

APRIL 2018



# The Stonebridge Story

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## A Message from the Administration

- **PRINCIPAL**  
Yvonne Chan
- **VICE-PRINCIPAL**  
Padmini Padiachy
- **SUPERINTENDENT**  
Camille Logan
- **TRUSTEE**  
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

We are well into the new school term and there is an excitement and anticipation of upcoming events. In March, students experienced rich learning. The visit by author Michael Wade inspired the students as he shared characters from his book series "And then it Happened". Grade 4 students attended a Medieval Art workshop session, where they learned about the symbolism and techniques of medieval art. The students made individual banners from a selection of materials and followed the techniques taught to them.

Students are participating in extra-curricular activities and preparing for tournaments in area schools. Boys and girls basketball teams are well into their routines and matches. We thank all parents for their time and transportation to these important events which build team spirit, confidence and a strong sense of community.

On Thursday, March 22nd, the School Council held the "Building Resiliency and Well-Being for All" evening. The session was well-attended and all parents participated in small and large group discussions around concepts of success and well-being. Ms. Hatty Moon, the YRDSB Consultant participated in the event and shared valuable resources with parents. Our School Council members facilitated the event and led the discussion. Parents got an idea of what well-being looks and feels like at Stonebridge from the staff team and the student leadership team. Parents had the opportunity to respond to a series of questions, then participate in a large group discussion on success and how to sustain success for their children. The feedback and ideas will be shared in our next newsletter in May. The evening ended on a high note with a Dance and Movement Session by Carnival Spice Productions. Students performed their segment to the parents, then it was time for parents to join in and learn the movement and dance as a group. The activity, music and shared learning was a great experience which promoted well-being for all who attended!

Stonebridge Grade 4 student Victoria Wang won first prize in the Art Competition run by the City of Markham's Race Relations Committee. Victoria and her family were special guests at the event celebrating the winners on Sat. March 24th, where she was presented with a Certificate from Mayor Scarpitti. Other groups from Stonebridge presented dance performances and songs at the event, held at Pierre Elliot Trudeau High School.

The Grade 3 and 6 EQAO Provincial Assessment will be administered during the weeks of May 22nd through to June 2nd. We remind parents to avoid scheduling appointments during this assessment period.

On Thursday, April 26th, we will be having our **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math** Night for families. Students and staff will host a carousel of storefronts, showcasing activities, problem solving, creative thinking, arts, engineering and coding. Students and parents will participate in a variety of activities to promote interest in math, science and modern learning. Further details will be communicated later in April.

The Junior / Intermediate Students will present an enchanted musical "Best of Both Worlds" on May 9th and 10th. This entertaining musical brings elements of Fairytales into a modern context and is highly entertaining. We hope to see everyone there!

Sincerely,  
Yvonne Chan & Padmini Padiachy

**NEWLY REVISED.....**



*The Land Acknowledgement Statement has been revised to include a new paragraph which helps us understand the importance of the TRUTH & RECONCILIATION CALLS TO ACTION—# 62 & 63*

*Treaties were negotiated at the beginning of relationships between the Indigenous peoples and early settlers.*

*Treaties are living agreements, which are recognized and respected today.*

We would like to start by acknowledging that we are on the traditional territories of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe peoples, whose presence here continues to this day.

We also would like to acknowledge this is the treaty lands of the First Nations of the Williams Treaty and thank them and other Indigenous peoples for sharing this land with us.

We would like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest community and partners in education.

**We acknowledge this land and the people because the first step to reconciliation is recognizing the existence of Indigenous people.**

**The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action (number 62 - 63) speak to the significance of education as the key to reconciliation.**

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

# YRDSB & Trustee Invitation

***Dear Family,***

## **Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls**



*Bill Pang* Trustee

647-461-9965 [billy.pang@yrdsb.ca](mailto:billy.pang@yrdsb.ca)

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!**

***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

Pizza Days



THURSDAYS

YRDSB  
REGIONAL PARENT  
SYMPOSIUM

Wed. April 4th,  
6:30pm

School Council  
Members will be  
Attending

## Greetings from the Stonebridge School Council.

We are pleased to announce Stonebridge's second annual Fun Fair that will take place in June. We are excited about the opportunity to enjoy an evening of family fun. We continue to require volunteers for our Fun Fair. If you are able to volunteer a few hours to support this exciting event, please call Sharon Fernandez in the school office. The council would like to thank everyone that contributed to the Fund Raisers this year. Further details will follow.



## SPRING FUN FAIR FUN FAIR RAFFLE

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A BIKE RAFFLE IN MAY.

RAFFLE WINNER WILL BE DRAWN AT THE FUN FAIR



We invite all parents/guardians to attend  
our next school council meeting on

Monday April 9th at 6:30 pm.

As always, the Stonebridge School Council  
can be contacted via our email at  
address at

[stonebridge.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:stonebridge.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)





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....

