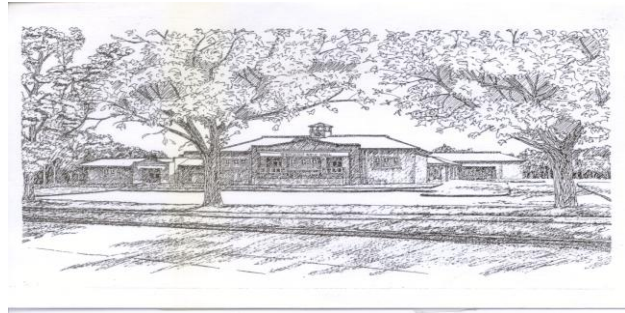




# Stevensville Hawks



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## Principal's Message...

Stevensville is always an exciting and fun place to learn and grow. As you look through our newsletter you will see a glimpse of all of the amazing things taking place at our school. In early November you will be invited to join your child to review their progress to date. This is a great opportunity to connect home and school and celebrate your child's success. Make the most of this time to help all of us bring out the very best in our students.

Also, Thanks to...

- The tremendous community support at our pasta supper
- The students that do such an amazing job representing Stevensville on various teams, clubs and trips
- A tremendous staff that provide so many extra hours running clubs, and coaching teams
- Parents that continue to support their children to be the best they can be



## Important Dates...

- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gr. 8's to RCBHS
- November 8<sup>th</sup> – Ottawa trip meeting for Gr. 7&8 parents
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 15<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports go home
- November 17<sup>th</sup> – Interview Night and Christmas Bazaar
- November 18<sup>th</sup> – Gr. 4 & 5's skating

## Christmas Bazaar...

- Our Annual Christmas Bazaar is just around the corner. Please mark Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 – 8:00 p.m. on your calendar. Our Bazaar has always been a huge success. Please see the attached form to sign up to volunteer in many ways. In advance, thanks for your support.



## Progress Report Cards

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Progress Report Cards will be coming home. It is the schools hope that all parents and students are able to meet with the classroom teacher to discuss the student as a learner. Information regarding these interviews or conferences will be arriving home shortly. The progress report cards are intended to ensure communication about the student as a learner with parents and the student. Involving the student in these conferences/interviews will help them with personal goal setting for improvement. The report will outline student strengths and next steps for further improvement. All students will have a comment for Literacy and Numeracy and students in grade 4 to 8 will also have a comment for French. Although not all subjects will have a comment, you will still be able to see if your child is progressing very well, progressing well or progressing with difficulty in the checked boxes for each subject.

## November is here!

The men of Stevensville will be participating in Movember by doing our best to grow a moustache during the month. The campaign is to raise awareness of prostate cancer. See our final results on the 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Calling in your child's absence



### If your child will be LATE or ABSENT....

Please call the school at (905) 382-3122 and leave a message informing us of your child's absence. You can call at any hour of the day. We thank all of you who consistently do this because it helps us to quickly ensure the safe arrival and whereabouts of all of our 350 students.

## Milk Program! (Reminder)

Milk Program is available at Stevensville. Parents will be able to purchase a milk card for \$15.00 which allows you to buy 20 cartons of milk. The program is designed so that you don't need to worry about packing milk for lunch or trying to find a constant supply of change. The card will be held in the milk room and the student will come there, give their name, and the card will be deducted one milk. You will be notified, by a reminder notice that your child brings home, when you are nearing the end of the card. Cards can be purchased in the office in person, or by sending a note to the office with the money, your child's name, and class.



