



The Steele Street Sentinel



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Principal's Corner

Our 1st Annual Holiday Fun Fair was filled with laughter and excitement. It is always exciting to watch students participate in this event. Our older students take on a leadership role as they compassionately and enthusiastically work with our younger students. The students moved from station to station throughout the school participating in cookie decorating, an obstacle course, dance, dredle and much more. Some of our older students were group leaders while others ran the stations. Thank you to our intermediate students, university helpers, teacher candidates and teachers for making this event a big success.

Thank you to Mrs. Hornick and Mrs. O'Grady for planning our carol singing days. Our students enthusiastically sang these fun seasonal songs.



Volunteers Welcome

We always appreciate the help of our volunteers. If you offered to be a volunteer at Steele St P.S. but haven't been contacted yet by anyone at the school, please call the office and let us know. Remember, all volunteers must have a Criminal Record Check in order to volunteer at any SCDSB facility. Volunteer letters are available at the office. These letters are required by the Barrie Police in order to get a CRC completed without a cost to you.

Welcome to Ms. Cox and Sunshine

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms. Cox and her Sweet Charity dog Sunshine to the Spitfire's family. Ms. Cox will be our new vice principal and Sunshine is her dog who has gone through hours of training to become a Canine Ambassador Program dog. She will be accompanying Ms. Cox throughout the school.

School Council Meeting

Please join us on **Monday, January 15th at 6:00 p.m.** in our school library for our next School Council meeting. Everyone is welcome!!

Check out our school website – it is up-to-date!

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Dates to Remember

Mon., January 15th – School Council meeting
6:00 p.m.

Fri., January 26th – P.A. Day

Wed., January 31st– Character Ed assembly
9:00 a.m. Theme: Backwards Day

Wed., February 14th– Red and/or Pink Day

Fri., February 16th – reports go home

Mon., February 19th – Family Day

Tues., February 27th – Character Ed assembly
9:00 a.m. Theme: Crazy Hat Day

Barrie Colts Game

Saturday, March 3rd, 2017

Treat yourselves to a fun evening of hockey at the Barrie Molson Centre. The ticket are **\$20.00** per person and **we will get \$6.00 for every ticket purchased.** The more tickets we sell, the more money we make for our school!

OHIP+ Provides Free Prescriptions Drug Coverage for Children

The province of Ontario now provides free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrolment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for

OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus.

Spitfire Happenings!!

By Kamryn B

During the month of December, so many great things happened and the whole school got involved!! Our students donated items to Christmas Cheer. Each classroom brought in non-perishable food items every day. We collected over **1,000 items!!** Thank you to everyone who participated. The grade 8's hosted 'The Holiday Gift Shop' to raise money for their grade 8 trip in June. The students all had a chance to buy some cool items at the shop for them and their family. We hope everyone enjoyed their gifts!! The whole school gathered in the gym every morning during the last week of school, and sang Christmas carols together. Just before the holidays, we hosted the Holiday Fun Fair. Each classroom had a different holiday themed activity to run, like obstacle courses, cookie decorating, musical chairs, bracelet making and so much more!! December was a fun month!!!

Character Matters at SSPS

Our focus for January is HONESTY.

We behave in a sincere, trustworthy and truthful manner.

We demonstrate honesty by:

- Telling the whole truth
- Not cheating or stealing
- Doing our own work instead of copying
- Turning lost items in instead of keeping them
- Returning things that belong to others

Kindergarten Registration Starts This Month

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's almost time to register them for kindergarten in the SCDSB!! Beginning January 22nd, our elementary schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation,

proof of address and immunization records. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

White Elephant Sale

Our annual *White Elephant Sale* will be taking place on Friday, February 16th from 1:15 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. During this time, families are welcome to come into the school and participate in a variety of fun activities that are set up in the junior and intermediate classrooms. There will also be a garage and bake sale going on in the gym.

We are looking for gently used household items for our garage sale. For example, toys, games, DVDs, CDs, jewelry, knick knacks, books, puzzles and other miscellaneous household items. Please begin gathering these items around your home, from relatives and friends and send them into the school starting Monday, February 12th.

We will also need items for our bake sale. Please send in peanut free baked goods on the morning of the White Elephant Sale. All money raised in the White Elephant Sale will go towards additional technology and new basketball standards and hoops on our new basketball court outside.

If you are able to volunteer to help sell items in the gym on the day of the White Elephant Sale, please contact the office.

Snow Sledding at School

Student safety is our first priority, and although we do allow 'Crazy Carpets' and soft sleds at our school, we do not allow hard sleds, two-person sleds or snow racers. We do supervise sledding and we remind students of safety rules on a regular basis.

We want to inform parents that if students are sledding at school, Ophea recommends that they should wear a properly fitted and properly worn CAS-approved hockey helmet or snow sport helmet certified by a recognized safety standards association.

If you send a sled and helmet to school with your child, you are giving permission for your child to take part in this activity.

"If you want to get the best out of a person, you must look for the best that is within him/her." Bernard Haldane