

MARCH 2018



The Stonebridge Story

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A Message from the Administration

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Billy Pang

Secretaries

- Mrs. Fernandez
- Mrs. Lau
- Ms. Shum

School Day Schedule

8:45 am Entry

8:55-10:35
Learning Block

10:35 - 11:05
Recess

11:05- 12:45
Learning Block

12:45-1:45
Lunch

1:45-3:25
Learning Block

3:25
Dismissal

February was an exciting month of celebration at Stonebridge! Students received Term One Report Cards and families reviewed the goals and achievements in learning. The students demonstrated great pride in their learning, and explained how a Growth Mindset influences their success as they try new approaches and techniques. Staff continue with the Deep Learning in Math exploring new, innovative ways to integrate math inquiry into the instructional program. Students benefit from strategies they apply as they explore different ways to solve problems, make connections to real-world math, and articulate the process effectively to their peers and teachers. Our Math Journey continues to inspire creative thinking, collaboration and ownership for learning.

Students experienced many “hands on” learning experiences through the month of February. Grade Five students visited the McMichael Art Gallery to learn more about artists, symbolism and Indigenous Artists. We thank our Parent Volunteers for accompanying the students on this field trip. The Grade 5's travelled beyond the borders of the school for their learning adventure, while the Grade 7's remained at school, welcoming the “GUSH” facilitator to Stonebridge. Students participated in a series of “hands on” activities where they learned about clean sources of water, pollution, sources of clean water, and issues of clean water access in Canada. Students used critical inquiry to explore the issues of access to clean water for Indigenous communities across Ontario. We are proud to integrate this new learning to our understanding of the newly revised Land Acknowledgement Statement which adds *“The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action (number 62 - 63) speak to the significance of education as the key to reconciliation and developing a shared understanding of how our collective past brought us to where we are today will help us walk together into a better future”*.

This month, Lunar New Year– Year of the Dog was celebrated with a Dragon Dance and a Parade through the school, with cheering students and staff participating in the festivities. The celebration continued through to the Heritage, History and Culture Assembly where students learned more about Lunar New Year and the Asian Culture. The Learning Commons became a virtual Showcase for Black and African Heritage, History and Culture. Classes visited the stations and learned about the Steel Pan, Iconic Leaders, The Tradition of Carnival, Art and Crafts. The Students culminated their learning by attending two assemblies showcasing “Carnival Spice” Performers, who entertained the audience by sharing “THE STORY OF DANCE” with everyone! This interactive session got everyone up and moving, learning about forms of dance, movement and drama. March will bring new learning opportunities for parents and their children. On March 7th, Author Michael Wade will be sharing his stories with Gr. 3 to Gr. 6. Then on Thursday, March 22nd, the School Council is hosting the “Building Resiliency & Well-Being”, a Family Event, starting at 6:30 pm through to 8:30 pm. We hope to see you at this interactive session for families. Registration forms will be sent on Friday, March 2nd. We wish all our families a very safe and happy March Break!

Sincerely,

Yvonne Chan & Padmini Padiachy

The Stonebridge School Council will be hosting a Parents Reaching Out Session on Thursday, March

Trustee Greetings

Message From Our Trustee

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.

Bill Pang

Trustee

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InspireLearning!

YRDSB & Trustee Invitation

Dear Family,

Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

York Region District School Board is re-visioning its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools.

The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP.

Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

Save the Date!

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School

Inspire Learning!

Stonebridge School Council News

Stonebridge School Council Members 2017–2018

The new board is:

Co-chairs

Garth Morris

Ingrid Lambie

Treasurer

Wendy Wei Sun

Secretaries

Micol Mihaila

Bilal Younus

Voting Members

Hermeet Parmar

Virginea Ho

Betty Lum

Anup Ravindranath

UPCOMING...



PIZZA
FAMILY WELL-



BEING SESSION
MARCH 22nd, 2018



Greetings from the Stonebridge School Council.

The second cycle of pizza Thursdays have begun! Thank you to all families for supporting this valuable fundraising initiative!

Our Spring Fun Fair is coming up soon and we are currently planning for that. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our school council through the general school email listed below.

Stonebridge School Council will be hosting

“BUILDING RESILIENCY & WELL BEING” for Families

Thursday, March 22nd from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

The session will integrate strategies and valuable online resources which families can access and use effectively to support them.

Light Refreshments, Translation, and

Childcare/Supervision (K - Gr. 8) will be available for families.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO ATTEND.

FORMS WILL BE SENT OUT MARCH 2nd.

