice on school matters. The council includes parents/guardians, school staff, and community members. School council involvement gives you the opportunity to be part of a team working to ensure a high quality of education. All parents/guardians and members of the school community are welcome to attend meetings.

www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/getinvolved.html

The next school council meeting is TONIGHT - Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

No Parking in the Kiss and Ride Zone

Although signage stating the area is a Kiss and Ride Zone, cars are parking to drop off or pick up students. The driveways are fire and evacuation routes. We need to keep the flow of traffic moving through our parking lot and keep our students and community members safe. Please remember to enter the parking lot staying to the right. Drop off your child(ren) in the KISS and RIDE zone and continue around to exit. If you are coming into the school or need to get out of your car to help your child, please follow the flow of traffic and park in a designated parking spot. Parents are having difficulty getting into the parking lot and are caught waiting on the road for cars to exit. Please don't park and get out of your car in the Kiss and Ride.

Another way to help with the traffic flow is to walk your child to school. Daily physical exercise for your child before school starts gets them ready and alert for learning.

School Security and Visitors in the School

The school doors are locked during the school day. Please ring the bell for entrance and check in at the office when you enter the school. The doors will be open before school to allow staff and students to enter and after school to allow families to enter the day care. If you are volunteering or attending a special event in the school, please sign in the office and wear a visitor badge. If you would like to see a teacher, check into the office, and the teacher will be called to the office to meet you. Please do not walk down the hallway to your child's class because you are a stranger to the other children.

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/labeling 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

Also, 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



Message from our Trustee

As we start another school year, we are very pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families. I hope you all enjoyed the hot summer months and are looking forward to the start of school.

There is a lot to look forward to in the months ahead and many ways for families to engage with their child's learning. There is a strong connection between parent and family engagement and student achievement and well-being, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get involved.

In the coming year, trustees will continue to focus on the priorities that we set out in our Multi-Year Plan: student achievement and well-being; the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs; and the responsible stewardship of Board resources.

We know that partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving these goals. However you choose to get involved, know that you are making a difference to your child's learning.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

Nancy Elgie

905-476-4184



Reporting Late and Absent Students

Please be sure to read the information that has been sent home and to review the Safe Arrival Program that we follow each day to be sure that students arrive safely to school.

If students are going to be absent for any reason, please contact the school before 8:30 at 905-722-3782. Students who are late must report to the office for a late slip before going to class. This allows us to update our daily records. Please note that regular attendance and punctuality is expected of all students. Missing class for any time will result in students missing valuable instruction.

The Character Trait for September is RESPECT:

"Respect yourself and others will respect you."

[Confucius, Sayings of Confucius](#)

Upcoming Events at Sutton Public School

September 2016	
School Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.	September 13, 2016
Bus Safety for all classes	September 19, 2016
Meet the Teacher Night	September 22, 2016
Scholastic Book Fair	September 23 - 29, 2016
P.A. Day - No School	September 26, 2016
Terry Fox Run at 1:30 p.m.	September 29, 2016
October 2016	
Thanksgiving Holiday	October 10, 2016
Picture Day	October 12, 2016
Regional Cross Country	October 13, 2016
Grade 7 & 8 Immunization	October 24, 2016
P.A. Day - No School	October 28, 2016

***Thank you so much for letting us know when your child/ren will be away from school.
905-722-3782***