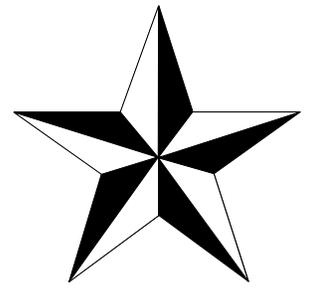




THE STORRINGTON STAR



SEPTEMBER 2012

Welcome back, everyone! We hope that you all had a wonderful, relaxing summer. It's wonderful being back, and we're really looking forward to seeing all the students again.

September feels more like New Year's than January does in school. The children have changed so much over the summer, and it's lovely to find out how they've been and to continue our growth together.

Not only is it a new beginning for students, it is also a new beginning for many staff. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Laura Flanigan join us as our Grade 2 teacher. Laura comes from J. E. Horton and has a lot of experience in primary grades. We also welcome Ms. Jessica Prior as our French teacher, who is joining us from J. E. Horton and Elginburg Public Schools. Our new teachers are enthusiastic and energetic and we are lucky to have them. We wish Sara Wellwood all the best with her new baby daughter, Quinn. We are also pleased to announce that Shawn Broome is now the proud father of his second son, Simon. We are really fortunate to have Melissa Currier and Kathy Robinson join us as Educational Assistants, and we welcome Kirstin Dueck back.

This year we will be continuing our focus on literacy, and will be having our Literacy Week in October. The students have made remarkable gains over the past year and we look forward to extending their accomplishments this year. We will also be continuing our work in math problem solving.

This year our school theme is "The Book of Awesome". We have amazing awesome kids here, and recognizing each child's positive character traits is one of the most rewarding parts of our day.

The school is spotless thanks to the efforts of our custodian Burt Burns and his assistants Steve Newton and Rachel Burns. They have worked hard over the summer to make sure that everything is ready for the students, and the school looks great. We thank them for making our school so welcoming and ready for the new year - especially in all the heat this year!

Staff have been in over the summer preparing for their new classes and making sure the children are warmly welcomed. They are very dedicated and caring about our students, and their energy, enthusiasm and commitment to Storrington is contagious!

We look forward to seeing you at the Corn Roast and Open House on September 19. You are always welcome to share your thoughts and observations about your child - a strong home-school partnership is one of the most important success factors in a student's life.

Sue Perry and Ean Pattison

AGENDAS

This year again we will be using agendas for every student in the school. Please help support this valuable life skill by checking it nightly and initialling that you have seen it. We will be giving prizes to students who have completed their homework and have their agenda initialled.

THE BOOK OF AWESOME

To celebrate the beginning of the year and to help build relationships amongst the school, our first two weeks will have a focus around "The Book of Awesome". The books by Neil Pasricha talk about small, simple events that can be celebrated and make a difference in people's lives. Whether it's the first day of school, catching a snowflake on your tongue for the first time or sharing a popsicle, we have many things to celebrate each day. This will be the beginning of a year-long celebration of what makes each of our students awesome and recognizing the positive support they've given others. As well, we are having school-wide buddies, with our younger students paired up with older ones. Over the year, our buddies will have opportunities to read together, perhaps do crafts, write stories, help on the computer and build new friendships. We will be introducing our buddies to each other over the next couple of weeks and having a "Buddy Day" along with our Terry Fox Walk the afternoon of September 21st . What a great start to the year!

MEET OUR STAFF

JK/SK (Monday/Wednesday)	Amanda Freeland
JK/SK (Tuesday/Thursday)	Stacey Coleman
Grade 1	Deb Nevin
Grade 2	Laura Flanigan
Grade 3	Sabrina Gifford
Grade 4	Shawn Broome
Grade 5/6	Kelly Graham
Grade 5/6	Joelle Roberts
Grade 7/8	Scott Pare
Grade 7/8	Margaret Chung
French	Jessica Prior
Planning Time	Shane Wray
Planning Time	Jessica Prior
EA	Melissa Currier
EA	Kathy Robinson
Custodian	Burt Burns
Custodian	Jeanette Williams
Secretary	Jill Senior
Vice Principal	Ean Pattison
Principal	Sue Perry

CORN ROAST/OPEN HOUSE/SCHOOL COUNCIL

We have an exciting night planned on September 19th!

Our annual Corn Roast is going to start at 5:00 p.m. The school will provide corn and buns. If you are attending and have a student in a primary grade, please bring a salad. If you have a student in junior or intermediate grades, please bring a dessert. We ask that everyone bring their own cutlery and plates.

Then between 5:30 and 7:00, you are invited to visit your child(ren)'s classroom and have a tour of where they sit, meet the teacher and get acquainted with other parents of students in the classroom.

At 6:30 we will be having our first School Council meeting of the year in the Resource Centre. If you can attend this meeting, it would be great. This is a dynamic, committed group that do a lot for our school. We will be holding elections for our School Council members for 2012-2013 that evening. If you are interested in running for a position or would like to nominate someone for a position, please contact Sue Perry.

We look forward to seeing you all that evening!



BOY SCOUTS

Scouts Canada, 1st Perth Road – Karen Bush (contact) 613-353-6999. Registration for all Sections will be Wednesday, September 5th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Perth Road Public School. Beaver Scouts (5-7 yrs.) meet 6:30 - 7:30 Tuesdays; Cub Scouts (8-10 yrs.) meet 6:30 - 8:00 Tuesdays; Scouts (11-14 yrs.) meet Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00. Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts all meet at Perth Road Public School. Please register on September 5, 2012.