



# THE STORRINGTON STAR

## October at Storrington Public School

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2013

Dear Parents,

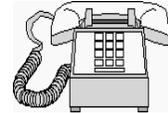
It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our Corn Roast and Open House. What a great start to the year! It's amazing how quickly the students settled in, picking up where they left off and actively learning in their classes. We're really proud of them and their leadership, both in the class and in the 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.

There are many things happening in October. On Tuesday, we warmly welcome Kenneth Oppel to the school. He is the author of 15 children and young teen books, notably the Silverwing Trilogy, Peg and the Yeti and many more. Thanks to Writerfest Kingston, ours was one of ten schools in Limestone chosen to have an author come to talk to the students. We are really fortunate! As well, our boy's and girl's soccer teams are participating in a tournament, and our cross country team will be racing in Parham in the next week or two. There are several classes going on field trips this month—lots of exciting events!

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 slight decline in writing in the Junior assessment, our score either remained the same or increased in all other areas compared to last year. 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.**

## MEET OUR BUS DRIVERS

901 - Eileen Sleeth, Hogan's

903 - Chris Hausen, Hogan's

905 - Jack Moreland, Moreland Bus

930 - Kim Clark, Hogan's

931 - Chris Pantry, Hogan's

935 - Allan Alport, First Student Canada

We are so fortunate to have such dedicated people who take care of our children to and from school. We are committed to ensuring your child arrives safely home at the end of each day, and are requesting your assistance in this matter.

**If there is a change in busing, please send a bus note to school including your child's name, address and fire route number, the name of the person where they are to go and the number of the bus.** Occasionally there are substitute bus drivers and they do not know where "gramma's" or the "babysitter's" are. We appreciate your help in keeping our students, your children, safe. *Parent drop-offs or walkers should not be arriving earlier than 8:50 a.m. as no supervision is provided until that time. Dismissal time is 3:35 p.m.*

## Words! Words! Words!



Children's vocabulary measured at the beginning of Grade 1 is a good predictor of their reading level at the end of grades 1 and 3. (Senecal & LeFevre, 1998; Senecal, LeFevre, Thomas and Daley, 1998)

## Language skills impact reading skills.

### Teach your child new words:

- Introduce words that help your child understand and describe *their* interests and experiences.
- Choose new words that are linked to your child's knowledge. If, for example, your child knows the word 'weatherman' introduce 'meteorologist'.
- Teach words that are used often in everyday conversation. This will help your child remember and practice new words in a variety of ways over time. (e.g. The word 'wings' can be highlighted when chatting about butterflies, birds, airplanes toys, story characters, and buildings.)
- Explain the meaning of new words clearly.

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council meeting will be Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30 p.m.

### **This year's Executive is:**

<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	Kim Clark/Carrie Lynn MacPherson
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Sarah Kauffman
<b>Communication Officer:</b>	Carrie Lynn MacPherson
<b>Secretary:</b>	Karen Norman

## OUR SCHOOL TRUSTEE

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## **P. A. Day**

**A reminder that Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

**will be a P. A. Day**

## **MAGAZINE SALES CAMPAIGN**

This year the school is holding a Magazine campaign to raise money for agendas, yard equipment, performances at the schools and to cover some costs for trips. Our "Kick-Off" Assembly was held on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> with great enthusiasm from our students. The campaign officially ends the 15<sup>th</sup>, although new subscriptions and renewals are available on-line throughout the year. Thank you in advance for "saving" your magazine orders and helping make our future campaign a great success!

## **BATTERSEA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**



**Saturday, October 5**

**10 am to 4 pm**

**Battersea Ball Field**

**Price - \$5 a person (\$20 for a family) Children under 2 free**

**Tickets available at the gate or at the Battersea Store,**

**Ormsbee's Mercantile and the Sunbury General Store**

