



THE STAMPER

Welcome to our monthly newsletter!

November 2014 – vol. 1

Principal: Mrs. Yhap

Vice-Principal: Mr. Webster

Superintendent: Ms. Michener

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 3rd Primary Character Assembly
- Nov. 5th School Council meeting 6-7 pm in staffroom
- Nov. 11th Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 12th HSP Fundraising Bake Sale
- Nov. 13th Night time Parent/Teacher interviews
- Nov. 14th PA Day – Morning Parent/Teacher interviews



Principal's Message

We are excited to bring you our first Newsletter for the 2014-2015 school year! So much has been happening at Ellesmere-Statton over the past two months. Your child has already settled into their class, made new friends and is well on the way to learning and achieving for this year. It is hard to believe that our Progress Report Cards are almost ready to go home and parent/teacher interviews will be held on November 13th and 14th. Students have participated in several school wide events and class trips. (Mrs. Yhap)

Keep up to date by checking our website (<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/ellesmere>) and Twitter feed (@TDSB_ESPS)

Terry Fox Fundraiser



This year's Terry Fox run/walk was a huge success. On September 24th our entire school, along with some parents participated. The kindergarten students did their run/walk on the junior field as many parents and older students cheered them on. The Gr. 1-8 students carried on Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope by beginning in Thunder Bay and ending in Vancouver with a "dip into the Pacific Ocean". It was great to see so many people demonstrating Terry's Spirit and genuine Ellesmere-Statton Pride. This year our classroom goals were \$250.00 and every classroom that reached this goal go to see their teacher Kiss Storm the pig. Our school goal was to raise \$10,000. We reached and surpassed this goal so Mrs. Yhap and Mr. Webster had to kiss the pig too!

A huge thank you goes out to our staff, students and our community. The success of our Terry Fox Fundraiser is because of YOU! Terry Fox said, "You don't have to do what I did – wait until you lose a leg or get some awful disease- before you can take the time to find out what kind of stuff you are made of. Star now" Evidently, the Ellesmere-Statton community started many years ago and continues every year. Way to go!! (Mrs. Horgan and Mrs. Coyle)



Our Music Trip



On September 30, 6A and 6B went on a trip to JAZZ 91.1 FM, a jazz music station in downtown Toronto. We were invited as part of the 'Jazz for Kids' program, which is a program that teaches children about jazz music. While we were there, we got to listen to an amazing jazz trio perform, and were encouraged to sing along too. The station manager then gave us a tour of the radio station. It was a very enjoyable time and we learned a lot about the musical genre called Jazz. (Nia Wilson, 6A)



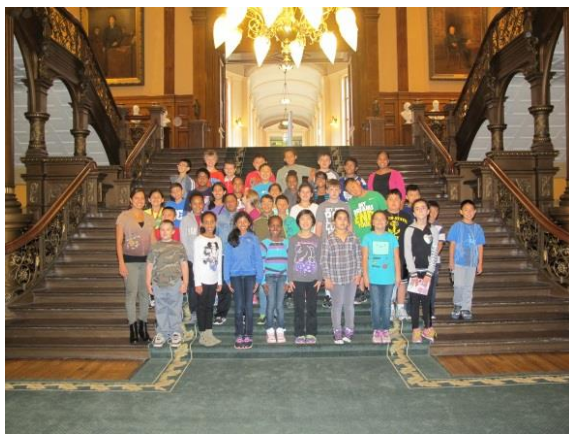
Forest Valley in the Fall



On Monday, October 6th, Ms. Banks and Mrs. Marmina's Grade One classes went to Forest Valley. We started out with a hike through the forest and hugged trees, carefully rolled logs and discussed how to care for the environment. We planted seeds for the butterfly garden then discussed reducing, reusing and recycling. After lunch we helped with the restoration project by filling up buckets of wood chips and putting them on the trails through the forest and pulling unwanted weeds. After our hard work, we were treated to a cup of hot chocolate before we boarded our bus to come back to school. It was so much fun!! (Ms. Marmina)

Toronto City Hall and Queen's Park

In one action packed day, both grade 5 classes had the opportunity to see where the Municipal and Provincial governments meet to make the decisions that affect their constituents. At Queen's Park, the students had an opportunity to go on a Scavenger Hunt as well as participate in a mock debate. At City Hall, we had the chance to see the Mayor's office up close! We even had the opportunity to visit the chamber floors in each building where our City Councillors and MPPs work. These behind the scenes tours made a great day full of learning that was enjoyed by all!! A special thank you to our parent volunteers. (Ms. Rajaram)



Girls' Borden Ball Team

On a beautiful October day, seventeen grade 6 and 7 girls competed in bordenball tournament at Alexmuir PS . We played hard, represented our school well and learned more about this physically demanding game. Way to go Lady Stampeders!! Congratulations:

Aakanksha, Arathey, Arisa, Arthiga, Denise, Jenany, Jothisha, Logan, Nilany, Nathisha, Mamathy, Mariam, Priyanka, Tatyanna, Rachel, Rowan, and Sunita on a well-played season!



