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January 2012



Stirling Senior P. S. is Growing with Character!

We demonstrate... Caring, Cooperation, Honesty, Humour, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility and Trustworthiness.



Our December **Students of the Month** demonstrated that they were **TRUSTWORTHY**. These students can be counted on to do what is right and they instill confidence in others through their actions. **Back Row:** Josh F., Amanda N., Hayden P., Diana B., Alex R., and Dane H. **Front Row:** Kate B., Brendan F., Tanner L., Cameron B., Arianna S., and Olivia A.

Our grade 8 SALT team (Student Athletic Leadership Team) met with Nick Foley (Former Belleville Bull player) as a follow-up to the **Celebrate The Hero** presentation at BSS. Our SALT team will be coordinating SSPS's efforts toward this anti-bullying campaign. Students will be encouraged to acknowledge and celebrate the actions of individuals who take a stand against bullying. Students can record their stories about everyday heroes on the Celebrate the Hero Facebook page or on twitter @cellythehero. A hero could be a friend, a parent, a teacher, a relative or a complete stranger. Everyone is encourage to **Celebrate the Hero!**



Jaxson has been doing an outstanding job as our student custodian. Jaxson demonstrates great character by helping Mr. Young (our custodian) sweep the halls on a daily basis.

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Stirling Senior P. S. supports the Arts!

We foster the many talents in interests of our students in the arts (visual arts, drama, dance and music).

Arts Showcase

On December 20th family and friends enjoyed the sounds and talents of SSPS students at our Arts Showcase. Many hours of practice and support from Miss. Mercer occurred for the choir and band to perform a selection of holiday classics. A variety of art work was on display and students performing dance numbers they had created.



Public Speaking

Our school level Public Speaking competition was held on December 15th. The Public Speaking contest is part of the Royal Canadian Legion's Youth and Education program and it also address curriculum expectations. We are very proud of the hard work and dedication that our students put into preparing their speeches! The speeches were outstanding and thus selection of our representatives was extremely difficult.

Our **Intermediate level** representatives going to the Legion will be Natalie B., Diana B., Liah B., Olivia A. and Nicole F..

Our **Junior level** representatives will be Evan D., Phillip H., Robin S. and Rylee B. (alternate).

Congratulations to all our students and good luck at the next level of competition!



SSPS is doing a Musical

Staff and students are hard at work preparing for the upcoming performances of Seussical.

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2012 and Wednesday, April 4th, 2012.

There will also be dress and school level performances that all

cast members will be expected to participate in.



Stirling Senior P. S. is a Healthy Active school!

We extend learning experiences to demonstrate our commitment to healthy active living for all.



Skating at the Arena



Isn't it wonderful to see all the students having fun together at the arena!

Yes, it is a real pleasure to watch all the students supporting each other in such a positive manner!

Thank you teachers for planning this field trip!



This is great exercise!



Can we do this every week? I love to be on the ice!

We give this skating trip a thumbs up!





Stirling Senior P. S. supports student transitions!

We partner with our receiving high schools to support student comfort and awareness as they leave SSPS.

Planning for Grade 9 Transitions Guide

The transition from elementary to secondary school is a time of change for students and parents/guardians. It is an exciting time and one that will have a lasting impression. As with most situations involving change, the more you know about the transition process and what you will need to do, the easier and more enjoyable it will be. **Planning for Grade 9 ... Taking the Next Step** is available on-line. It was designed to help students and their families understand the transition process, and the various changes that they can expect. Through an emphasis on learning skills and work habits and involvement in the school community, the resources will also help clarify and support course type decisions which are key in helping students experience success in secondary school and beyond.



Upcoming Transition Dates

- ⇒ **Thurs. Jan 19** BSS is hosting a **Grade 8 Parent's Night** at SSPS at 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **Wed. Feb. 1** **Grade 8 Orientation** is occurring at BSS & CHSS – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- ⇒ **Thurs. Feb. 2** **Grade 7 and 8 Dance** at BSS – 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased from SSPS office
- ⇒ **Mon. Feb. 13** BSS Guidance will do a **registration presentation** for all grade 8 students
- ⇒ **Thurs. Feb 23** **Grade 8 Parent and Student Information night at BSS** – 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **Mon. Mar. 5** **Grade 8 registration forms due** to Grade 8 Teachers



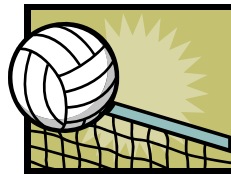
Stirling Senior P.S. supports athletic involvement!

