



# Sheridan Park Standard

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## *From the Principal's Desk*

Dear Parents & Students,

I wish all the Skyhawk/Ecohawk families a restful and enjoyable winter holiday, filled with memorable times with your loved ones.

This is a special time of year for caring and giving, and I hope that our students will continue with random acts of kindness and think about family and community members who could use some extra help. Here are some ideas for meaningful ways you can reach out to those who need a hand:

- Become a "Snow Buddy" and provide snow removal
- Sign up through and volunteer at a Soup Kitchen
- Bake cookies or other treats and deliver them to others (Nut/Tree Nut Free)
- Sing or play seasonal music for others at a local Retirement Residence
- Donate to Community Care or a local shelter
- Keep your mind sharp over the break by offering to read and exercise, with your friends or siblings.

And finally, don't forget that the spirit of giving begins at home: Look for extra ways to help your parents or guardians around the house. Pay it forward!

Have a happy, healthy and safe New Year, and I'll look forward to seeing you in January 2011.

Warm regards,

J.M. Roberto  
Principal

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

### **KUDOS**

#### **A BIG THANK YOU**

Mrs. Penfound and Mrs. VanSlageren for their help with the Breakfast Club.

Mrs. Penfound for looking after the popcorn snacks.

Mrs. Massalis for looking after our poppies and snacks for the dance.

Mrs. Goertz for picking up the fruit kabobs for November.

To Mrs. Sabourin, Mrs. VanSlageren, Mr. Schonewille and Mr. & Mrs. Beatty for their help with the float set up for the Santa Claus Parade.

Mrs. Sabourin for organizing the movie night.



### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

This year's concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7th, 2:00 pm at Sheridan Park with a 6:00 pm evening performance at Eden High School. Thank you to our staff for organizing the concert and Mrs. Langelaan for leading the grade 3 class. Planning to attend your child (ren)'s performance is important. We hope to see you there. Canned goods would be appreciated as we will be making a donation to Community Care. The holidays can be a happy and joyous



time; however, there are many families who are not able to enjoy the holidays to the same extent most of us do. We at Sheridan Park will continue to do our part in making this season a pleasant time for all. An additional holiday concert reminder will be coming out this week. **Poinsettias** will be on sale at both performances. A note with further information will be sent home at a later date.



### PEGASUS UPDATE:

If you have not received your order and/or there is a problem with it, please contact 1 800 461 6575.

### VOLUNTEERS

A special thank you to our dedicated volunteers in our classrooms: Mrs. Burdon, Mrs. Whitehead, Mr. Dieter, Mrs. Lightfoot and Mrs. Nakhoda! Without your help and dedication many of our extra items would not get done. And a thank you to all of our parent drivers and those who attend class trips, it means so much to us, when you re-arrange your work schedules to be part of our events! It doesn't go unnoticed!

### STUDENT COUNCIL

They organized a Random Acts of Kindness Run and they have been helping with the Breakfast Club and promoting Western Day and Disco Day. Student Council raised \$182.34 for the Hanna's Helper Campaign.



**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

### SCHOOL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you for your support with the cookie dough campaign.

Poinsettias will be available at the Holiday concert on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Smoothies were a hit and they will be made available for purchase on the February food order. We had a very positive Movie Night turn out and a great time at the Santa Claus Parade!! School Council will be supporting babysitting night by providing activities for the event.

The parade was a hit, thank you to all of our parents, grandparents, staff and students for participating in this amazing event!



### ECO

Congratulations to our Gold bin winners: Grade 7/80

Energy winners: Grade 1

Organic Campaign is going strong, each class now has an organic bin their classroom.

### STOCKING STUFFER IDEAS

It is that time of year and here are a few suggestions from the staff at Sheridan Park:

- pencils, erasers, pencil crayons, glue stick
- indoor shoes/running shoes
- Kleenex
- Re-useable water bottle
- HEADPHONES for computer use, usb key



# EVENTS

## BREAKFAST CLUB

We serve breakfast Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 am in the foyer. Donations are welcomed!

## GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

The first event for our Give Where You Live Niagara project is on Tuesday, November 30th. Collegiate Secondary School has graciously offered to host this event from 10am – 2pm. During the day, the students will be given the opportunity to “pick their passion” by visiting a “Carousel of Community” organizations. Your son/daughter will be able to learn about 30 non-profit organizations, and will then pick his/her top three in which to volunteer during January, February and March. Throughout the day, the students will be completing application packages and will be learning how to develop a resume. Following the event, the students will be put into groups of elementary, secondary, college and university students. The students will get one of their chosen organizations. Twenty students were selected to participate in this event. Teacher Leads: Ms. Osborne and Mrs. Barton.