The next School Council meeting is on Monday March 5th, 2018. We invite all parents/guardians to attend.

As always, the Stonebridge School Council can be contacted via our email address at stonebridge.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Thank you for your continued support,
The School Council



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE News.....



All YRDSB schools are now **using School Cash Online**
as an online payment system.

School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including year-books and field trips. Families may make payments using School Cash Online, or continue to pay by cash or cheque.

We encourage families to register and use SCHOOL CASH ONLINE as it helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by parents and students.

You can [register for School Cash Online](#) at any time.

There is also a button on our school website.



STONEBRIDGE P.S.

STEAM NIGHT - APRIL 2018

SAVE THE DATE...

THURSDAY, APRIL 26th, 2018

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Come Explore, Investigate, Problem-Solve, Create,
Design and Innovate at our first "STEAM" Night....

SCIENCE

TECHNOLOGY

ENGINEERING

ART

MATHEMATICS

MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.....



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

2018 SUMMER INSTITUTE

YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD Summer Institute

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8?

[Summer Institute](#) offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 11 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) page on www.yrdsb.ca.

Registration opens March 7. Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.

Base Registration Weekly Fees:

York Region District School Board students:

\$105 (4 day weeks) \$120 (5 day weeks)

Non- York Region District School Board students:

\$130 (4 day weeks) \$155 (5 day weeks)



March 21st - The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was designated by the United Nations General Assembly in 1966 to bring together international communities in the fight against racial discrimination in all forms.

March 21st marks the annual commemoration of the UN proclamation of the *International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*. The City of Markham and the Markham Race Relations Committee supports this significant day with the annual *Many Faces of Markham* event, a celebration of the community's ethno-cultural inclusiveness. The theme for this year's *Many Faces of Markham* event is **Unity Through Diversity: Protecting Human Rights and Promoting Inclusion**.

The City of Markham celebrates this important day with the Many Faces of Markham event that is organized by the Markham Race Relations Committee. Students across Markham are invited to submit works of art, videos, and writing pieces to a competition that is part of this event. The theme for 2018 is **Unity Through Diversity**. **The submission deadline is February 23, 2018**. Winners will be presented with awards at the Many Faces of Markham event at Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 3 pm.

Location: Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School
90 Bur Oak Ave, Markham
Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018
Time: 3 pm – 7 pm

Students from Stonebridge P.S. have been invited to perform at this event on Saturday, March 24th, from 3 – 7 pm. Please contact Ms. Padiachy for more details.

A shared understanding of how our collective past brought us to where we are today will help us walk together into a better future.

Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Learning

TEACHINGS OF THE SEVEN GRANDFATHERS



Wisdom Love Respect Bravery Honesty Humility Truth

Seven Grandfather Teachings - Niizhwaaswi Gmishoomsinaan Kinoomaagewinan

Wisdom -Nbwaakaawin To have wisdom is to know the difference between good and bad and to know the results of your actions.

Love -Zaagidowin To truly love is to care for others unconditionally, knowing when people are weak is when they need it most.

Respect -Mnaadendimoowin To have honour for all of Creation. You must give respect if you wish to be respected.

Bravery -Aakide'ewin To be brave is to do something right even if you know it's going to hurt you.

Honesty -Gwekwaadiziwin Always be honest in word and action. Be honest first with yourself, and you will more easily be able to be honest with others.

Humility -Dibadendiziwin You are equal to others, but you are not better.

Truth -Debwewin To learn the truth, to live with truth and to walk with truth, to speak truth.

The Student Council will inspire all students to participate in monthly Stonebridge Spirit Days based on a school spirit theme.

Stonebridge Student Council News....

Student Voice, Engagement and Leadership — Building Safe, Caring, Inclusive Schools

Student leaders inspire the learning community to set a positive tone for building inclusion and belonging. This year, the Stonebridge Student Council will be facilitating a variety of initiatives to engage all students in exciting events highlighting Culture, Heritage and Diversity.

Each month, the team will host two Stonebridge Spirit Assemblies, one for Primary students, and one for Junior/Intermediate students.

Each assembly will focus on integrating the Seven Grandfather Teachings along with Indigenous ways of Knowing and Learning in a Good Way.

The assemblies will celebrate Stonebridge Spirit promoting Mindfulness, Well-Being and Growth Mindset. Students will also develop critical inquiry skills by exploring concepts of Social Justice and Human Rights in their daily interactions as members of our school community.

