



# The Storrington Star February/March 2012



## INDOOR SHOES

We are asking that all student change from their boots to their indoor shoes before entering the classroom. Some students don't have indoor shoes. Could you please make sure that your child has shoes? This will help keep the classroom floors dry and free of dirt and mud. Thank you for your help.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We are very proud of our student leaders in our schools and all they contribute to our sites! There are many opportunities at the schools for leadership - whether it is as a lunch helper, a peer mediator, a fitness leader, a member of a sports team, office helpers - the list goes on! Our expectations of these students are that they are role models for our younger students - maintaining their academic standing, modeling appropriate behaviour and treating others respectfully. It's wonderful to see the interest and the number of students who participate in leadership activities. What great future citizens!

## ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Lots of great things keep happening!

Our staff are discussing problem-solving in math as part of professional development. From our daily lives, we experience every day how important problem-solving is. It is critical to know how to analyze a problem, determine what steps you need to use to solve it and to check your answer. You may hear your child discussing how they worked together in a group looking at different ways to solve the same problem, or how their solution was compared to others in the class. Some strategies we teach the students to help them solve mathematical problems are to look for patterns; make a list; write an equation; act it out; draw a picture; construct a table; guess and check; work backwards. You'll probably hear many other strategies as the term progresses!

We're looking forward to lots of great opportunities for our students over the next few weeks. Our Primary Division is doing Lollipop Talks in the middle of the month. The Grade 4's will be attending a Kingston Symphony concert that they have been preparing for by learning about the music. The beginning of March we are delighted to welcome back the Limestone Teachers' Theatre Company who will be presenting a play to our primary students. As well, the basketball teams being coached by Mr. Broome and Mr. Paré are preparing for tournaments in February.

Thanks to Madame Wellwood and Mrs. Gifford, we are training our older students to be Daily Physical Activity leaders in the school and to run intramurals at recesses. These student leaders will provide daily activities in our younger classes, and will organize and run activities for all grades in the gym at morning and afternoon recesses. We're so proud of these students' commitment and being positive role models for our younger students.

We're in the process of organizing an exciting school-wide Literacy Week which will be held later in April. This will be a great way to celebrate reading. More information will be sent home in the next newsletter.

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 your child's teacher and the school. It's a real pleasure working with you!

Sue Perry and Ean Pattison

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

At this time of year, the weather has been affecting 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.

**Please note:** The next newsletter will be sent home on March 19. However, we will be sending a March calendar home the end of February.

## MARK THESE DATES

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| • February 3  | Professional Development Day          |
| • February 8  | School Council - 6:30 PM              |
| • February 20 | Family Day Holiday                    |
| • February 21 | Report Cards go home                  |
| • February 22 | Kindergarten A Report Cards go home   |
| • March 9     | Last day of school before March Break |
| • March 19    | School begins                         |