November 2012 NEWSLETTER – #3

**IMPORTANT DATES**

| Nov. 14th | Picture Retake Day |
| Nov. 9th | – Remembrance Day Assembly |
| Nov. 9th | – Progress Reports go Home |
| Nov. 12th - 15th | – Interview Week |
| Nov. 12th – 16th | – Book Fair |
| Nov. 16th | – P.A. Day (No School) |
| Nov. 23 | – Poinsettia Orders Due |
| Nov. 28th | – School Council Meeting, 7PM |
| Dec. 21st | – Intermediate Christmas Luncheon and Semi-Formal Dance |
| Jan. 7th/13 | – Christmas Holidays |

**REMEmBRANCE DAY: Call for Photos**

To honor any relatives of students who have served in the military or who are currently serving in the military, we would appreciate getting photos for a Remembrance Day display and media presentation. Please send the photo in an envelope with the students' name and the name of the person in the photo. It will be returned the following week. Thanks for supporting this initiative in remembrance!

**REMEmBRANCE DAY SERVICE:**

Thursday, November 9th, 10:45 a.m.

Parents and Grandparents welcome

- Students who belong to organizations such as Scouts, Brownies/Guides, Cadets etc. are encouraged to wear their uniforms for this service.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE - 2012-2013**

Lianne Power - Chair
Dannielle Landry
Michelle Zambri
Laura Keys
Lianne Gorbell
Mrs. Temmer - Principal

Hillary Vick
Melissa Cripps
Linda Hawker
Donna Lange

**Progress Reports on November 9th**

The intention of the Progress Report is to support early communication on the progress of each child between the teacher(s) and the parent/guardian. Progress Reports help parents/guardians understand their child’s growth in learning skills and work habits. In addition, teachers will indicate a student’s general progress in literacy, numeracy and some subject area curriculum expectations. Teachers will select one of the following:

**Progressing with Difficulty:** The student has not yet achieved the provincial standard and is experiencing difficulty taking steps to meet expectations addressed in the first months of school.

**Progressing Well:** The student demonstrates progress toward meeting the provincial standard for expectations addressed in the first months of school.

**Progressing Very Well:** The student has demonstrated achievement of the provincial standard for expectations addressed in the first months of school.

For more information you can visit the Ministry of Education link:

www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/success.html

**November 16th is a P.A. Day. Students do not attend school.**

**NEWSLETTER**

As of January – 2013 we will no longer sending home a hard copy of the newsletter. It will, however, be available on-line on the Johnson Street web page. Please check the website for the January newsletter @ http://johnsonstreet.edublogs.org/! Hard copies will be available in the school office for pick-up.

**POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER**

Order forms will be coming home the week of November 5th and are due back to the school by FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD!

Poinsettia’s will be delivered to the school on Tuesday, December 4th, 2012.

**Family Literacy and Numeracy Night**

On Tuesday, November 20th at 6:30 pm Johnson Street School Council is pleased to present an evening with Dr. Colin Sturdy. Dr. Sturdy is an expert on keeping that home/school connection and will focus on how to support literacy and numeracy instruction at home. Look for the flyer and return the RSVP slip to reserve your spot. Don’t miss out on the wonderful opportunity!

**HEALTH UNIT**

Protect You and Your Family From the Flu

Influenza is a potentially serious illness, which is different from the common cold or the stomach flu. The virus spreads easily from person to person – especially children. People who get influenza usually feel quite unwell, and may have a fever, chills, cough, runny eyes, stuffy nose, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, extreme weakness and fatigue. Children can also have
earaches, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. The best way to prevent the flu and protect you and your family is by getting your annual flu shot. New this year, the Health Unit’s community flu clinics will be by appointment. For more information about this year’s flu shot and to book your appointment, visit the health unit’s website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org and click on “Book Your Flu Shot Online” hot button.

“Support Our Fundraiser!
As a way to target the problem of lost belongings and a large lost and found closet, Johnson Street PS is fundraising with Mabel’s Labels, a company with all types of labels that are colourful, indestructible, easy-to-use and fun! Iron-Ons, Stickies, Bag Tags, Allergy Alert labels & more! Personalize your labels with names, nicknames, initials - whatever you choose. Cool icons help even little ones identify their own belongings. Dishwasher, microwave, laundry & kid tested! Dispatched within 24 hours! Visit www.johnsonst.mabelslabels.com to place your order while helping our fundraiser!”

“About Mabel's Labels!
We are moms who were frustrated by the amount of stuff that left our houses, never to return. After lots of research and testing we created the perfect fun, durable labels for the stuff kids lose!
Our sticky labels and clothing labels, which are dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe, are not only practical, but also designed to be very special to each child. The labels are customized with a child’s name, favourite mix of colours and an icon (animal, symbol, etc.). We have also expanded our product line to include personalized stationery products, ID wristbands and household labels.”
We strive to continuously design innovative labels for babies, kids and grown-ups alike. You’ll be amazed at what you can label!!

COLLECTION OF TAPES AND LABELS
PLEASE send in your Campbells' Soup labels and Canadian Tire money as well as Zehrs tapes. We redeem these coupons for items needed around our school. Thank you for your help!

