



STEVENSVILLE NEWSLETTER

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1 What a great September!

What a great start to our school year. Like most years, there are new and exciting things that happen each September and then there are traditional moments to look forward to like our Annual School Open House. It was amazing to see so many students wandering the school with their family, checking out new classrooms, meeting new teachers, and enjoying the BBQ. Based on all the chatter, smiles, and empty containers of ketchup, relish and mustard, all who attended enjoyed the evening. What an opportunity it was to build home to school connections that helps to build student success.

Another tradition that night was our Annual Book Fair. Thanks to all who went and bought books. Our total book sales were close to \$4500.00 which then resulted in our school profiting from 60% of the sales. The money raised goes directly into purchasing books and materials for the school library. A big thanks goes out to all our students, their family, and our staff at Stevensville Public for making our Annual Open House and Book Fair a huge success.

Thank you Stevensville! *Thank You*

Kelsey Hill's grandparents, Joanne and Walter Martin, are so thankful for all of the wonderful support we, as a community, have given Kelsey and her family. To thank us, they are providing pizza to each class on Wednesday, October 12th at the 2nd break. Each student will receive 2 pieces of pizza!

Our grade 6, 7 and 8's will also be treated to a special performance from "Tribal Vision". They will be performing aboriginal dances in all of their regalia. Naomi and Derek Martin will be leading the performance for us on October 12th at 9:40 a.m. Thank You!

Higher-Order Thinking Skills (HOTS)

Higher-order thinking skills, "the process of mentally manipulating and transforming information and ideas in order to solve problems, acquire understanding, and discover new meaning" (The Ministry of Education) help to improve student learning. It encourages students to go beyond rote learning and develop a deeper, more discerning understanding of materials. Literacy development benefits from a partnership between home, school and community.

What Does This Look Like?

At school, students engage in small group, co-operative learning activities, discuss ideas with peers and teacher, develop effective questioning skills, using a Q-Chart to promote more in-depth and richer responses to help develop these higher-order thinking skills. At home, families can help reinforce these skills by thinking aloud with your child(ren) as they read, write and solve problems, encourage students to think metacognitively (think about their thinking and reflect on learning) and asking open-ended questions that require more thinking (Adapted from Literacy for Learning 2004)

Parent Council...

Please join us on Wednesday, October 19th at 5 p.m. in the library. Parent engagement and strengthening home and school ties are important goals for our school. See you then!



2Book Fair

Once again SPS has completed a successful Book Fair. A big thank-you to all parents, students and especially volunteers who helped make this happen. Total book fair sales were 4469.75. Our profit was almost \$2500.00 This money will go directly into purchasing books and materials for the library. Thank you once again for supporting your children and school in this worthwhile project.

Thanks Mrs. Racey for organizing everything.

3Milk Program!



Milk Program is available again 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. The

4Hallowe'en Activities...

Monday, October 31st will be an exciting day at S.P.S. We will begin our festivities with our usual walk in the neighbourhood to show off our unique Hallowe'en costumes at 1:40 p.m. You are invited to come watch. Our kick off assembly was on September 22nd and the drive will end Tuesday, October 6th, but we are going to extend the deadline so students have a chance to sell more on Thanksgiving weekend. Please have all your orders in no later than Tuesday, October 11th.

Stevensville Kinettes Halloween Party...

30th the Stevensville Kinettes are hosting their annual Halloween Party at the Stevensville Community Hall from 1-4 p.m. New subscriptions, renewals, and gift orders will be available. This year's profits will go towards extra playground and sports activity initiatives.

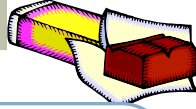
MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

Dr. Dube Eye Exams...

Dr. Dube will donate \$2.00 to the school for each student that gets an exam until the end of October.

Food Drives...

Our first canned good drive was an overwhelming success!! Thanks to all families who generously donated well over 250 food items. Please watch for our upcoming Christmas good Drive. Well done Stevensville! You've helped to fill many Thanksgiving tables.



Halloween Candy Drive for McMaster Children's Hospital!