We believe that students grow physically and socially through school athletic programs.



Intermediate Girls

Congratulations to all of our athletes and thank you to our dedicated coaches!



Junior Girls



Junior Boys

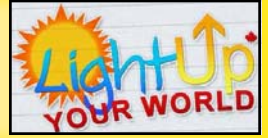


Intermediate Boys



Stirling Senior P.S. students can Light Up Your World!

Our students are learning to take responsibility for building a brighter future for all of us.



SSPS Students Light Up Our World

Every student throughout SSPS has had some participation with The Light Up Your World program this year in conjunction with our Bullying Awareness and Prevention activities. By involving all students we wanted to ensure a consistent understanding of our expectations across the school. As part of the program students discussed the concept that they have power to create Light or Darkness in our World. Students in 6/7V, 7C and 7K learned how they can create "Light" through their positive choices and kindness towards others. Students were reminded that every person has incredible value. The students learned to recognize their own value and affirm value in others. The value chair was a powerful exercise that we hope to maintain in our classrooms. Staff and students have expressed how pleased they have been with the program. We are very thankful to the energetic and caring instructors Kathy Maietta and Mark McFaul for engaging our students and challenging them to make a positive difference.



The goals of Light Up Your World are to:

- ⇒ Impart value to every student
- ⇒ Empower students to impart value to others
- ⇒ Give students strategies on how to make a positive difference in their world
- ⇒ Enable students to see themselves as world changers and to begin walking as a world changer NOW!





Stirling Senior P. S. supports Community Connections!

We know it takes the support of many people outside of our school for our students to achieve their potential.

Stirling Santa Claus Parade

SSPS students created a bright and festive float for the Santa Claus parade. Students displayed great school and community spirit as they handed out candy canes and sang holiday songs. The "Ella Bee" was a hit with all the spectators! A special thank you goes to Madame Harvey for supporting this opportunity.



Hockeyville KD Dominos Event

As part of our continuing effort to support **Stirling Hockeyville 2012** SSPS collected over 200 boxes of Kraft dinner to use in our KD Dominos event held on December 20th. Mr. Young, Liah and Emma (grade 7) worked collaboratively to construct a large hockey stick out of the Kraft dinner boxes. The entire school came to watch the event and celebrate our community spirit. Holly L. (Grade 8) donated the greatest number of Kraft dinner boxes so she had the honours of starting the dominos. The school counted down from 10 and then the fun began...we all watched in anticipation as the KD boxes began to fall to complete the hockey stick and then to score our goal by pushing the ball into the net! A recording of the event can be found on our website. All of the KD was donated to the food bank before Christmas.



Stirling Senior Public School Fundraising

Fundraising helps enhance programs & services for our students. We appreciate the support of our community!



Grant received for All i's on Learning Project



Junior and intermediate students of Stirling Senior Public School, Prince of Wales Public School and Sir John A. Macdonald School are all benefitting from the generosity of the **Hastings and Prince Edward Learning Foundation**.



The three schools received a Project Enhancement Grant to fund our collaborative All i's on Learning project. We are excited about this project because it is innovative, unique and will provide exciting enhancements to curriculum requirements.

The All i's on Learning project will place a focus on iPods as tools for innovative teaching and learning that will support student academic success and engagement across subjects. The Project Enhancement grant will fund additional iPods, apps, cases, chargers and e-books for all three schools. The project is student focused, and thus students will be given a voice as we move forward with 21st Century learning in our school and across HPEDSB. Students will be asked to share their experiences so that others in their classrooms, across the school and across the board can learn from them. The culminating activity is a community event at the Education Centre in April (date and time TBD) when students from all three schools will be the "stars of the show" when they teach parents, guardians and board staff how they are using iPods to support their academic success. We are very grateful to the Learning Foundation for supporting our project! Please follow upcoming newsletters for project updates and details about our community information night...you will not want to miss it!

Students in **6C, 7C and 8M** are the focus for the All i's on Learning project. Their teachers are integrating iPods into teaching and learning experiences and asking for student feedback on the success of these opportunities. Pictured here we see students from 7C recording their Pubic Service Announcements with an iPod.



