

THE STORRINGTON STAR – September 2016

Welcome back, everyone! We had a wonderful start up to the school year! Thank you for your patience through the reorganization of classes – it is wonderful that we were able to add an additional classroom to lower the class sizes in our junior and intermediate grades. In addition to welcoming 26 new Junior Kindergarten students, we have an additional 18 new students in Grades 1-8. Welcome to Mrs. Leeder who is teaching our Grade 5/6 class. We also welcome Mme Truscotte who will be teaching French in some classes, Mrs. McDonald who is our ECE in Kindergarten, Ms. Doolan who is our new half-time School to Community teacher, and Mrs. MacPherson-Kenney, our new afternoon Educational Assistant. Our students are already demonstrating excellent leadership, collaboration and learning skills! So many of our students have already signed up to help in different ways throughout the school including bus helpers, DPA Leaders, Lunch Helpers and Yard Pals. Senior soccer has started for students in Grade 6,7, and 8 and cross country running (Grades 3-8) will be beginning soon. Our Gr 5-8 Media and Spirit/Athletic Teams have already held their first meetings. Our apologies for the lateness of some of our buses during these first few weeks – we are working with Tri-Board to alter routes to ensure that the buses arrive and depart on time.

We're really excited about the upcoming year! Our school goals for our students and staff include striving for excellence every day, developing a growth mindset to persevere and take risks, and building strong character through our Character Education program. We are very lucky to have such a talented and enthusiastic staff who are dedicated to making a difference in our students' lives every day. The school is spotless thanks to the efforts of our custodians, Whitney Sauve and Steve Newton. They worked hard over the summer to make sure that everything was 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 during all the heat this summer!

Please note that we have changed the date of the Open House, Corn Roast and Parent Council Meeting to SEPTEMBER 28th (previously scheduled on September 21st). We look forward to welcoming everyone and meeting our new families. Our Parent Council, a dynamic and dedicated group, will also meet that evening and they welcome new council members throughout the year.

During the first few weeks of school, we will be sending home many different notices and forms with your children. Please return any forms that need to be completed as quickly as possible. This allows us to update our records and ensure that we have current information for all of our students. In addition, all students in KG to Grade 7 have an agenda to keep track of events and homework. Agendas are \$5.00 each. As always, please contact us with your questions and concerns - a strong home-school partnership is one of the most important factors influencing your child's success.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Liz Suriyuth, Principal

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM If your child is absent, please call the school to speak with Gloria Potter, our Office administrator, or leave a message to let us know as we will be calling to confirm your child's whereabouts if we don't hear from you. In addition, all elementary schools in Ontario have secure access as part of the Ontario Government's Safe Welcome program. Beginning in October, we will be keeping our outside doors locked during the school day when our students are inside the building (doors will be locked at 9:05 am and unlocked at 3:35 pm, as well as during recess). As per usual, parents/guardians are welcome in the school throughout the day, however, you will need to access the building by ringing the bell to the right of the front door and a staff member will assist you. If you are coming to the school to volunteer or to stay for part or all of the day, please sign in at the office and receive a visitor lanyard. Thank you for helping us to keep our students safe through your support of this provincial initiative.

ALLERGY ALERT

We have some students and staff at the school this year who have life-threatening allergies to peanuts and other nuts. For the safety of our students and staff, we ask that families **do not send nut-based products** (containing tree nuts or peanuts) to school. If you are including a peanut butter substitute (such as Wow Butter) in your child's lunch, please label it clearly.

If your child has allergies, asthma, or another medical condition that we should know about, please contact your child's teacher or the main office.

TERRY FOX

Our school Terry Fox run will be held on September 29th at 2:00. We'll be walking around the track with our buddies. We are asking students to bring in toonies to support Terry's Dream to find a cure for cancer. Terry passed the torch to all of us and we can help to make a difference! Please join us if you can!

SEPTEMBER 28 OPEN HOUSE/CORN ROAST/PARENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS Please join us for our annual Open House, Corn Roast and Parent Council Elections evening on **September 28, 2016**. This is a wonderful opportunity to see your child's classroom, meet our teachers, get together with our Storrington Community and learn about our Parent Council. Please bring your own plate and cutlery. The corn will be provided however, we are asking Primary students to bring salads and the Junior/Intermediate students to bring desserts. The food and tables will be set up in the gym. Hope to see you there!

Open House: 5:00 - 6:00 pm (classrooms)

Corn Roast: 6:00 - 7:00 pm (gym and courtyard, weather permitting)

Parent Council Elections: 7:00 - 8:00 pm (Library)

Student Use of Cell Phones and other Electronic Devices

Students are permitted to bring cell phones and other electronic devices, such as iPods, to school with your permission. They may use them at school during INSTRUCTIONAL TIME ONLY with PERMISSION FROM A STAFF MEMBER. Cell phones should be turned off as soon as students arrive at school and kept in a safe location within the classroom. Students are NOT ALLOWED to bring their electronic devices outside during recess and other breaks. Students are responsible for any electronic equipment that they bring to school and the school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

Communicating with Families:

Every year, we try to find new ways to keep our families informed about what is happening in our school so that we can share all the great things that are happening at Storrington Public School! As well as phone calls and agenda notes, here are some other ways that can find out what we are doing!

Electronic Newsletter

This year, we will be posting our newsletters on our website (www.storringtonpublicschool.com), on our Facebook page, Storrington Public School Parent Community and post it on our school Twitter account @StorrPS_LDSB. If you wish to request a paper copy of the newsletter, please write a note in your child's agenda to let us know.

SIGN UP FOR REMIND

Remind is a communication tool that helps us to connect instantly with you. Once you subscribe to it, we can send out quick reminders and simple text messages to any device such as a tablet, computer, or smartphone. Please see the attached instructions to find out how you can subscribe.

HOT LUNCH AND MILK ORDERS

Hot lunch and milk orders will be coming home this week. Please return them with payment by Thursday, September 28. The milk program will begin on October 3 and hot lunch will be offered every Wednesday and Friday starting on October 5th.

Important September Dates

September 16 – Last day to return immunization forms for Grade 7 and 8 students

September 22 – Northern Cross Country Run in Sydenham

September 27 – Character Assembly at 9:25 am

September 28 – Swim to Survive for Grade 3 Students (Session #1)

September 28 – Open House (5-6 pm), Corn Roast (6-7 pm) and Parent Council Elections (7-8 pm)



September 29 - Terry Fox Run/Walk at 2:00 pm

September 30 – PA Day (no classes)



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
		<h2>Welcome Back!</h2> <p>September Character Trait : <i>Friendship</i></p>				
4	5 LABOUR DAY	6 First day of school! 	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Northern X-Country Classic Run in Sydenham	23 	24
25	26	27 Character Assembly 9:25	28 Gr 3 Swim to Survive Open House 5-6pm Corn Roast 6-7pm Parent Council Elections 7-8pm	29 Terry Fox Run/Walk at 2:00 pm – Please join us (check in at the office first please)	30 P.A. Day (no classes for students)	October is coming...