Kelsey Hill wants to collect full size chocolate bars for the kids at McMaster Hospital who will be unable to go out trick or treating this year. Last year Kelsey was in hospital during Halloween, recovering from brain surgery, and this year she would like to attend the McMaster Children's Hospital Halloween Parade to hand candy to kids who will be in hospital for Halloween.

Despite her own health issues Kelsey never stops thinking about others, especially other children and friends she's made at Mac.

Please help Kelsey in her goal and bring in at least on full sized chocolate bar by Wednesday, October 26, 2011. Thanks for your support.

STARLIGHT VARIETY SHOW AND SOCIAL

To Benefit Alivia's Rainbows
At the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts
209 Ridge Road N, Ridgeway, ON

Social To Follow Show: Tickets \$20/cash bar

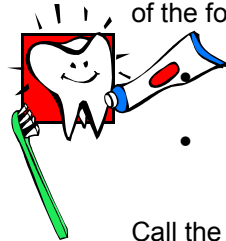
- Baked Goods
- Pizza
- Portraits by Lakehouse Photography
- 50/50 Raffle
- And much more!

Show dates November 4 & 5 @ 7pm
Call for show tickets 905-321-4230
Or e-mail cathyclarkson12@hotmail.ca

Dental Screening...

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 to provide dental screening to students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6 and 8. During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a visual inspection of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. Public Health dental programs may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care.

Please contact the Public Health dental program for any of the following:



If you do NOT wish your child to participate in the dental screening.

- If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to participate.

Call the Dental Health Information Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or email dental@niagararegion.ca.

Co-Ed Intermediate Soccer...

On September 21st our co-ed soccer team travelled to Niagara Falls to compete in a tournament. We were very fortunate to have a beautiful day to play and play we did. Our first game was against Orchard Park and we rose to the occasion and won a tough game 2-0. Our second game was against a very skilled Prince Phillip team and we were defeated 3-0. Our final game in our round robin pool was against Forest View and we played very hard, knowing that a win would ensure that we would make it to the finals. At the end of regulation Stevensville had 2 and Forest View 1. Yeah!! In semi finals action we played Bertie Public. We were tied 1-1 at the end of regulation and went to penalty shots. We were still tied after 3 shooters. We then had sudden death 1 shooter per team. Unfortunately we did not persevere but we still had a great day. Our athletes competed at a very high level and made their coach very proud.

Cole M, Ethan A, Brenden G, Owen S, Nick B, Alex J, Levi F, Tyler B, Hunter M, Jonnie H, Austin W, Drake Q, Zach B, Demi Q, Teigan L, Dharma B, Samantha M, Avery D, Hollie W, Hailey A, Rea K and Laynie M.





Volleyball...

Mrs. Ferretti and Mrs. Benson would like to thank all the Intermediate students who tried out for volleyball this year. We were pleased to see improvements in all players over the course of the tryout. Our season starts on October 12th and we are looking forward to a great season! Go, Stevensville Hawks!

Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team

(Coaches: Mrs. Ferretti and Mr. Train)

Cole M	Austin W
Levi F	Owen S
Marc S	Nick B
Alex J	Adin F

Congratulations as well to the boys on our practice squad:

Jared M	Brenden G
Zachary B	Drake Q

Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team

(Coach: Mrs. Benson)

Elyssa A	Briagh B
Dharma B	Emma C
Avery D	Bethany H
Rea K	Samantha M
Demi Q	

Congratulations as well to the girls on our practice squad:

Ocean D	Jade G
Erin M	Amy O

Mathematics and Manipulative

Higher-order thinking skills not only encourage deeper understanding in Literacy based subjects, but are very important in the development of Numeracy concepts. Manipulatives encourage learners to explore, think and talk in mathematical terms, and revise and confirm their thinking. It allows students to demonstrate their understanding of a concept and develop a stronger understanding between the concrete representations and their symbolic or numerical equations.