Student Leadership Team is up and Running

This month, Intermediate students chose their Student Leadership Team representatives. Each class held formal elections and the candidates prepared speeches to gain support. Our SLT members are:

7A - Kaitlin Coates and Martin Temelkovski

7B - Raza Durrani and Theofillos Isadore

7C - Arisa Shaikh and Tala Fares

8A - Thomas Gervais and Ashley Ma

8B - Brindan Dhanushan and Kent Sim

8C - Hanujan Gnanaharan and Isha Patel

8D - Vishaal Satheeshwaran and Kate Janju

HSP - Mya Teves

Congratulations to our special team of school leaders! The first event organized by the SLT is our annual Halloween dance on the afternoon of October 31. It promises to be a fun-filled opportunity for our Intermediates to bond as a division. (Ms. Musial)



Hallowe'en Safety Tips



Hallowe'en provides an opportunity for parents and children to spend time together creating costumes, carving pumpkins, planning trick or treat activities and participating in family parties. Hallowe'en is a big event at schools and provides opportunities for parties, creative activities, art programs and impromptu history lessons. Hallowe'en is also a time for students, parents, and schools to take extra care to ensure safety and security.

Trick or Treat Safety

If parents are concerned about trick or treating, here are some basic safety rules to follow:

- Children should NEVER eat any treats until parents have had a chance to go through them and inspect them. Parents should look for tampering of packages and discard any they believe to be unsafe or unknown.
- Have your child carry a flashlight.
- NEVER go into a stranger's house.
- NEVER trick or treat with people that you do not know.
- Trick or treat only at homes you know.
- Children should always stay in groups if no parent is present.
- Younger children should ALWAYS be accompanied by an older person.
- Accompany your child when trick or treating.
- If you cannot accompany your child then know the route your child will take.
- Flame resistant (retardant) costumes are in order. Keep costumes short and remind children to stay away from pumpkins with candles in them.
- Remind children to stay away from pets they do not know.
- Remind children of road safety rules. Cross only at corners. Do not criss-cross the road. Go up one side of the road and down the other side. Never cross

between parked cars. Walk facing on-coming traffic if there is no sidewalk

- If adults are driving their children, drive slowly, with lights on and be cautious when pulling to the side of the road.
- Children should wear their own shoes when trick or treating. Wearing costume shoes/boots can be dangerous and uncomfortable.
- Remind children that not everyone celebrates Hallowe'en, and to avoid any homes that have no lights on. Also remind children not to run through neighbours yards or gardens.
- With older children, be sure to know what other events (such as parties) they plan on attending.
- Set time limits when children should return home.

Spirit days are here again!

Every Spirit Day has a theme as follows:

Oct 31 – Orange & Black Day

Nov 28 – Funny/Wacky Hat Day

Dec 19 – Pajama Day

Jan 29- Red & White Day

Feb 27 – Favourite Costume Day

Mar 13 – Beach Day

Apr 24 – Jersey Day

May 29 – Backward Day

Jun 26 – Twin Day

Please note

Students should not wear anything that would be considered inappropriate dress.

Students should not use costume props of violent nature, such as toy guns, toy knives, or swords etc.



Co-ed Flag Football

A very big congratulation to the co-ed flag football team that played in the tournament on Oct. 20th, during the pouring rain! We came first, and I mean FIRST like #1 first, in our division! We also made it through semi-finals, how great is that? I'm not done yet! We versed a very competitive school when it came to the finals, so we ended off coming second place.



Thanks to the grade eight girls, Nourhan, Kimberly, Yathuusa, and Isha! And thanks to Kashaun, Kaven, Thomas, Alex, Samie, Preshanth, Addison, Sajinthan, Chayon, Sohaib, and Jemarie! And a very very huge thank you to our wonderful coaches Mr. Browne and Mr. Webster for dedicating your time for coaching us. Even though we got hit, we dropped many times to the nasty muddy ground, we did exceptional! Remember to stay positive and keep your head up even when the road is hard. (Nourhan Chalhoub, 8B)



Ellesmere is Eco-Friendly

This year Ellesmere is working harder than ever to make our earth cleaner and greener. Our goal this year is to get as close to zero landfill waste as we possibly can. We have begun our composting program and continue with a strong recycling system. We will be conducting 2 waste audits through the year to see where we need to work harder and track our progress. Here are a few of the ways you can help:



Send your children with litter less lunches. Reuse yogurt, margarine or plastic takeout containers as snack/lunch boxes. Send a reusable water bottle to school instead of a one use plastic bottle.

News from Your Parent Council

With the support of our generous community we have raised over \$500 from our Bag2School, cookies sales and Curriculum BBQ. Way to go Ellesmere-Statton! All funds raised will go towards technology in our classrooms. Please check the website for future parent council meetings and fundraising events. (<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/ellesmere>)

Reminder from the office

Student Safety is our #1 priority. Reminder to parents, you should not be in the school unless you have checked in at the office. Please avoid walking students to class. Please ensure students are arriving on time each day. Please be respectful and follow instruction of staff while in school or in school yard.

We ask parents to phone in before 8:00 am in the morning to leave a message on our **SAFE ARRIVAL** line if your child is going to be absent or late. This ensures that your children are safe and we are able to account for everyone very quickly when doing attendance.

We also ask parents to confirm arrangements for the day with their child prior to coming to school. If you are signing your child out early, please send a note in your child's agenda when possible. Parents can also help support their child with routine tasks such as ensuring they have everything required for school either the night before or before leaving home in the morning. (lunch, homework, instruments etc.)

Thank you