## Skating Schedule

| Place       | Date              | Division | Time      |
|-------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| Leisureplex | November 18, 2011 | Jr.      | 1:15-2:15 |
| Leisureplex | December 9, 2011  | Int.     | 1:15-2:15 |
| Leisureplex | December 23, 2011 | Jr.      | 1:15-2:15 |
| Leisureplex | January 13, 2011  | Int.     | 1:15-2:15 |
| Leisureplex | January 27, 2011  | Jr.      | 1:15-2:15 |
| Leisureplex | February 10, 2011 | Int.     | 1:15-2:15 |
| Leisureplex | February 24, 2011 | Jr.      | 1:15-2:15 |
|             |                   |          |           |

## Is There School Today? Are The Buses Running Today?

These are some of the questions asked when our winter weather arrives. Please read over the information below in order to familiarize yourself with the many possible messages that may be given on the radio, depending on the severity of the weather.

A Board representative will contact the local radio stations regarding bus cancellations or school closings prior to the 7:00 a.m. news report. Radio stations contacted include:

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>CKTB 610</b>          | <b>CKOC 1150</b>         |
| <b>CHTZ 97.7</b>         | <b>FMK-LITE 102.9 FM</b> |
| <b>CHRE 105.7</b>        | <b>FMCHML 950</b>        |
| <b>CHAM 820</b>          | <b>GIANT 91.7 FM</b>     |
| <b>CKEY (WILD) 101.1</b> | <b>FMCHSC 1220</b>       |

Here are some of the messages to be listening for:

- In the Town of Fort Erie (which includes Crystal Beach, Ridgeway and Stevensville), all public schools, both elementary and secondary will be closed today.
- In the Town of Fort Erie (which includes Crystal Beach, Ridgeway and Stevensville), all public school buses and taxis are cancelled for this morning and this afternoon. However, the public schools will be open today.
- All buses operated by the District School Board of Niagara will not be operating today. All schools will remain open.
- All schools operated by the District School Board of Niagara will be closed today.
- This morning Dunn the Mover school buses serving the following areas will be delayed by one/two/three hours because of fog.

## Celebrating Our Students- Responsibility

Being Responsible Means:

- Doing what you are supposed to do
- Planning ahead
- Always doing your best
- Using self-control
- Being self-disciplined
- Thinking before you act and considering the consequences
- Being accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes
- Setting a good example for others



**Congratulations to the following students for showing responsibility in their classrooms, on the playground and around the school!**

Kindergarten: Maddex F, Julia G, Tessa D, Natalie W and Tyler C

Primary: Tucker W, Mackenzie R, Faith O, Jessica M, Nico D, Olivia P, Brandon N, Faith P, Michael B and Taylor K.

Junior: Skyler H, Chantal L, Laura B, Caleb F, Aidan H, Grace J, Andrew H, Michaela D.

Intermediate: Ethan A, Zachary B, Alexis L, Sam O, Amy O and Marc S.

**Thank you to the following students for showing effort in their work.**

Alanah L, Coltin R, Noah P, Hanna W, Rachel H, Christian M, Maddie P, Breanna H, Neil W, Matthew F, Faith S, Cameron C, Calvin A, Tyler B, Kailey C and Noah G.

## Talking About Our Own Learning-Student Led Conferences

Including students in the interview process is helpful for students to understand themselves better as a learner. One Language expectation is that students are able to think about their own learning. Some teachers are piloting Student Led Conferences which helps students develop this skill with teacher support. Students will use a portfolio to highlight their best work, while telling their parent how they worked on improving the piece. A block of time is scheduled for the student to lead the conference. The student is accountable for sharing evidence for their learning. In this welcoming environment, students feel safe as the teacher is present in the room. Several conferences will be in progress at the same time. Students, teachers and parents will have input for future educational goals.

**Students will answer questions such as:**

- What are you learning?
- How are you learning it?
- How did you come up with that answer?