Are You Modeling a Healthy Body Image?

Having a positive body image helps children develop self-esteem and the confidence needed to lead healthy lives in today's world.

Instead of: Say this instead:

"I could stand to lose a few pounds."	"Healthy food gives me the energy I need."
"I never seem to find the time to exercise."	"Let's turn off the TV and go for a walk together."

Words are powerful - Choose them carefully.



Nipissing District Developmental Screen

The Nipissing is a series of developmental screens for children from birth to six years of age.



Age appropriate activities accompany the screens and are designed to promote overall development.

Parents can download the screens at www.ndds.ca or for the online electronic version www.endds.ca.

For more information please call the Child Health CARELine at 613-966-5500 ext. 223 or toll-free 1-800-267-2803 ext. 223
TTY 613-966-3036
Mon. - Fri. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
www.yourhealthunit.ca



NutriSTEP™

- A nutrition screening tool for children 3 to 5 years of age.
- A fast and simple way to find out if there is a nutrition concern.
- Parents can complete checklist in five minutes and review the eating and physical activity habits of their preschooler.

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Stirling Senior P.S. is focused on school improvement!

Students are provided with intentional learning experiences and specific feedback to support their growth across subjects.

Curriculum Chat with 8M - 21st Century Learning

"The signature characteristic of 21st century schools is students at work."

As a school we are encouraging students to exhibit a positive attitude toward technology to support collaboration, learning and work habits! In 8M, Mrs. Madden is fusing the 3R's with the 4C's of 21st Century Learning. Students are utilizing personal and school purchased iPods to be investigators and producers of knowledge. At SSPS we recognize that 21st century knowledge and skills not only build upon core content, but also includes:

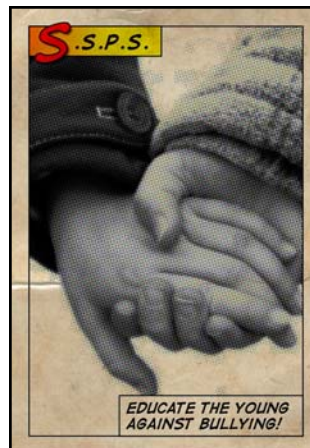
- ⇒ **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving** - students draw on critical thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems, make inferences and inform decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources. For example students in 8M have critically questioned media information and visual graphics as a component of their respect unit. They are all learning together and practicing safe, legal and responsible use of information and technology to increase their digital citizenship.
- ⇒ **Communication** - students communicate information and ideas effectively to multiple audiences using a variety of media and formats. For example Mrs. Madden is implementing Edmodo as a tool for communication with home and accountability for students. Edmodo is a secure educational site - elementary schools equivalent to high schools Moodle! As Leahm M. says, "Edmodo is a smart Facebook!" Students can blog, upload homework, check assignment timelines and support each other's learning. Stay tuned to learn more about how Mrs. Madden, students and parents are using Edmodo.
- ⇒ **Collaboration** - students contribute to produce original works and solve problems. For example students in 8M work in partners or groups across subjects to share and discuss big ideas, learn from each other and expand their perspectives.
- ⇒ **Creativity and Innovation** - students apply existing knowledge to generate new ideas and products and create original works (e.g., in 8M students have made Bullying Awareness and Prevention posters using Piclits and iPod apps such as Halftone, Lithogram, aTypo Picture).

"Equipping students with appropriate technology and tools is the beginning not the end."

Cross curricular teaching and learning linked to messages found in media graphics and texts supported students to create their own posters (four examples are provide here by Natalie, Diana, Ryan and Reese). Success Criteria included balancing the graphics with text, use of colour, consideration to audience and inclusion of key messages from the Light Up Your World program, Respect Unit Literature Circles and the Anti-drugs and Alcohol unit.



Students in 8M use iPods to link to Edmodo and collaborate with others.