Upcoming Assemblies: February 26th, March 29th, 2018



At our February assembly on Monday, February 26th, students, staff and parents experienced an exciting journey of learning, showing, sharing and performing.

Student Leaders presented aspects of heritage and culture, while making connections to the Seven Grandfather Teachings, this month's focus, Bravery, and Human Rights # 29 Responsibility to Self and Others.

Students shared African Folktales, Lunar New Year Zodiac and Personality Traits and watched a special performance by Carnival Spice Performers.

Students learned about the Indigenous Teaching of Respect, and the correlation to Human Rights.

During the month of February, classes explored learning about Heritage, Culture and Contributions of Asian, African and African-Caribbean communities.

We invite all families to share their Heritage and Cultures at future assemblies by speaking with their children and encouraging participation. We welcome new understanding and knowledge building through sharing aspects of culture and heritage with us.

We will continue celebrating our inquiry and learning with special events and assemblies.

Families are invited to attend.

News from the LEARNING COMMONS



The Learning Commons .
By Mrs. Miyata



MARCH 7th

Author Michael Wade Visits Stonebridge P.S.

Students from Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 will attend a special presentation by popular author Michael Wade on March 7th.

Michael Wade will be presenting materials from his new collections and students are excited at the opportunity to listen, share ideas and understand characters and themes in his collections.

Michael Wade will be offering students a special discount promotion to purchase his latest books or collection.

\$5.00 per book or \$40.00 for the Collection of 14 Books

Celebration of Culture, Heritage & History

On Monday, February 26th, students visited the displays in the Learning Commons.

The displays were coordinated and presented
by the Silverwolves Student Council and Leadership Team,
showcased Black History, Culture and Heritage.



Battle of the Books is Happening



Battle of the Books is a reading club geared to students in Grade 4 through Grade 6. Students read titles generated by librarians from the Markham Public Libraries in York Region and also from teacher-librarians from both the public and catholic school boards. The Battle of the Books Club is gaining momentum as more and more children read books from this year's Battle Booklist. The students find out information about Canadian authors and interesting characters while cultivating their joy of reading.

At Stonebridge, students in our club have opportunities to participate in person in the library and also online in our Battle of the Books Moodle which will be launched in early February. Watch the school newsletter for more details.

Happy Reading, everyone!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration 2018—2019

Kindergarten registration commenced on January 19th 2018 for the 2018-2019 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca.

Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, live within the school boundary are eligible to register for kindergarten. Stonebridge kindergarten information session for parents is being planned. More information will be provided at registration.



French Immersion Registration. For Sir John A McDonald P.S.

Grade 1 French Immersion registration will take place from January 19 - February 9, 2018

FI registration will begin January 19, 2018. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2018, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office (where your child currently attends) and request an Office Index Card - short version. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school, therefore the index card must be signed by Ms. Chan, Principal of Stonebridge P.S.

Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to your [designated French Immersion school](#) to register between January 19 and February 9, 2018.

Stonebridge Gr. 1 students attending French Immersion will attend the program at Sir John A. McDonald P.S.

Snack Program at Stonebridge

Nutritious snacks at Stonebridge Public School are offered to all students at morning recess in the office. Snacks are available to all students free of charge.

If a student does not have a snack or is feeling extra hungry on a day, they can go to the office and get something from the bin. We will be providing all snacks which are nut free and meet the requirements of the guidelines in the Healthy Food for Healthy Schools Act.

The School Snack Program is subsidized by the School Nutrition Program.

If you would like to make a donation to the school snack program, please contact Mrs. Fernandez at the office.



March 2018

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Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1  Day 1	2 Day 2	3
4	5  Mr. Sub Lunch Staff Meeting School Council Mtg Day 3	6  Day 4	7  Mr. Greek Lunch Author Michael Wade Visit Day 5	8  Day 1	9 Day 2	10
11	12 M B	13 A R	14 R E	15 C A	16 H K	17
18	19  Mr. Sub Lunch Day 3 Back to School	20  Day 4	21  Mr. Greek Lunch Day 5	22  Resiliency & Well-Being Session—6:30 –8:30pm Day 1	23 Day 2	24 Markham City Council “Many Faces of Markham” Event at Pierre Eliot Trudeau H.S.. Performances 3—7 pm
25	26  Mr. Sub Lunch Day 3	27  Day 4	28  Mr. Greek Lunch Day 5	29  Day 1	30 Good Friday No School	31

Inclement Weather—School Bus Cancellation



Student Transportation Services of York Region
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
905-713-2535
FAX: 905-713-2533
Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following:

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	106.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at School Bus City and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.