



# THE STORRINGTON STAR

## October at Storrington Public School

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2014

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our Corn Roast and Open House. What a great start to the year! It's amazing how quickly the students settled in, picking up where they left off and actively learning in their classes. We're really proud of them and their leadership, both in the class and in the school. Again this year we will be starting a student council for our older students. These representatives will meet regularly to discuss what they see in the school and how we can make Storrington an even better school.

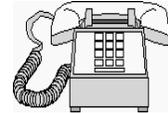
Our boy's and girl's soccer teams both made it to the semi-finals in the divisional tournaments! Congratulations to them and thanks to their coaches, Mr. Wray and Ms. Doherty. Our cross country team will be racing next week. Swim to Survive has begun, bus patroller training is coming up and there are several classes going on field trips this month—lots of exciting events!

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new technology. With thanks to the Board, we are going to be receiving 20 new laptops and 10 new iPads. These will be stored on carts that can be moved from classroom to classroom. What a great addition to our school! We'll be looking at ways the technology can help support inquiry-based learning.

We have received our EQAO scores from the primary and junior assessments that were held last June. We are very proud of our results! With the exception of a decline in math in the Junior assessment, our score either remained the same or increased in all other areas compared to last year. Our primary results were above both Board and Provincial averages! We will be continuing our focus on math - specifically, reasoning and problem solving - as part of our professional learning and teaching.

There are lots of wonderful things happening, and we're looking forward to even more as the year progresses. As always, please call if there is anything you'd like to discuss.

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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.

### Battersea Pumpkinfest Festival

A reminder that this Saturday, October 4, is the annual Battersea Pumpkinfest Festival. Come out and enjoy the day and our student work that will be on display! Many thanks to the organizers for this great event.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 Picture Day Grade 8 day at LaSalle 9:30-12:00 Corn Maze—K's & I's	2 Picture Day 9 – 11 – Gr. 3 Swim to Survive	3 Hot Lunch: Pizza Cheese Orders Due	4 Pumpkinfest
5	6 Cross Country 6:30 School Council	7	8	9 Bus Patroller training	10 Hot Lunch: Taco Wrap Magazine fundraiser begins.	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Hot Lunch: Chicken Wrap	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Hot Lunch: Hot Pasta Magazine orders are due.	25
26	27 PA Day	28	29	30	31 Orange and Black Day Hot Lunch: Pizza	

## Roots of Empathy

We are pleased to offer Roots of Empathy to our Grade 1 class this year, led by Deb Flehmer. At the heart of the program are a neighbourhood infant and parent who visit the classroom nine times over the school year. Deb, as a trained Roots of Empathy Instructor, coaches the students to observe the baby's development and to label the baby's feelings and intentions. The baby is the 'Teacher' and the instructor guides the children to identify and reflect on their own feelings and the feelings of others. The focus of this programme is on raising levels of empathy, resulting in more respectful and caring relationships and reducing levels of bullying and aggression.

## Math

Looking for engaging math games and activities for your child? Try visiting "Mathies", a website developed by the Ontario Association of Math Educators. There are lots of games, learning tools, activities and parent information, and a link to Homework Help.

The website is <http://oame.on.ca/mathies/>

## Storrington Sign

Unfortunately, our sign in front of the school has been vandalized again this past weekend. This is the third time in nine months this has happened. Our messages will not be able to be updated at this point.

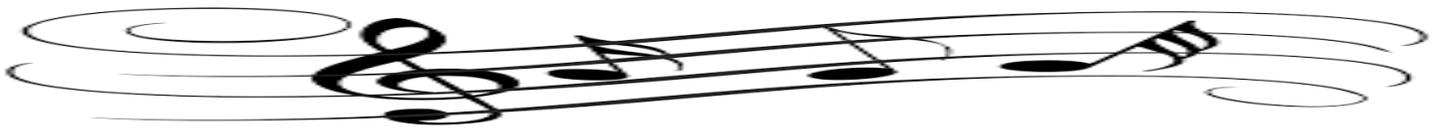
If anyone has any information about this, please contact Sue Perry at the school or the Hartingdon OPP.



## MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

The school is holding it's annual Magazine Fundraiser again this year. The company is QSP, which has taken over CCRP. They will be honouring subscription renewals. Any funds raised from this will be put towards agendas, student activities and brining arts events to the school

## Piano Lessons



Melina Demone is offering piano lessons again at the school this year. If you are interested in your child taking lessons through the school day, please contact Melina at 613-544-5494.



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

October 1 and 2—Picture Day      October 6—School Council

October 13—Thanksgiving      October 27—P.A. Day

Sept 29, 2014

Dear Stingers,

We want you to be water smart.

We want you to be safe  
so wear a life jacket, swim

with a responsible buddy,  
and learn to swim.

It's important because you  
could fall into a pool or lake

Unexpectedly and drownings  
happen quickly.

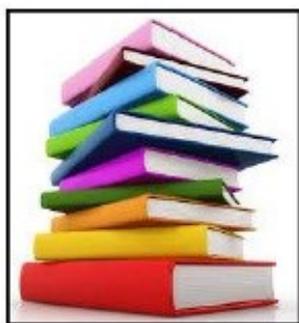
So please listen to our letter  
and take it seriously.

Goodbye and stay safe,  
The Grade 3 Class



# Reading Tips

for parents of young children



**Help children become strong readers through sharing books at home!**

## **Parent Book Sharing Checklist:**

- Read together every day (even after your child has begun to read on their own).
- Continually introduce new words to your child and practice using them throughout the day.
- Read with fun in your voice. Let your child know you enjoy reading together.
- Be interactive with your child as you read. Talk about the pictures, ideas, problems, and feelings in the book.
- Point to and talk about print (e.g. letters, words, speech bubbles, punctuation marks) to help your child understand how print works.
- If you have concerns about your child's vision, hearing, or speech, talk to the child's teacher and doctor right away. These abilities impact reading skills.

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