**Benefits of Student Led Conferences**

- Students show greater accountability for their own learning
- Increased pride in achievement
- Increased confidence by students in the leadership role (running the Conference)
- Increased learning independence
- More positive teacher- student relationships
- Increased communication with parents
  - Patti Kinney- Letting Students Take the Lead 2005



### ***Dance Club...***

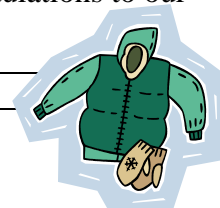
***The Dance Club would like to invite you to come watch a live performance of Annie at the new Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls on either Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm or Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm or 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 for students and \$30 for adults. Please look for green sheet coming home this week. Orders forms are due back by Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will go to our dance club for costumes in our upcoming school musical. Thank you for your continued support!***

Cross country running was a real success this year at Stevensville. Our committed athletes participated well at the regional meet as mentioned in September's newsletter, and most recently, did an amazing job at the DSBN meet. Each division of runners from Atom (grade 4) to Midget (grade 8) ran against the best runners across in the board. All races had approximately 96 runners competing and almost all of our runners placed in the top 50%!



| Age Groups | Boys     | Place                 | Girls    | Place |
|------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| ATOM       | ZAC B    | 16TH                  | EILEEN S | 42ND  |
| ATOM       | ZACH T   | 25TH                  |          |       |
| ATOM       | AUSTIN L | 10TH                  |          |       |
| ATOM       | BLAKE T  | 72ND                  |          |       |
| PEE WEE    | HUNTER Z | 21ST                  | HAILEY A | 62ND  |
| PEE WEE    | ANDREW H | 8TH                   | HOLLIE W | 29TH  |
| PEE WEE    | JORDEN H | 15TH                  |          |       |
| PEE WEE    | LIAM S   | 42ND                  |          |       |
| PEE WEE    | CALEB F  | 5TH                   |          |       |
| PEE WEE    | ARON W   | 62ND                  |          |       |
| BANTAM     | ETHAN A  | 7TH                   |          |       |
| MIDGET     | LEVI F   | 1ST<br>(DSBN RECORD!) |          |       |
|            | NICK B   | 33RD                  |          |       |
|            | OWEN S   | 34TH                  |          |       |

I'd like to thank **all** of our runners for their commitment and effort over the entire season. I look forward to training with you again next year as we continue to grow and be elite runners. Special congratulations to our top 10 finishers and Levi F. who broke a record this year in his race.



## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Please remember that **shoe boxes need to be returned to the school the week of November 21st. Thursday, November 24th is the final date for returning your shoe box.**

Operation Christmas Child is a project which delivers gift-filled shoe boxes to millions of poor, sick and suffering children worldwide. If for some reason, your family did not receive the letter sent home in October and you and your child would like to participate in this project this year, simply send a note to school letting us know that you would like to receive an information pamphlet and one or more shoe box(es) to fill.



## Inclement Weather

With the cold weather comes the reminder for students to be dressed properly for outdoor play. Winter outdoor wear is essential and having an "indoor" pair of shoes helps keep the school not only a cleaner but safer environment. If your child is drawn to playing in the puddles, an extra outfit including socks may be a good idea.

As we enter cold and flu season, we would like to remind you to call in your child's absence. You can leave a message at any time of the day or night. Remember a child should only come to school if they are well enough to participate in all aspects of the school day and this includes outdoor recesses.

Finally, it is essential that we have up to date contact numbers for work, homes and emergency contacts. These are very important if your child falls ill or the weather requires a school closure during the day.

## THANK YOU!!



The students and staff of Stevensville School would like to thank everyone who assisted in making our recent magazine subscription campaign a great success!!! Without the support of our community we would not have been able to raise the money that the campaign generated. Thank you so much for helping us reach our goal. All of your subscriptions are guaranteed 100% and if you have any service concerns, please contact CCRP at 1-800-665-5133 (11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. EST) or [service@ccrp.ca](mailto:service@ccrp.ca). (not the school office). Please allow 12 - 16 weeks after the campaign ends before you receive the first copy of your subscription. As a reminder you may continue to order on-line throughout the school year at [www.ccrp.ca](http://www.ccrp.ca) - our school code is ON1983.



