



THE STAMPEDER



December 2014 – vol. 2

Principal: Mrs. Yhap
Vice-Principal: Mr. Webster
Superintendent: Ms. Michener

Upcoming Events

Pizza Day – Every Wednesday
Dec 1 – Primary Character Assembly
Dec 1-4 – Gr. 6 classes @ Kearney
Dec 4 – Gr. 8's @ Vic Park Cup
Dec 5 – PA Day
Dec 3-11 Dental Screening
Dec 8 – Annual Food Drive Begins
Dec 11 – Intermediates @ Wexford Performance pm
Dec 18 – Gr. 4's @ YP Theatre
Dec 19 – Pajama Day
Dec 19 – Intermediate Assembly pm
Dec 19 – Intermediate Dance
Dec 22–Jan 2 –Christmas Break
Classes begins Jan 5, 2015

Principal's Message

Our staff and students had a very busy November. I hope that you were able to take part in our Remembrance Day assembly. December is a very short month with so much to look forward to. Please join us for our Seasonal Celebration on December 10th from 6-7:30 PM. It will be a casual gathering of carol singing, craft making, cookies and hot chocolate. More details to follow. With the cold weather here, please remember to dress your children warmly to be outside at recess time. Children need to get fresh air daily and will be playing outdoors for at least 15 minutes per recess. Please come by and check our Lost and Found bin near the Primary Gym to look for lost items. Those items not claimed by Dec. 19th will be donated to charity. Keep up to date by checking our website (<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/ellesmere>) and Twitter feed (@TDSB_ESPS)

Food Drive

Once again, Ellesmere-Statton will be holding our Annual Food Drive from Dec 8-18th. With the help from you, our support of The Daily Bread Food bank can pursue the battle against hunger and poverty in Toronto. Each month 85,000 client visits are made to food banks in the Greater Toronto Area of whom 85% were children. To keep the food relief programs running, our most needed items list includes: canned meat, canned vegetables and fruit, rice, pasta, mac & cheese and most importantly baby food. By: Mr. Gordon, Library

Mitten Donation Drive



With the arrival of winter weather Ellesmere-Statton PS will be holding a mitten drive this year. We ask our families to please donate a new pair of mittens/gloves to our drive. Your child can drop off the donation to their classroom. Mittens will be donated to a child in need. Thank you for your support!

Volleyball Team Makes the Final

On Friday, November 21, the grade 6 boys' volleyball team competed in an exciting tournament at Alexmuir P.S. The team advanced to the finals, after an exciting victory against Woburn Junior in the semi-finals. In the final game, our team faced the home team, Alexmuir. Ellesmere-Statton had a good start, with Joshua's strong serve gaining several points for our team. Unfortunately, the squad from Alexmuir was just too strong, and they defeated the Stampeders in a hard fought final game. The team was sad when they lost, but their coach Miss Mikro did not feel the same way. She was very proud of the boys and excited about the volleyball skills they had developed over the season. One of the players, Joshua, commented when asked about the day's events, "Even though we lost, I am very happy we made it that far." The rest of the team agreed. Overall, the tournament was an excellent experience and all the team members went home proud and happy. "It was such a fun day, even though we came in second place," commented Armani.

Congratulations to all the team members: Amaan, Pirathoshan, Joshua, Armani, Imani, Mohamed, Arjun, Gavin, Mark, Chaarm, Dominic, and John. Well done, boys! By: Pirothoshan - Gr. 6

My Trip

On October 29th the girls and boys from grade two went to Whitmore's farm. We went there for a field trip and to have fun. First we got to the farm and we got into our groups. I had Marcus and Amanda and daddy in my group. Then we went to the strawberry slide and the spider web. Next we had our lunch. We were playing in the sand pit. After we went to the haunted forest and we went to the hay castle and the swings. Finally we learned about pumpkins. We go to take a pumpkin home. We played on the bus and went back to school. I felt happy the whole time. My favourite part was when we were playing. I didn't like when I was in the haunted forest. I liked when I had my lunch. This trip was fun! By: Thalia – Gr. 2

Sixes Explore the Science Centre



Scarborough - On November 18, the grade 6 classes of Ellesmere-Statton went to the Science Centre to increase their knowledge of the solar system. The students were on the bus by 9.30 and arrived at the Science Centre at 10. Their morning started with a viewing program in the planetarium where they had a chance to see and learn more about the constellations and planets. Next, they were divided into two groups and had time to explore the different exhibits. The students and teachers visited the 'Science Arcade', another attraction, before lunch. After having lunch, the sixes went to see the IMAX movie called 'Hubble'. Hubble is about a giant space telescope that takes pictures in space. According to one of the grade 6 students, Arjun, "I personally think that the Science Centre trip was awesome. We had the chance to watch the IMAX film and learn so much about the solar system, which made my day." I think all the sixes would agree their Science Centre trip was a wonderful learning experience for all. By: Ryan – Gr. 6

Bake Sale Success

The Grade 4 to 8 students of the Home School Classroom organized another successful Bake Sale. Cookies, cupcakes and many other goodies were sold to the generous and hungry students and staff of Ellesmere-Statton. The Bake Sale raised over \$1400.00. Students will now head over and go shopping for toys for children. All the toys purchased will be donated to the Toronto Firefighters Toy Drive.

News from Your Parent Council

Thank you for the continued support with our cookie sales. Please check our website for upcoming fundraising events.

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/ellesmere>

From The Office

Our new "Safe Arrival" phone system is up and running. A reminder to our parents, please call the office by 8 am to leave a message on the "Safe Arrival" voice mail. Please leave only your child's name, room # and the reason for the absence or late. Thank you.



Lost and Found

Please stop by our lost and found department to claim any personal items. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity at the end of the month.



Pictures from Wacky Hair Day

