March 11-15 – March Break – No School  
March 26th - June 11th – Grade’s 1 & 2 swimming 
March 29th – Good Friday 

April 1st – Easter Monday  
April 13th – Community Pancake Breakfast 

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 

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION! 
NEW TO OUR SCHOOL – FULL DAY EVERY DAY!  
Our kindergarten tour day for our new JK/SK students is on Thursday, May 30th, 2013 from 11:30a.m. – 12:45p.m.  
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: (Drop in for your paper work)! 
• 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. 

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. Please do NOT form an additional line-up of parked cars in the middle of the school drive way. This presents a very dangerous situation for our students. 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. Our community police officer will be joining us in the near future to help reinforce parking lot safety. Thank you for helping us to provide a safe environment for your child. 

LOST & FOUND 
Lost and Found will be on display from Monday March 4th – March 8th. Items will be brought to Goodwill on Friday March 8, 2013. 

Community Maple Syrup and Pancake Breakfast 
Mark the date on your calendar: Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 to 11:30. Join us for pancakes, fresh maple syrup and sausages. And bring some loonies and townies for the sale. This fun community event is not to be missed! 

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 turn 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. Gilda's Club is named in honor of Gilda Radner, who, when describing the emotional and social support she received when she had cancer, called for such places to be made available for people with cancer and their families and friends everywhere.

Donate your used ink cartridges and cell phones and help support Gilda’s Club and our environment at the same time.

Contact: Mrs. Kirkpatrick & Mrs. Walsh

PARENT WORKSHOPS at STEELE STREET
P.S. in April, 7-8 PM in the Library from Triple P Positive Parenting - Real Solutions for Real Parents

April 9th – Raising Resilient Children Parent Seminar
April 17th – Pre-Teen/Teen – Coping with Anxiety – Tip Sheet Discussion Group
April 25th – Parents of Children 2-10 Chores or Homework

Whether your child is a toddler or a teenager, or somewhere in between, there are sure to be times when you’ve struggled with your child’s behaviour. Triple P - Positive Parenting Program, can help. From bedtime problems to tantrums and homework to chores, Triple P is an effective parenting program that helps parents to make small changes that can make a big difference.

To find out more about Triple P, call Your Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday or visit the new Triple P Ontario Website at www.triplepontario.ca.

Stress: What’s the harm?

Stress in a normal part of everyday life, and limited amounts of stress can have a positive influence on motivation and creativity. But too much stress can be toxic and can have an effect on learning. It can affect attention, memory and organization. In other words, too much stress can:
• Have a negative effect on a student’s health
• Interfere with a student’s ability to focus and think
• Make it more difficult for students to get along with others

When parents are involved in their children’s lives, kids will feel a sense of belonging. Caring and involved adults have a protective effect that cannot be overestimated.

For more information you can call Your Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 and speak with a public health nurse or click on the health unit website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org for information and tips on Positive Parenting go to www.triplepontario.ca

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!

HAVE A WONDERFUL MARCH BREAK!!