



# The Storrington Star January 2011



## ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Welcome back to a new year! Lots of great things will continue to happen this month at school.

Our staff have been sharing reading strategies as part of professional development offered by the Board for the past term. This term our focus will be on problem solving in math, so watch for samples of student work!

We are fortunate again this year to offer the Right to Read program. The Storrington program will begin in January. This programme is for selected students in grades 3 and 4 who will have the opportunity to work with a literacy teacher after school for six weeks.

We were thrilled with the results from our boy's and girl's volleyball teams. In the B Conference, our girls won the Division 4 final and the boys won Gold in Division 3. Way to go! Many thanks to Mr. Wray and Ms. Chung who coached. Basketball season is beginning with Mr. Pare and Mr. Broome coaching those teams. As well, Mrs. Gifford is training our skipping team, who represent our school at several local schools doing skipping demonstrations. We are also looking forward to having our Board Physical Fitness trainer come to train some of our older students to be Daily Physical Activity leaders in our younger classes.

It was tremendous seeing so many parents and relatives at the holiday concert in December. We are so proud of our talented students! The teachers worked hard preparing for the concert, and it was a pleasure seeing their efforts showcased.

After a very successful first term, we're looking forward to a great second term with many activities planned! Thank you for your wonderful support of you child's teacher and the school. It's a real pleasure working with you!

Sue Perry and Ean Pattison

## HOLIDAY CONCERT

This year's holiday concert "December In Our Town" was a huge success. A great big thank you goes out to Mrs. Pare for her work preparing the actors; to Mr. Wray for teaching the classes their songs; to all the teachers for all their work preparing their classes - and most of all to the students for showing us all their hidden musical talents!

## PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday January 18th at 6:30.

School Council is looking for volunteers to help write proposals to corporations for funding for the school. If you are able to help work as part of a team with this, please contact Bettina Chinnery. Thanks for all your support!

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

At this time of year, the weather can affect busing. Bus information including delays and cancellations can be found on-line at <http://www.triboard.on.ca/>. You can also sign up at this site for automatic email notification about delays and cancellations.

## Family Literacy Day® 2012 is January 27<sup>th</sup>

Family Literacy Day highlights the importance of family members learning, reading, singing and playing together.

Children learn literacy and numeracy skills by having fun. ABC Canada recommends that parents and children take time together to play:

- \* Board games
- \* Card games
- \* Word games

### Alphabet Loop Scavenger Hunt

Alphabetical Loop can be played by looking for items that begin with each letter of the alphabet. Sing the ABC song while you search. If items for certain letters cannot be found, try looking outside too.



For family literacy games and ideas, please visit: <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/en/play-literacy>

Provided by: *Ontario Early Years Literacy Specialists*

## 2012-2013 School Year Calendar: Parent Survey

The Limestone District School Board is requesting feedback about the 2011-2012 school year calendar and possible options for the 2012-2013 school year. It would be appreciated if you would please take a moment to respond to several questions on an on-line survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LDSB-SYC-2012-2013> If you would like a paper version of the survey, please contact the school and we can send a copy home with your child, or you could come into the school to fill it out. This survey needs to be completed on-line or on paper by Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Your input is important to us and we appreciate your time in submitting your feedback and comments. For more information, please visit the LDSB website at

[http://www.limestone.on.ca/School\\_Calendar](http://www.limestone.on.ca/School_Calendar) which also provides a link to the Ministry of Education website.