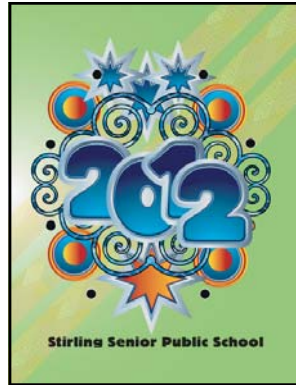
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For our complete newsletter please visit our school website at <http://edu.hpedsb.on.ca/stirs/>



Advance Yearbook Sales

It is Yearbook time again! Don't miss out on your chance to own a 2011-2012 SSPS school yearbook. The yearbook will be packed full of photos from across the school and of course there is also the grade 8 graduation pictures. **Bring in \$25.00 before March 2nd quantities are limited to reserve your copy!**



Congratulations to **Taylor R.** from 7K who was our December newsletter draw winner. Don't forget to visit our website to view the full newsletter and hand in your slip (found on the bottom of the calendar) for your chance to win!



Highlights of our January on-line newsletter include:

- ⇒ SSPS students are Growing with Character! (December Students of the Month, Celebrate the Hero campaign and our Student Custodian)
- ⇒ Arts Showcase was a success!
- ⇒ Public speaking winners announced.
- ⇒ Seussical practices have begun.
- ⇒ Fun and fitness enjoyed by all when skating at the Stirling arena.
- ⇒ Transition dates and events for grade 8 students.
- ⇒ Grade 7 students Light Up Stirling Senior as they learn to make a positive difference.
- ⇒ Students display great school and community spirit at Santa Claus Parade.
- ⇒ SSPS holds a Stirling Hockeyville KRAFT dinner Dominos event.
- ⇒ SSPS is a recipient of a Project Enhancement grant from the HPE Learning Foundation to support our All i's on Learning project.
- ⇒ Curriculum Chat with 8M - 21st Century Learning!

Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development. Even just 15 minutes a day can improve a child's literacy skills dramatically. For ideas and to download a **Journey to Learning Passport** visit <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy-day>



School Council

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 pm** in the school library. The agenda will include discussions about our Parents Reaching Out Grant and school priorities for School Council members, as well as, a presentation by Bernadette Hymus from the Health unit about Healthy Active Schools and parent engagement. All are welcome to attend.



Second Public information meeting for the new Stirling school

Mark your calendar and plan to attend a second public information meeting about the new Stirling school.

DATE: Tuesday, January 17th 2012

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

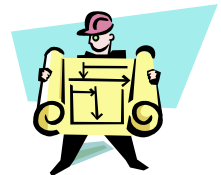
LOCATION: Stirling Senior Public School, 107 St. James Street

This meeting will review project timelines and present preliminary floor plans. Members of the public will be able to provide comments or ask questions following the presentation.

More details about the new school are available online at: www.hpedsb.on.ca

For information about this meeting, please contact:

- ⇒ Principal Suzanne Cholasta at 613-395-3389
- ⇒ Sandy Smith, Community Engagement Coordinator at 613.966.1170 or 1.800.267.4350, extension 2270, by email at smith@hpedsb.on.ca, or by fax at 613-962-1048



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Upcoming Dates: Feb. 1st - Grade 8 Orientation Day at BSS or CHSS Feb. 2nd - School Ski Trip to Batawa Ski Hill Feb. 2nd - Grade 7 and 8 Dance at Bayside Secondary Feb. 3rd - PA day Feb. 13th - Bayside Guidance to visit grade 8 students Feb 20th - Family Day Feb. 24th - Term 1 Reports sent home March 8th - Brimacombe Ski Trip March 12th to 16th - March Break April 2 to 5th - Seussical performances</p> 						
8	9 (Day 1) Welcome Back!	10 (Day 2) 	11 (Day 3)	12 (Day 4)	13 (Day 5)	14
15	16 (Day 1)	17 (Day 2)  New Stirling School Public Meeting 6:30 	18 (Day 3)	19 (Day 4) Student of the Month Assembly  7:00 pm BSS Parent Information Night at SSPS 	20 (Day 5)	21
22	23 (Day 1)	24 (Day 2)  School Council Meeting 6:30	25 (Day 3)	26 (Day 4)	27 (Day 5) Family Literacy Day 	28
29	30 (Day 1)	31 (Day 2) 	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px;"> <p>Did you check out our January newsletter on-line? Answer the following question and return the slip for your child's chance to win! Question: What is the name of HPEDSB's Grade 9 Transition Guide? Answer: _____</p> <p>_____ Student _____ Class _____ Parent/Guardian</p> </div>			