## SCHOOL WIDE ASSEMBLY

It will be held on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am the Primary, Junior and Intermediate awards, teal ticket draws and the winning Tribe team will be announced. The winning team will remain in the gym to celebrate with their mates.

## GO GIRLS & PLAN G

Thank you to Big Sisters for a successful program! Go Girls ended on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Plan G is every Wednesday and Friday with Mrs. Naundorf.

## MAD SCIENCE

On Nov. 25 at 1:35 Mad Science presented at the school. The assembly was educational, entertaining and kick-off to the Mad Science Club which will run for 6 weeks during break-time. Please make sure to return your registration and payment form by **Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**, payable to Mad Science.



## REGAL GR 7/8 FUNDRAISER:

The Holiday Season is around the corner, we have teamed up with Regal to provide you with an on-line shopping opportunity. This is a fundraiser for the grade 7/8 trip to Quebec City. We have our own secure website where you can view the Regal catalogue, place your order and it will be delivered directly to your home. Regal offers more than 500 gift ideas under \$20.00. They also have cards and wrapping paper. Everything is done in the privacy of your home. If you want a catalogue, please pick one up at the office for a loonie. A percentage of all sales will go towards the trip. The website will be open from Nov. 1- Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 2011. Please check out the catalogue at [www.sheridanpark.shopregal.ca](http://www.sheridanpark.shopregal.ca)

## BOTTLE DRIVE

Mr. and Mrs. Langelaan are still collecting bottles, thank you to our families for dropping them off at the office!! We will continue to collect after the holidays and into the New Year!

## BABYSITTING

As an Intermediate Fund raiser for our Quebec trip, on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, the grade 7 and 8 classes (along with teacher supervision) will be hosting a night of fun for the younger students. For only \$5 per child, you can drop your child(ren) off here at Sheridan Park and they will be babysat from 6:00 - 8 p.m. School Council will be organizing a craft for this event. A flyer will be sent home at a later date.



# SPORTS

## SILVER SNEAKERS

The Silver Sneaker Award results from the "November Silver Sneaker Challenge," was tallied and presented to the 7/8 classes. It is for the intermediate students and the challenge is to have the best change percentage in P.E class, it includes your uniform and running shoes. The most successful class gets to display the Silver Sneaker trophy in their homeroom and take it on rotary. The results are as follow: 7/8Barton 97%, 7/8 Diiorio 91% and 7/8 Osborne 92%. Congratulations to Mrs. Barton's class on having the best PE change percentage for the month of October. Best of luck to all intermediate classes, as they work on December's challenge!



## SPORTS COUNCIL

This is an amazing team of students that is dedicated to the well being and spirit of pride, as they set up and clean up after all of our games. Appreciations are read on announcements and posted often our Appreciation bulletin boards. Kudos to Victor P., Chantal G., Philip R., Michael D., Victoria M. and Christina F.



## BASKETBALL

Senior girls' and boys' basketball season will begin in January. Mr. Diiorio is the coach for the girls' team and Mr. MacIsaac is the coach for the boys' team. Thank you to Mrs. Bashford for her support, in coordinating this with an Eden staff member. We truly appreciate your efforts. At this time, we are still searching for a junior boys' basketball coach.



## LEGO ROBOTICS

Bi-weekly meetings are held in the Learning Commons with Mrs. Janzen! Go Robohawks!

## CHARACTER EDUCATION

### CHARACTER TRAIT

The character trait for December is **Caring**.  
To be concerned with and helpful of others in need.

#### Indicators:

- I treat other people as I would like to be treated
- I am sensitive to the feelings of others
- I demonstrate acts of caring.



Thank you Kristin R. in 7/8Diiorio for distributing the new dog tags!

### RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

This week was a hit... thank you to all of the classes for demonstrating your care and appreciation to each other!!

### TRIBES TEAM POINTS TERM 1 UPDATE

Yellow Hawks 224	Blue Hawks 212	Orange Hawks 229	Green Hawks 192	Purple Hawks 209
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**CELEBRATIONS:**

Our school wide Tribes and Student of the Month celebration will be held on Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am. A Tribes group activity day will be held on Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Each Tribes team will create their own banner to be displayed in the school.

Thank you to Hannah M., our co-op and Evan S. and Riley Z. for collecting our Tribes team points!