**S**CIENCE

**T**ECHNOLOGY

**E**NGINEERING

**A**RT

**M**ATHEMATICS

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](http://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)**



*Many Faces of Markham event* Unity Through Diversity:  
Protecting Human Rights and Promoting Inclusion.

The City of Markham's Race Relations Committee celebrated the theme for 2018 **Unity Through Diversity** at Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School on Saturday, March 24, 2018.  
Congratulations to First Place Winner for ART—Victoria Wang—Gr. 4 Mrs. Holmesshaw



Peacock Dancers with Mayor



Victoria Wang & Mayor Scarpitti



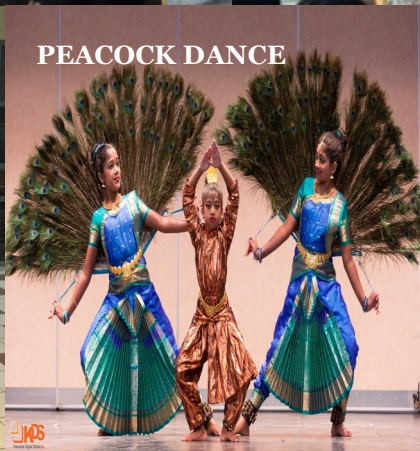
PATA PATA DANCERS



WAVING FLAG GRADE 3 / 4



STONEBRIDGE PERFORMERS



PEACOCK DANCE



FUSION LIGHT DANCERS



# Stonebridge Events & News....

**MUSICAL**  
**"BEST OF BOTH WORLDS"**  
**Wednesday May 9th & Thursday May 10th**

The Junior / Intermediate Students present an enchanted musical  
"Best of Both Worlds".

Two Evil Queens discover a way to go from Fairy Tale Land to a real life High School.  
It is up to one character, an incidental character called The Woodsman, to save the  
day.

Join us on **Wednesday, May 9th or Thursday, May 10th** for an evening of fun  
for the whole family.

**Tickets will go on sale at the end of April.**

**MUSIC ALIVE Grade 8 Band ,**  
**Monday April 23rd, 2018.**



**April 20 - Markham Area Band to**  
**visit Stonebridge**

**(Band members includes former Stonebridge Students)**



# 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](http://www.yrdsb.ca).



Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, live within the school boundary are eligible to register for kindergarten.

## World Autism Month

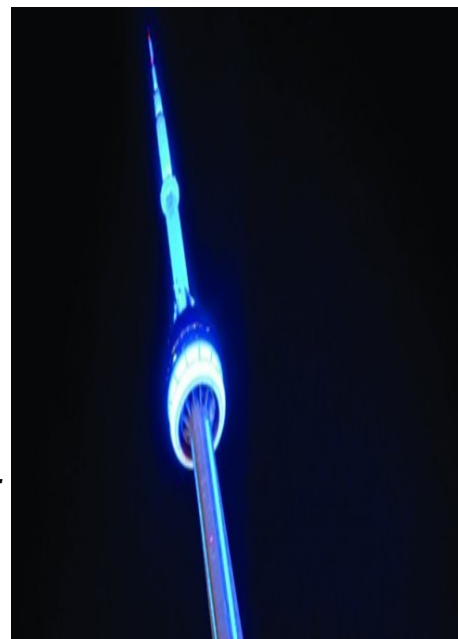
Every April, Autism Speaks and Autism Canada kick off World Autism Month beginning with

United Nations sanctioned

***World Autism Awareness Day on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.***

Joined by the international community, hundreds of thousands of landmarks, including Toronto's CN Tower, buildings, homes and communities around the world, light blue, in recognition of people living with autism.

At Stonebridge, we will be using the month of April to increase understanding and acceptance of autism. To begin our World Autism month, please wear blue on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## 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.



# April 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					<i>Good Friday</i> <i>No School</i>	
1	2 <i>Easter Monday</i> <i>No School</i>	3  <i>Day 2</i>	4  <i>Mr. Greek Lunch</i> <i>Day 3</i>	5   <i>Day 4</i>	6 <i>Day 5</i>	7
8	9  <i>Mr. Sub Lunch</i> <i>Staff Meeting</i> <i>School Council Mtg</i> 6:30 pm <i>Day 1</i>	10  <i>Knights in the Classroom</i> <i>Day 2</i>	11  <i>Mr. Greek Lunch</i>	12   <i>Day 4</i>	13 <i>Day 5</i>	14
15	16  <i>Mr. Sub Lunch</i> <i>Day 1</i>	17  <i>Day 2</i>	18  <i>Mr. Greek Lunch</i> <i>Day 3</i>	19   <i>Day 4</i>	20 <i>Day 5</i>	21
22  29	23  <i>Mr. Sub Lunch</i> <i>Day 1</i>  30	24  <i>Day 2</i>	25  <i>Mr. Greek Lunch</i> <i>Gr. 7 Vaccination</i> <i>Day 3</i>	26   <b>STEAM NIGHT</b> <i>Day 4</i>	27 <i>Day 5</i>	28

# 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](http://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](http://School Bus City) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.