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The Stonebridge Story

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A Message from the Administration

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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

Welcome to April! We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable time over March Break. We can't wait for Spring and warmer weather! 欢迎来到四月! 我们希望大家有个休闲和开心的春天假期。我们期盼春天和温暖的天气快到!

We would like to thank our community members, students and staff who joined us for our Circle of Support to stand in solidarity against Islamophobia and racism, to grieve the lives lost from the event that took place in Christchurch New Zealand, and to give and receive support from one another. We had parents from local schools join us as well as YRDSB staff members from other schools. 我们希望感谢社区人士, 学生和教职人员参与我们的支援圈去一起站出来以反对回教惊恐思想和种族歧视, 去为在那在纽西兰基督城事件所失去生命的默哀, 和给予和接受互相支持。我们有家长从其他附近学校过来支持以及约克区教育局其他学校的教职人员来参与。

We want to let you know that it is our goal at the end of the school year to share with you a Community Report Card highlighting our work as a school this year. You will have a chance to give us grades as a school and as leaders with regards to Responsibility, Accessibility, Initiative /Innovation, Inclusivity/Equity, Communication and Transparency. 我们亦希望告知大家在学年完结前跟大家分享一个报告学校整年所做的行政报告。您们亦会有机会向我们的工作各重要部分评分, 包括责任, 亲和, 主动投入/创作, 包容/平等, 沟通和透明度。For these Skills and Work Habits you will rate us with E for Excellent, G for Good, S for Satisfactory and N for Needs Improvement. With regard to our areas of Achievement, you will be able to rate our school on our Leadership, Equity, Innovation, Math, Modern Learning and Mental Health and Well-Being. You will rate our achievement with A, B, C or D. We look forward to sharing our work with you (please read our Newsletters, weekly emails through EDSBY, our Twitter Feed and on YouTube) in this summary report card in June and hearing from you about how we are doing as a school! 家长可以就以上的能力和工作表现给“E”为优越, “G”良好; “S”满意; “N”不及格需进步。您亦可向学校整体作评分, A,B,C,D 向领导, 公平, 创新, 数学, 现代教育和精神健康, 学校所作的努力进行评分。我们期待听到您们的意见。请大家留意学校的校讯, 在Edsby 亚士比周, 推特和Utube 电邮和讯息, 我们会把学校所做的放在六月份的学校行政评核报告上。

In response to feedback we have received from parents who attended our Community Town Hall back in January, we are seeking ways to engage our community with the school, and the school with the community. Parents shared with us that they appreciated connecting with and having conversations with parents and school staff in a more informal setting. We welcome our community for a Community Gathering on April 15th from 11:45 to 12:45. Join us in our new Community Lounge! We plan on having a second session on May 9th. 一月份的社区家长大会收集的意见已经整理, 整体家长欢迎学校以这类非正式的大会形式交流意见, 保持互动联系。因此我们定在四月十五日中午十一时四十五分至十二时四十五分进行新的家长午餐时间。亦会在五月九日再次进行。请过来跟老师校长互动交流!

Through our Town Hall and ongoing consultation we heard that many wanted to come together as a family through sport. To this end, we will be opening our gym on April 23rd 3:30 to 5:00 to families to engage with children through sport. There will be student volunteers to provide suggestions, get equipment and support as needed. This is your time to be in YOUR school and make use of the space and equipment available. We also plan on having a Community Activity Night on May 9th from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Join us! 通过我们的社区大会, 我们听到家长希望通过运动互联。所以我们在四月二十三日下午三时三十分至五时, 家长可和孩子一起在校的室内体育场透过运动一起互动。会安排学生义工提供帮助, 取运动用具, 等等。这是让您们在您的学校地方应用有关用具以家庭互动。我们亦计划在五月九日下午六时至八时进行家庭活动夜。过来一家人一起动一动!

If you have any specific requests for the placement of your child for next year, please send your request to Mr. Merkley by May 1st. Please keep in mind that parents should not be requesting specific teachers or particular grade arrangements (single/combined grades) as teaching positions and school organization changes every year. Please describe your child's learning profile and the type of teaching style that will support your child (e.g. My child requires a lot of structure, My child learns best through the Arts, my child is strong in Literacy but needs more support in Math etc.) 如果您有对下学年孩子的安排有特别要求, 请在五月一日前把要求交到Mr Merkley 校长。请家长明白, 家长不应该要求特定的老师因为老师教学的职位是每年不同。请向学校说明您孩子的学习特点和那类型的教学方式会更可支持您的孩子 (例如: 我孩子需要很多规定架構, 我孩子可通过艺术去学习, 我孩子语文比较强但数学需要多一点支持, 等)

Your partners in education. 您的教育伙伴

Nada 副校长 and Kevin 校长

Message From Our Trustee

I hope everyone has had a great start to the second half of the school year. Over the past few months, I have had an opportunity to connect with families, students, staff members and with our broader community. I have seen a lot of exciting opportunities for students to explore their interests, celebrate their identities, and develop skills and knowledge that will benefit them in the future.