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Our Principal's Awards assembly recognized students for their fine efforts, dedication and commitment to school during the month of November. Our character trait for November was integrity!

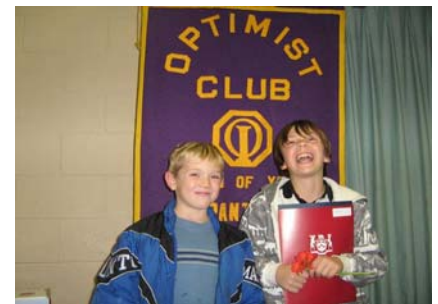
JK/SK	Jorja B. Jared W.
Grade 1	Danielle H. Ashton R.
Grade 2	Melissa L. Madeline E.
Grade 3	Rachel P. Brendon D.

**CONGRATUALIONS SKYHAWKS:**

Hats off to our teal tickets winners for the month of November!

**PRINCIPAL'S SHINING EXAMPLES PHOTO**

Congratulations to all of our student's work on the Shining Examples bulletin board. Term 1: Maggey, Stephanie W., Melissa L., Lauren R., Catherine N., Riley Z., Brendan L.

**PRINCIPAL'S LUNCHEON**

Congratulations, the November luncheon was fantastic! Way to go, Victor P., Nadine W., Thomas S. and Connor I.

**YOUTH APPRECIATION NIGHT**

The Grantham Optimist Youth organization has recognized Carter P. and Nicholas L., two grade 4 students at Sheridan Park for their contributions in school and within the community, their skills, dreams and hard work. These two students were awarded for their efforts at a dinner held on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>.

Also congratulations to Tiffany P., Victoria P., and Cooper L. as they were recognized at this event too for softball and Scouts!

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

***New events or changes only!***

**Breakfast Club** Monday-Wednesday & Friday

**Community Care Drive** –all month

**Homework Club** -Tuesdays & Thursdays

Dec. 2 Cookie Dough arrives
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Dec. 7 Mad Science forms are due
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Dec. 17 Babysitting night
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## INFO CORNER

### SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Is your student bringing home books to read from the school library? As we know from the research by Stephen Krashen and countless others, access to reading materials is a key factor which affects student success. We are pleased to continue to see a trend of increased circulation of resources within our elementary school libraries. In the past 4 years, the number of books checked out each month by our students has increased by more than 10,000 resources and it continues to rise. Our web-based school library catalogue is available at home for your child to access valuable research tools, discover links to author websites or even find out what's new in the Library! Go to <http://destiny.dsbn.edu.on.ca> and click on your school name.

### ORAL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Literacy development requires a partnership between home, school and community. Since *oral language* is the foundation of all literacy, it is essential that children have ample opportunities at school, in the community, and at home to **speak and listen**.

Experience with listening, speaking and signing teaches children the sounds and structures of language. These experiences in turn make it easier to learn to read and write.

What are some ways families can build an appreciation for language?

- talk about the day's events, a TV show/video you have watched together, or about posters/signs you while travelling
- Look at magazine pictures/ads together. Choose a picture and model how to describe the image in complete sentences. Ask children to describe another picture in complete sentences
- Pose sentences beginning with "if" and have children respond (e.g. If I could travel anywhere in the world, I...)
- Ask clarifying ("Tell me more about the video game you played.") and open-ended ("What was your favorite part of the movie?") questions
- Build vocabulary by taking walks in different places and identifying new or interesting sights, sounds and smells
- Play card and board games which provide opportunities for conversations about the games
- Encourage paraphrasing to build listening skills (e.g. explain the rules for the game and have the child repeat the rules; explain steps in a recipe and have children rephrase what has been said)
- Make read-aloud interactive (e.g. talk about predictions, alternative endings, favorite parts)
- go to <http://storylineonline.net> and listen to a famous actor read a picture book aloud, then discuss what you like/don't like about the book;
- Retell familiar stories while purposefully omitting certain items and have children correct the retell;
- Sing songs and recite nursery rhymes or poetry (<http://www.smart-central.com> is a great website for nursery rhymes, while <http://poetry4kids.com> is wonderful for poetry)
- Wait patiently –without interrupting-while children find the words they want to use.

Families can and do strengthen the literacy skills of their children. When schools and families work together to promote literacy development, we can undoubtedly **achieve success together!**

### FRENCH LINKS FOR PARENTS

1. <http://www.wordreference.com> (translating single words)
2. <http://www.lsfrench.com/beginners2.html> (learn french for free online)
3. <http://www.digitaldialects.com/French.htm> (basic french sentences and games)