



SEPTEMBER 2013

*Character
Matters!*

From The Office

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 19th 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. Cariglia-Bull is our Performance Plus teacher, Ms. Box (CYW), Ms. Thompson (DECE in Mrs. Gavin's room), Ms. Pitkin (SK/Gr. 1 teacher) and Ms. McAndrew (Admin Assistant). Returning staff member is Mrs. Mintz (Performance Plus CYW). Congratulations to Mrs. Coulter who is our Performance Plus CYW. 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 until 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 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 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)

Sincerely,
Ms. Roxanne Hibberd
Principal

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Vice Principal

The Sutton Stinger

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September Events



September

School Council 6:00 pm	9th
Bus Safety	24th
Meet the Teacher Night	19th
PA Day—No School	23rd
Safety Awareness	30th— Oct. 4

September's Character Trait is

RESPECT
*We respect our-
selves and treat
others with
courtesy, dig-
nity, and posi-
tive regard. We
honour the
rights of others.
We respect their
belongings, the
environment
and the world
around us.*



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.

Bullying is Wrong! Prevent Bullying Now!

Sutton PS is a bully free zone! We need the students, staff and parents to stand up and speak out against bullying. Students are being advised to inform an adult when they are bullied or witness a bullying incident.

Bullying happens when someone hurts or scares another child on purpose and the person being bullied has a hard time defending themselves. It makes the child being bullied feel afraid or uncomfortable. So everyone needs to get involved to help stop bullying! There are many ways that young people bully each other and they need to realize these behaviours are harmful:

- Punching, shoving and other acts that hurt children physically
- Spreading rumours about people
- Keeping certain people out of a group
- Teasing people in a mean way
- Getting certain people to "gang up" on others

This happens at school, in the community and on the internet! Facebook and ASK FM are two sites where many of the internet bullying behaviours occur so it is important that parents monitor their child's use of the internet. Children can lose confidence when they are bullied and may isolate themselves from their friends.

Bullying also hurts the bystanders as they are afraid they could be the next victim. They avoid getting involved in order to protect themselves or because they aren't sure what to do.

Bullying can have an effect on learning. Stress and anxiety caused by bullying and harassment can make it more difficult for kids to concentrate and can decrease their ability to focus, which affects their ability to remember things they have learned.

We have asked the students and school community to **STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT AGAINST BULLYING!** We have asked the students to tell their teacher or parents when they see bullying happening. We all need to work together to support our students at school, at home, and in the community.

STAND UP!
PREVENT BULLYING NOW!
SPEAK OUT!

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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.

A Message from our School Council

School Council would like to welcome all new staff to Sutton Public School. Welcome back to all students and returning staff! We would like to extend an invitation to anyone wishing to attend our first school council meeting on Monday, September 9th at 6:00 pm in the library. Babysitting is available if needed at no cost. Please contact Doris Pegg, chair, or school office if daycare is required.

School Council Chair: Doris Pegg

Email: Sutton.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

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. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter’s eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

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

Cross Country Running

Students in grades 4 to 8 are invited to start practicing for our cross-country team. The practices will be during snack break. Runners will then be eating after their practice in the school. We will be starting Tuesday September 10 and continuing three to five times per week until the Area Meet which will take place Tuesday October 8 (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.

Terry Fox School Run

The Sutton Public School Annual Terry Fox run will take place on Thursday September 26 (rain date: Friday September 27). 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 \$1.00 per staff and student in the school which is about \$300 at this time. Please send in your donations to your homeroom teacher or directly to the office.



Dress Code: REMINDER

It is important that students dress appropriately for the task of learning. Please note that clothing which demonstrates respect for self and others is expected at all times. After consulting with many North elementary schools, there is a consistency with the following rule:

***If it begins with a 'B'
we don't want to see it***

This includes: bras, bellies, boxers, briefs, and bare skin in places that should be covered by clothing.

Some guidelines are as follows:

Students:

Are responsible for choosing appropriate clothing to be worn to school which follows the dress code and expectations outlined above

Teachers:

At the beginning of the day teachers will speak to any student not showing responsibility for making appropriate clothing choices which follow the dress code and expectations outlined above

Natural Consequence:

Students who are not making responsible choices will be asked by the teacher to change into alternate clothing (either their own or provided by the school) which adheres to the school dress code and expectations, and may be asked to call home for a change of clothes.

Thanks, in advance, for supporting a positive climate for learning!

We are a NUT FREE School

"It is the policy (Policy# 662) of the York Region District School Board that all students are entitled to safe and healthy environments, including an allergen safe environment in our schools." We have staff and students at Black River P.S. who have severe, life threatening allergies to peanuts and/or other nut products. Some children will suffer anaphylactic shock if they are exposed to peanuts or peanut products. Even the smell of peanuts (or other nuts) can be fatal to highly allergic children. Therefore, we must endeavour to create a nut and nut product free zone including those products that may contain nuts or traces of nuts in the interest of the health and safety of our children. Sutton PS is a designated a 'Nut Safe Environment'. You will notice posters on all of our school entrances. Parents who want more information about food allergies and nut-free lunches are encouraged to contact the school. For additional information parents may also wish to access the following website: www.foodallergies.org



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

For Your Information...

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

Information Access & Privacy

Please note that school activities throughout the year may require the use of student information, including the student's name, grade or age. While notices will be sent home for most events, parents are welcome to discuss any restrictions they require, or share any questions with the school Principal. If the school is not contacted, we will assume that there are no restrictions.

Message from our Trustee– Nancy Elgie

I am very pleased to welcome our new and returning families as we start another school year. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer, and feel refreshed and energized.

There is a lot to look forward to in the first few months of school, and I hope you will find an opportunity to get involved in some way. Partnerships with families are essential, not only to student achievement and well-being, but also to creating a positive, caring and supportive school environment in which students can thrive.

There are many ways you can get involved and support your child's education from communicating with your child's teacher and asking your child about what they are learning to volunteering in the school or participating in the school council.

Thanks to your support and the hard work and commitment of our staff, students, families and community partners, we continue to be one of the top performing school boards in Ontario.

As an elected trustee and an advocate for high quality public education, I am committed to ensuring the highest quality public education possible for our students and their families. In the coming year, we will continue our focus on the priorities set out in our Multi-Year Plan: student achievement and well-being, the delivery of effective and appropriate educational programs and the responsible stewardship of Board resources.

I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you all the best for 2013-14.



For Your Information...

Students Requiring Medication

Keeping our children safe is a priority for all of us. Please remember that students are not allowed to carry medication at school. Epipens, puffers and insulin are the only exceptions due to life-threatening reasons (all Epipens and puffers must have a current date). All students who use Epipens must have two at the school at all times. One must be carried by the student and one will remain in the office.

Depending on your child's health needs and medication requirements, there are several forms that must be completed immediately. Please check with the office for the required forms.

All medications will be kept in a locked location and administered the designated times. All medications must be in a bottle from the pharmacy clearly stating the child's name and dosage and they must have a current date.



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 safety 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.

SUTTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

along with **The GEM Theatre**

on **Wednesday Sept 18th at 6:30**



Presents

DESPICABLE ME 2



Rating: G

Running Time: 100mn

Tickets are FREE – We will be accepting food donations at the door for the Georgina Food Bank.

Please detach and send to your Movie Coordinator

Name: _____

of Tickets: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

Room: _____