QSP
Our main orders have been processed. We are still accepting late orders! Thank you to the community for your GREAT support! Once again the magazine fundraiser was a success! Remember that you can order all year long at www.QSP.ca our account# is 9003.

DOGS
Please clean up after your pets if you bring them onto school property at any time of the day.

Donate your used printer cartridges and cell phones to support fundraising efforts!
Once again Johnson Street Public School is participating in the THINKGREEN Fundraising Program. This is a collection program where our school collects used inkjet cartridges, laser print cartridges, and cell phones and turns them in for cash rebates. It’s simple; just donate your used inkjet or laser cartridges, and cell phones to our school. We will package and send them to GREENTEC who in turn will provide funds for each rebated cartridge or cell phone returned. Help spread the word! The THINKGREEN Program is good for the environment as you help divert used cartridges and cell phones that can take up to 1000 years to decay from landfills. Plus… for every 12 rebated cartridges or cell phones collected, Greentec sponsors the planting of one tree in partnership with the Tree Canada Foundation.
Your support of the THINKGREEN program will help teach the children the importance of recycling and the benefits of tree planting.

INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS
In cases of inclement weather, every reasonable attempt will be made to have announcements carried on B101.1 FM and Rock 95.7 FM and New CHAY 93.1 radio stations. Cancellations and closures are also announced on the home page of the Board web site www.scdsb.on.ca and the A-Channel News TV station.
Website details:
Clicking through to www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca will provide you with a single source to confirm any bus cancellations throughout Simcoe County.

- Individual school Weather Zone assignments are easily identified.
- By clicking through to the SCSTC Home page, additional student transportation information is available – including SCSTC transportation FAQ’s, policies and contact information.
Please note bus delays are not listed on this site - Delays will continue to be announced through the local media.

Questions and comments can be directed to the SCSTC – attention: John Barbato, Supervisor Administration (jbarbato@scstc.ca)

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Thank you for respecting due dates. The compilation of food orders is a huge task requiring many hours and lots of paperwork by parent volunteers. Please be aware that if a child is absent from school, there will be no refunds, no saving the food or milk until the next day. The money spent by the family will be considered a donation to the school. This year we are not honoring late orders.

PizzaPlus will donate money to the school when you purchase pizza for your family and you mention JSPS.

SAFETY IN THE SCHOOL

The safety of our students is of paramount importance and we make every effort to provide a caring environment and to reduce the risk of injury. Rules and routines are in place and regular checks of facilities and equipment are conducted. Preparation is a key component in being a safe school and so we schedule lessons and drills to help us be ready to react effectively should a situation arise. Fire drills and Code Red drills (dangerous intruder) are held regularly. We teach children how to follow instructions, to remain calm and to use common sense. The discussions are serious but we are sensitive to our students’ needs and concerns and do respect their ages/stages of development.

REDUCE THE RISK

As we continue the 2012/2013 school year we would like to remind our Johnson Street School community of our “Reduce the Risk” program. Please continue your efforts to leave peanut/nut products at home. We appreciate your consideration and thank you for making our school a safer place for everyone. Check the Front Foyer bulletin board for new peanut-free snack ideas.

We have a school-wide ban on peanut and tree nut products. Please respect this necessary precaution to reduce risk to several students who have a life-threatening allergy!

Attitude is contagious. Is yours worth catching?

BOOK FAIR

We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us. Students will visit the Book Fair during class time and can purchase books during that visit.

The Book Fair will be open during the day from November 13th - November 16th and in the evening of November 15th. Please note November 16th is a P.A.

day but the school will be open for you to visit the Book Fair in the a.m.

By the way: Did you know that for every $10.00 you spend at the Book Fair, up to $6.00 goes back to our school? This allows us to purchase extra books and resources for the school library.

Our goal this year is to sell $3,000.00 worth of books! We’ve done it before so let’s get reading! We hope you will join us at the Book Fair.

Sincerely
Mrs. MacLean

SAFETY COMES FIRST!

Sign In! Sign-in Log Books are required in all schools according to Board procedures. Don’t expect to travel in the school during the day. We try very hard to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum because there’s lots to learn and not enough time! Please don’t expect teachers to stop in the middle of a lesson to talk to a parent. Send in a note or leave a message to have the teacher call. Leave the forgotten lunch or jacket (labeled) on the table outside the office. If you would like to speak to a teacher, please call to make an appointment. Signing in at the office, wearing a visitor’s badge and proceeding through the school to speak to your child’s teacher unannounced is inappropriate. Our students deserve optimum learning conditions and as few distractions as possible. Our teachers need to use their time to work with and plan for students. Thank you for respecting the learning environment.

Attention all popcorn lovers!!!!

Popcorn is now available for everyone. Popcorn will be sold every Friday for $1.00 a bag and an extra .50 cents for seasoning. No pre-ordering necessary, you can pick up your popcorn during 1st snack break every Friday!

Invitation to all First Nation, Métis and Inuit students, parents, families and community members! See flyer on the Johnson Street Web Page.