## GUITAR CLUB

Mr. Roach has two Guitar Clubs: one is for Grades 6, 7, and 8, and another for the rest of the grades. Meetings are every Wednesday during Second Break in the Music Room and lessons will continue throughout the school year. "Learning to play guitar is like making a friend for life," says Mr. Roach. "It is amazing to see students pick up an instrument for the first time and discover its many wonders, or to start practicing a guitar riff until it is mastered." Once students learn a few basic chords, they are able to play many different songs. During November guitarists will be learning Christmas songs. Learning an instrument is an empowering experience. Anyone can join. Come out and make a life-long friend.

## JUNIOR READING CLUB



Mr. Roach and Mrs. VanderWerf are really excited about the Junior Reading Club. Do you like to read? Would you like to discover new books to read? Then this is the Club for you. There are four Club presidents: Lucas C, Sarah B, Laura B, and Breanna H. The Club is presently making bookmarks for ALL Stevensville students. The Junior Reading Club will be hosting a "Reading Hour" where the entire school will be reading for an hour at the same time. On that day, Club members will be handing out the bookmarks to all students to help promote reading in the school. Meetings are on Mondays during 2nd Break in the Reading Room in the library. Sometimes extra meetings will be held, if necessary. Upcoming events are a Read-a-thon fundraiser and a reading relay race. Come out on Monday and read!

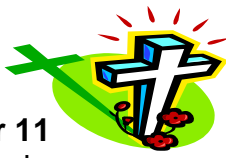
## Junior Girls Volleyball...

Mrs. Priebe and Mrs. Vanderklei would like to thank all of the girls who tried out for this year's Junior Girls Volleyball team. All of the girls who tried out showed great perseverance and determination, unfortunately we weren't able to keep everybody. We would like to congratulate the following girls who make up this year's team.

- Alexis C  
- Emily M  
- Hailey A  
- Hollie W  
- Kyla R  
- Paige B

- Laura B  
- Laynie M  
- Madelym B  
- Madison F  
- Michaela D  
- Sarah V

Practice squad: - Abby S  
- Charity N  
- Maddie P  
- Marlee H



## Remembrance Day – November 11

Families are invited to attend our Remembrance Day assembly on November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:20 a.m. Each class is involved in a musical or dramatic performance. Come and share with us as we remember this important event in Canadian history.



## Stevensville is building a school in...KENYA!

Thank you to all students who purchased a “Cupcake for a Cause” in October! Also, a big thank you to all the Me2We bakers! This fundraiser was so popular, Me2We will be continuing Cupcakes for a Cause into November. All proceeds go to building a school in Kenya, through “Free the Children”. The cost to build this school is \$8500. Me2We Cupcake sales, plus Mrs. Ferretti’s marathon fundraising puts our total over \$6000! We are off to a great start! Thanks to all who have supported.

## S.T.A.T – “Students Taking Action Today”

On October 26, Intermediate Me2We students attended the 2011 S.T.A.T. Conference, along with 900 other students in the DSBN. An inspiring morning was had by all, as students listened to Life Coach, Jeff Yalden. Jeff was both motivating and entertaining! Thanks to all students who participated, Mrs. Ferretti and Mrs. Racey were proud of your Stevensville pride, enthusiasm towards making a positive difference and your exceptional representation of our school.



## Nutrition Break Schedule...

Gr’s 1-5 eat first at each break for 20 minutes and then go outside for 20 minutes.

Gr. S 6-8 go outside first for 20 minutes and then eat for 20 minutes.

This allows for better supervision and for more room to play safely on our back playground.

## EQAO Results...

In June of each year, the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) requires grade 3 and 6 students in Ontario to write an assessment of reading writing and mathematics. Our results from June 2011 are displayed below. Students achieving levels 3 & 4 are considered to be meeting Provincial Expectations. In the school setting results can vary significantly from year to year. Stevensville School will be using the detailed results of the EQAO assessments to identify and implement strategies to help our students improve. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.