



THE STORRINGTON STAR

May at Storrington Public School

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Dear Parents,

Spring has FINALLY arrived! It's so great to see the students enjoying the outdoors and the warm temperatures, whether while having gym classes outside or taking an exploration walk. There is lots of activity in the school as well. Our skipping team led by Mrs. Gifford is beginning the first of their school tours next Monday, and we'll be having our Jump Rope for Heart opening assembly next Friday. Just before the long weekend we will be having our Jump Rope for Heart afternoon with the whole school. Our running team along with Mr. Pare went to the LCVI Road Race May 1st. This year we had eighteen students on the team! Congratulations to Abby Howland who placed 2nd! Preparation and practices for track are well underway. This year we will be having a school track and field day involving all our students in Grades 4 and up on May 22nd. A canteen will be available, and we will be sending home order forms for our primary students so they can pre-order and enjoy the same food for their lunch. Proceeds from the canteen and another hot dog day at the end of the month will support the Grade 8 trip to Quebec.

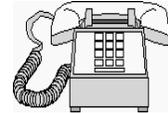
It's wonderful this time of year to see all the academic growth the children have made. To listen to a group of students solve a math problem, listen to a student read a book fluently, watch the older Reading Buddies help edit their younger Buddy's writing in a positive and supportive way or to see the concentrated efforts a child is putting into a piece of art is so gratifying. Seeing their accomplishments and growth from September is a joy!

The Grade 4 to 8 students are just finishing the Tell Them From Me surveys, which will give us a lot of good information about how safe they feel at school, if they have seen or been bullied and if they have a sense of belonging to the school. It will be very interesting to compare how the students are feeling this year compared to last year. We will be sharing the information with staff, students and parents. As well, the information will be used by the School Climate Committee to determine what next steps we need to take to make Storrington an even safer, more caring school.

Coming up later in the month and into June we have our Primary and Junior EQAO assessments and many class field trips to locations which help support the curriculum that they have learned this year. Thanks to Kelly Graham who is leading this, we will be having our Artsfest in mid-June. More information about this will be coming home later. And of course, our wonderful School Council is busy organizing a Fun Fair for June 8th, which promises to be full of activities for everyone!

It certainly is a busy and exciting time of year! Thanks for all your support – it's wonderful working with you.

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Reminders:

All visitors and volunteers should sign in at the office and wear a visitor tag so that we know they have been checked in.

ACTS OF AWESOMENESS

Have we ever got awesome kids! We are thrilled that this year we have recognized over 548 acts of kindness and responsibility in the school!!!! We are so proud of our students and all the wonderful things they do. It's been one of our greatest pleasures sharing their accomplishments with you every week. The kids all deserve a huge pat on the back for being great citizens!

CONDOLENCES

Again, we wish to express our deepest sympathies to the Asselstine-Green family who lost their son Cody in a tragic accident last week. If you feel your child would benefit from counseling, please don't hesitate to let us know – we can provide that through the school. If you would like to help support the family by contributing towards Cody's funeral expenses, there is an on-line donation website at:

<http://www.wishgift.ca/gifts.php?p=9977754> .

HELP THE LIONS CLUB HELP STORRINGTON P. S.

The Sydenham & District Lions Club in co-operation with the Storrington Lions Club invites all parents of children attending Storrington Public School to participate in the Sydenham Lions 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held Friday, June 14th, 2013 at the Rivendell Golf Course near Verona, Ontario.

To ensure that the tournament is fun for golfers of all levels, it is a Scramble format. The tournament begins at 8:30 am with a shotgun start. Cost is \$90.00 per golfer and that includes green fees, a cart, a pick from the prize table and a roast beef luncheon. If you are already a Rivendell Gold or Silver member, the tournament fee drops to \$60.00 or \$45.00 if you have your own cart. There are prizes for closest to the hole & most accurate drive (Men & Women) and a special prize of \$3000.00 for a hole-in-one on the designated hole.

This year our objective is to raise funds to sponsor the No Child Without Program that is currently offered at Storrington Public School. Raising and donating these funds to Medic-Alert means that the Medic-Alert Foundation can then use the money freed up to cover the cost of this program at another Canadian elementary school that is currently on their waiting list.

Any parent interested in attending please contact Lion Jim Kelly for a registration form. He can be reached at 613-376-3515 or by email at kellyj@queensu.ca. Registration deadline is June 7, 2013 but registration may close earlier if demand dictates.

As well, Jim would be delighted to hear from any parent interested in donating an item for the prize table or sponsoring a hole. Thank You.

CHAPTERS NIGHT

Please join us for our next Chapters Night on Thursday, May 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. that School Council has organized. Chapters will donate 15% of all sales that evening to the Storrington School Council, so if you are interested or know someone who is looking for a new book, please drop in! Our skipping team will be performing, so it's a great chance to not only pick up a book but to see a great performance!

Kindergarten Registration Has Started!

We are really excited about being one of the schools that will be offering Full Day Kindergarten this fall! If you have a child or know of someone with a child who will be going into Junior Kindergarten, please feel free to drop in anytime to pick up a registration form. When you come please also bring your child's birth certificate, immunization card and health card. Later this spring we will be inviting our newest parents and students to our Welcome to Kindergarten session.

FUN FAIR

The School Council will be holding a Fun Fair on June 8th. The money raised from this will be put towards purchasing Smart Boards for the school. Each class is donating a themed gift basket for the silent auction table that day. Letters for each class will be sent home this week letting everyone know what the class theme is.

THE WORLD COMES TO STORRINGTON

We are thrilled to announce that we are the recipients of a Limestone Learning Foundation grant for a home reading programme called "The World Comes to Storrington". Thanks to their generosity, we will be purchasing 50 books and journals that we will be sending home with students. These children's books are all themed around social issues such as immigrating to a new country, bullying, being different, poverty and other topics. They are books that we use in classes to broaden the students' awareness of the world around them, and this is a lovely way for parents and children to talk about these topics too. The bookbags will be silkscreened during Artsfest, and we will be sending the books home with students shortly after.

