



Hello SSRC Volunteers,

Welcome to March and Spring!

We hope you are all doing well and have adjusted to Daylight Savings time. Kindly send us your hours for the month of February. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted this information to us.

Upcoming Events

- **TD Children's Book Week** – Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 – William Latter School
- **Spring Fling** – Wednesday, May 10th from 6pm-9pm – Greenfield Park Baptist Church
- **Volunteer Tea** – Saturday, May 27th from 2-4 pm – Adult Activity and Respite Center
- **Tutor Training Workshop** – Fall 2017

Wednesdays at Greenfield Park Baptist Church

It is a busy time of year again! The date of our annual Spring Fling has been set for **Wednesday, May 10th, from 6 pm to 9 pm** at the Greenfield Park Baptist Church, 598 Bellevue. We are lucky this year to have Kristina Fryml helping us to "get our act" together. Kristina will be helping our students rehearse the songs or poems or dances or skits that will be showcased at our Spring Fling event.

Thanks to everybody who celebrated Norman's Birthday with us last month - and to Carol for the yummy cake! And let's not forget to have fun, share crafts and colouring, some "quiet mind" cafe, be ourselves and be happy.

A nice cup of tea or coffee with friends always helps! We are lucky to have each other... and welcome new friends into our family.

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers. As always, they bring the warmth of the sun in all weather.

Ruth



Parent-Child Mother Goose Program – Family Literacy Week

Thanks to a donation from Literacy Quebec the SSRC was able to purchase new children's books for Family Literacy Day. A total of 20 bags filled with a new book and information on literacy was presented each family participating in the Mother Goose program at St. Mary's Elementary in Longueuil.



Parent-Child Mother Goose Program – Spring 2017

The spring session of the popular Parent-Child Mother Goose Program is being offered once again on Wednesdays at St. Jude Elementary in Greenfield Park, on Thursdays at St. Lambert Elementary and on Fridays at our new location St. Mary's Elementary in Longueuil. Kindly consult our website at www.ssrc.ca for more information.

Reading and Talking: Tips for reading actively with your child



All children love to be read to. They love sitting on your lap or close beside you while you share a picture book and interact with them for a precious time together. It is never too early to read to your child; you can start as soon as they are born. But once your toddler begins to be able to talk and as they approach school age, you can use reading to encourage talking and thinking. Here are a few tips for making the most of the reading experience with your young child.

- Choose a book with clear, easy to understand pictures and a text that fits with the pictures.
- Start by reading the title of the book and showing your child the picture on the cover. Ask what he/she thinks the book is about. Encourage them to guess based on the cover picture and their own experience. No guess is wrong!
- Begin to read the story: "Let's see if your idea is right." As you come to various events in the story, stop before you read that part and ask your child what they think will happen next. Sometimes a good follow-up question is "Why do you think that?" - especially as your child gets good at reading the pictures. Ask questions as you go through the story, questions that encourage your child to think, predict, and make connections. This is a skill called "active reading" that all good readers need to learn. You can help your child get off to an early start as an active reader by making thinking part of reading.

Mary O'Malley

Peer Tutoring at St-Lawrence Elementary School in Candiac

In order to increase students' success, free after school tutoring has been offered to certain students in our cycle 3 classes. Former St-Lawrence graduates currently at Heritage Regional High Schools International Baccalaureate program volunteer to work with our students for 1 hour per week on a multitude of subjects. This initiative could not have come together without the fantastic training given by the South Shore Reading Council to the IB students of HRHS. Communities working together, that is the model of a CLC.

Michael Sitruk
Project Development Officer
St-Lawrence School CLC

Human Interest

One of our dedicated tutors Robert, is also a very talented carpenter. When he is not working with his students Robert is quite busy with wood working. Below are pictures of a hobby bench that Robert recently completed for his youngest son. The last three pictures are a bedroom set for his middle son. Robert is currently working on a bar/credenza for his oldest son. Thank you for sharing your photos with us. We also thank you for your continued support and keep up the great work!



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Reminder!

"Each One Teach One"

If you know an adult who would like to learn to read or read better, write or improve math skills, tell them about the South Shore Reading Council. Our lessons are One-to-One, Free and Confidential.

We thank you for your continued support!

Ruth and Sylvia