Safe Entry Procedures

In order to maintain a safe school environment for our students and to reduce the number of disruptions in the classrooms while learning is taking place, we are asking parents and visitors coming into the school to comply with the following safe entry procedure:

1. If visiting or volunteering in the school, please go to the office first.
2. Parents delivering lunches or other items are asked to leave them at the office and the secretary will page the student to come and collect the items at a convenient time.
3. Please arrange appointments and early dismissals with your child in advance and inform the office by phone or note.
4. When picking up children for appointments, please come to the office first and the secretary (or designate) will page your child to come down to meet you, if s/he is not already waiting for you.
5. Please do not wander the halls without announcing yourself at the office first. It is difficult for all staff to recognize every parent or guardian who comes into the school.
6. Students will not be called out of class unless it is an emergency. Messages will be passed on to your child.

At Stevensville School, we appreciate your support and participation in our Safe School Policies to ensure a safe and secure environment for all the students.

What is “Me to We”?

Mrs. Ferretti & Mrs. Davies would like to thank all students in grades 6, 7 & 8, who have signed up to be part of the “Me2We” club. This is a group of students who are dedicated to making a positive change in the world around them. “Me to We” is a movement of youth started by Craig & Marc Kielburger, who founded Free the Children. For more information, please visit www.freethechildren.com and www.metowe.com. This year, the Stevensville Me2 We Club has set a high goal. We hope to raise enough money for Free the Children to build a school in a developing country! Still to come: the location of this school, and exact amount needed to raise. The cost to build a school through Free the Children is \$8500. To begin raising funds for this school, Mrs. Ferretti is running in the Toronto Waterfront half-marathon on October 16. She hopes to raise half of the amount of the total school cost, kicking off Stevensville’s Me to We fundraising efforts. If you would like to sponsor Mrs. Ferretti, or read more about why she has decided to run, please visit her personal fundraising page at:

<http://my.e2rm.com/personalPage.aspx?registrationID=1239875>

The Me to We club’s first fundraiser will be selling “Cupcakes for a Cause” beginning Thursday October 6th, and continuing every Friday for the month of October. Students will have the chance to buy a homemade

Cross Country...

Congratulations to the Stevensville cross country team who participated in their regional meet at General Vanier yesterday. We had 22 committed participants who we brought from school and will be continuing on with 17 athletes who will travel to Fireman’s Park on October 12th for the DSBN meet. This meet results were as follows.

- Atom boys - 1st Zac B, 2nd Zach T, 3rd Austin L, 8th Blake T followed by Cole Z, Coe H and Andrew M.
- Atom girls - 1st Eileen S and followed by Molly D.
- PeeWee boys - 1st Andrew H, 2nd Hunter Z, 3rd Caleb F, 4th Jordan H, 5th Liam S, 8th Aron W followed by Jonah D.
- PeeWee girls - 3rd Hollie W and 4th Hailey A.
- Bantom boys - 1st Ethan A.
- Midget boys - 1st Levi F, 4th Owen S and 5th Nick B.

It was a great day for running and we are very proud of all of our athletes.



THEME BASKET FUNDRAISER

Our Pasta Dinner is on October 27th at Italo Canadian Club from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. We will have our traditional themed baskets fundraiser draw to help support our playground repairs. Please support our school by sending in items for the theme for your child's class. We are asking for the items to be sent in by Monday, October 17th. If you are interested in helping to put the baskets together please let Mrs. Overholt know.

CLASS	THEME
Mrs. Davies	Spa Day 2!
Mrs. Dunn	Game Night!
Mrs. Hennessy	Baking with Grandma!
Mr. Kells	Mom's Day!
Mrs. Krutschke	Beach Day!
Mrs. Lee	Baking with Grandma!
Mrs. Priebe	Tea Time!
Mrs. Racey	Spa Day 1!
Mr. B. Roach	Fishing Trip!
Mr. R. Roach	Movie Night - 2!
Mr. Saylor	Games Night!
Mr. Simons	Dad's Day
Mr. Train	Movie Night -1!
Mrs. Vanderklei	Story Time!
Mrs. Vanderwerf	Pet's are fun!

Pasta Night!

An order form for Pasta Night tickets will be sent home soon. Please have them in by Monday, October 17th.

