



# STEVENSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL



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**“Working to Learn - Learning to Work”**

## **What a great September!**

### **Welcome to the “Pyramid of Books”**

The Scholastic Book Fair proved to be a fantastic way to start the year off right at Stevensville School. Thank you to all of the students and parents who purchased items at the fair and made this venture such a marvelous success! We sold \$2824 in books and merchandise and the school receives 60% of the sales.

The winner of the Family Event Door Prize was Holden Browning. He won \$25 in books for his family and \$25 in books for Mrs. Jone's class.

Thanks Mrs. Romita for organizing everything.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

What a great turn out we had! It was great to see all the parents out with their children. We would like to thank Tim Horton's for their donation of donuts and all the staff for their help throughout the evening.

### **Cross Country Team...**

Mrs. Racey has been working with a fine group of children to represent Stevensville Public School at our cross country meets on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at General Vanier and Wednesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at Fireman's Park in Niagara Falls. They have been working really hard the last couple of weeks.



## Hallowe'en

Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1:00 p.m. You are invited to come watch.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS...

Our School Council met for the first time on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and we had a tremendous turnout. The School Council is designed as an advisory body for the principal to gather parental input. It is an opportunity to hear more about how the school works and have some discussion around those items. This month we discussed the Primary Cap Size and how it relates to the creation of classes, and transportation issues. Should you wish a topic to appear on the agenda please present it to the principal in advance of the meeting.

Our Attendees:

Parents: Tami McKnight (Chair), Cathie King, Tracey Lemaire, Robin Brown, Tricia Hink, Erin Fretz, Meredith Lee, Heather Zimmerman, Gail Mulholland, Shannon Lee  
Staff: Beth Jones, Chantal Vanderklei, Melissa Lee



## MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

One of our fundraisers will be the magazine campaign. Our kick off assembly was on September 16<sup>th</sup> and the drive will end Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. New subscriptions, renewals, and gift orders will be available. Sell, Sell, Sell, Thanks for your continued support.

## Parking Lot Reminders...

For our children's safety we really need the flow of traffic going the same way at all times. Enter at the front of the school on East Ave. and exit by the primary playground on East Main St.

We also would like to ask that there be no parking along side the curb at the front of the school unless of course it's an emergency. We thank you for your continued cooperation



## M & M Meat Shops...

At M & M Meat Shops, we are committed to our communities, and our involvement in community service. We pride ourselves on being an integral part of fundraising events and we are always looking for opportunities to assist groups with their fundraising efforts.

On October 30<sup>th</sup> we are having a "SCHOOL DAY". This event will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 10 % of any purchases made that day will be donated back to your school.

It is an opportunity for teachers, parents, friends and relatives of students, to come into our store, sample some great M & M products, and support your school fundraising efforts. All they need to do is come in anytime during that day, identify themselves as a supporter of Stevensville Public School and make a purchase. It's that easy!

## Milk 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 cards never expire. Also, every Friday, we will have milk card draws for exciting promotional prizes from our milk sponsors.

## Transportation Update...



This year has seen many changes to our transportation arrangements at Stevensville. Many initial issues have been corrected but some parental concerns persist. One source of information is the website for the Niagara Student Transportation Service (NSTS). You can find it by visiting the DSBN's website [www.dsbm.edu.on.ca](http://www.dsbm.edu.on.ca) and select **Parents** and click on the link **Student Transportation**. There you will find information of people to contact, policy information and general information about the service. There is also a link to look at the route information for your child. You will need their 9 digit OEN number which is located on their report card (or available from the office for our JK students) and date of birth.

One issue we now deal with is that, instead of having our busses waiting for our students to board, we now have students waiting to board busses. We are currently finalizing a plan that will allow us to control the departure of all students whether they are walkers, being picked up, or taking a bus. Please stay tuned for further details.

## Student Success at Stevensville!

Our Spring 2007 EQAO Assessment results from our primary and junior divisions are now available to the public. I am very proud of the hard work that all of our staff and students have put into all of their academic pursuits. Remember that the EQAO assessment is just one tool we use to measure achievement. In upcoming newsletters we will provide ongoing communication relating to how and what we teach and assess.

I have attached a graph that indicates how we compared to the board and the province. The full report can be viewed by visiting the EQAO website at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com) where you can select our board and school and download the full report.