FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

| Feb. 6 – School Council Meeting – All Welcome  | Feb. 15th – DANCE-A-THON |
| Feb. 6 – Barrie Colts visit school          | Feb. 16th – Barrie Colts Game |
| Feb. 11 – Grad Photo Day for grade 8 & Kdgn. “A” & “B” | March 11th to 15th inclusive, March Break – School Holidays! |
| Feb. 18 – Family Day – School Holiday       |                             |
| Feb. 15th – Report cards go home            |                             |

DANCE-A-THON: February 15th

This year we are having our annual Dance-A-Thon on Friday, February 15th with a Valentine's Day theme! Pledge sheets have already gone home, but more are available in the office if you need one. Our Dance-a-Thon is one of our biggest fundraisers for the year and we look forward to every student participating and pledging. All the money raised goes directly to benefitting students at Johnson Street. Thanks, in advance, for your support!

BARRIE COLTS’ NIGHT

We are very excited to introduce our third annual Barrie Colts/Johnson Street Public School Family Game Night. Our families are invited to attend an evening game on Saturday, February 16th, 2013. The Colt’s organization has graciously offered to donate back to our school $5.00 for every ticket sold. So mark your calendar for this fun family evening of entertainment. If you would like to sit with another family please place the combined # of tickets on one order form. The cost per ticket is $18.00. Deadline for ordering your tickets is: Feb. 7th, 2013.

CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION WEEK

February 11th to February 15th

We are celebrating our custodians! The SCDSB invites all school communities to help celebrate our first annual Custodian Appreciation Week. The week provides staff, students and school communities with an opportunity to thank our custodians for their conscientious efforts and commitment to the students of Simcoe County. Their work helps to create safe and supportive environments for learning and working.

THANK YOU….

- To our food program volunteers who keep our lunch program going full steam ahead!
- To our School Council who actively support our efforts!
- To our custodians who work non-stop to make our school the cleanest in the county!
- To our parent volunteers who work one on one with students to promote academic achievement

Your children are certainly fortunate to attend school in such a caring, giving community as ours. They should appreciate the benefits they enjoy. Thank YOU for your continuing support.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION!

NEW – ALL DAY EVERY DAY!

Kindergarten classrooms are active, stimulating, supportive and challenging. Your child will learn to make choices, take risks, create, explore and solve problems. A good Kindergarten program provides a sound foundation for all future learning.

If your child was born in 2009 he/she is eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2013.

To register, parents must:
- show proof of their child’s age (original birth certificate is a MUST!!)
- immunization record
- show proof that you live within our school boundaries
- bring work numbers for either or both parents
- bring an emergency number where we can reach a friend or relative if we are unable to reach you.
- Please call the office to set up an appointment your child as soon as possible @705-728-9251.

Registration Day is Feb. 26th, 2013. Please call the school office for an appointment.
CHARACTER EDUCATION

"Responsibility" is the trait we’re focusing on this term.

Being responsible means we are accountable for our actions and we follow through on our commitments.

Students are invited to enter our responsibility slogan/quote contest! Entries are due by February 8th.

MAGAZINE FUNDRAISING REMINDER

Thank you once again, for supporting our Family Reading Magazine fundraising campaign this past fall.

Your tremendous support has made this a very successful fundraiser for our school!

By now your subscriptions should have started or should be starting very shortly (e.g. some seasonal magazines do not publish as frequently as others and are therefore slower to start). Remember, if you ever have a question regarding your order, please call:

QSP Customer Service at 1-800-667-2536.

Don’t forget we will again be running this reading fundraiser next fall and that some publishers may send you early renewal notices. If you renew with the publishers the school does not receive any profits or benefit.

If you would like to renew early, please visit

www.QSP.ca

where you can renew your subscription or order new subscriptions and still support our school.

Thank You!

Responsibility for Borrowed Library Materials

Each student is responsible for taking care of his/her library books/magazines. Keep these materials in a dry, safe, clean place away from pets and smaller children. Return borrowed materials each week.

If a classroom or library book or magazine is lost or damaged, students are asked to pay for the replacement so that other students do not lose the ability to enjoy them.

We appreciate your support in helping your child understand the importance of personal responsibility.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

We appreciate how careful the majority of parents have been when dropping off and/or picking up their children. Thank you for supporting our kiss and ride procedure.

As long as everyone adheres to using the curb lane as a drop off or pick up point, the system actually works. The important part is not to get out of your vehicle and leave it unattended. If you would like to get out of your vehicle, you are welcome to park on Adam Street, Alexander Street or our school parking lot. Thank you for helping us to provide a safe environment for your child.

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.

Funds generated from the used cartridges and cell phones will go to the Gilda’s Club in Barrie. The mission of Gilda’s Club is to provide a meeting place where men, women and children living with cancer and their families and friends can join with others to build emotional and social support as a supplement to medical care. Free of charge and nonprofit, Gilda’s Club offers support and networking groups, lectures, workshops and social events in a nonresidential, homelike setting.

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Contact: Mrs. Kirkpatrick

PLEASE send in your Campbells’ Soup labels, Zehrs receipts and Canadian Tire Money. We redeem these coupons for items needed around our school. Thank you.

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