Many students are participating in [skills competitions](#) or other events where they problem-solve, innovate, collaborate and further develop their technical skills. Students compete in robotics, construction, hairdressing, transportation, 3D animation and much more. These events are among the many options available to help students explore different careers and [pathways](#), and gain valuable experience. We are grateful for the support of community partners in helping to provide these great learning opportunities to our students.

I also want to express my appreciation to our broader school community. One of the priorities in our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) is to build collaborative relationships. The relationships that our schools have with families is so important. There are many different ways you can be involved - talking to your child's teacher, asking your child about homework, or volunteering on a field trip or the school council. Your contributions make a difference to your child's success and to the success of our schools.

I look forward to meeting and working together more with families, students and staff members in spring and summer. Feel free to contact or communicate with me and I wish you all a great spring and an enjoyable March Break.

Ron Lynn

Trustee

School Council Meeting

At Stonebridge Public School, we welcome and encourage parent engagement and participation in school initiatives, committees and events. Participation in School Council is one way to be involved in your child's education. During School Council meetings, important topics relating to school are discussed. Members determine ways in which they can enhance the schooling experience for all students at Stonebridge PS. For example, School Council may become involved with fundraising efforts which in turn help to provide additional technology to enhance student's learning experience. If you are interested in being part of the School Council, please join us at next School Council Meeting. Translation services will be available.

School Council Meeting Dates:

May 6

June TBD

Money and Math

There are many opportunities to engage your children in conversations about money. From a very young age children are interested in learning about money and leveraging these conversations can have lifelong benefits. From learning the value of coins and dollars, to budgeting and finances, talking about money supports many different mathematical concepts (e.g., adding, subtracting, percentages and estimation).

Here is a parent guide with more information about supporting financial literacy at home:

http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/financial_literacy_parent_guide_en.pdf

To find out what your child will learn in math this year or to find other fun activities that you can do together as a family, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>. Be sure to also try our [Problem of the Month](#)

World Autism Awareness Day



The twelfth annual World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2019. Joined by the international community, hundreds of thousands of landmarks, buildings, homes and communities around the world, including Toronto's CN Tower and Niagara Falls will light up blue in recognition of people living with autism. At Stonebridge, we will be using the month of April to educate our community about autism, and promote inclusion and acceptance in our classrooms and beyond.

To kick off the month of Autism Awareness, please Light It Up Blue, by wearing blue on Tuesday, April 2nd.

International Day of Pink



April 10, 2019 is the International Day of Pink. It is a day when communities across Canada and across the world unite to celebrate diversity and raise awareness about the need to stop homophobia, transphobia, discrimination and all forms of bullying.

On this annual day in April, individuals wear pink to show respect for diversity and to demonstrate support for learning and working environments which are safe and inclusive of people from all different backgrounds.

Kindergarten Registration 2019—2020



Kindergarten Registration

Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2019, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten.

A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for May 16th at 6:30 pm. For more information, please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

Please let your neighbours with young children who are ready for JK know of this date.

SCHOOL PARKING NOTE TO ALL PARENTS

In the morning... Please pull as far ahead as possible to allow others to enter. Dropping your children off on Stonebridge Drive is not safe and hold up traffic in the morning. There is **NO PARKING** on Stonebridge Drive or Wilfred Murison Avenue between 8:30 am to 9:30 am. With everyone's cooperation, we can make our Kiss & Ride drop off in the morning safe and efficient. 早上，請盡量往最前停讓孩子下車，孩子在大街下車絕不安全及阻礙交通，早上八時三十分到九時三十分，是不能在Stonebridge 或 Wilfred Murison大街停車。請大家合作，以確保安全和快捷。

At lunch time... Please keep in mind that parking is allowed on Stonebridge Drive and Wilfred Murison Avenue during the lunch period. 中午時間，請注意，Stonebridge 和 Wilfred Murison 大街可以停泊。

If you are dropping off a lunch for your child, please pull up as far as possible in the Kiss & Ride. Please **DO NOT PARK** in the Kiss & Ride for any length of time. 中午送午餐，請盡量往最前停，好讓其他車進入，不要停泊長時間。

After school... Please pull ahead as far as possible so that others can enter the parking lot. If picking up your child in the Kiss & Ride, please remain in your car and pull ahead as far as possible. Do not leave your vehicle. 放學時間，請盡量往最前停，好讓其他車進入。等候孩子，不可停下離開汽車。

There is **NO PARKING** on Stonebridge Drive or Wilfred Murison Avenue between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm. You can **ONLY** park on the side streets. Waiting for your child on Stonebridge Drive or Wilfred Murison Avenue is not safe and restricts traffic and we don't want any of our families to get costly tickets for parking illegally on Stonebridge Drive or Wilfred Murison Avenue. 下午三時至四時，不能停泊在 Stonebridge 或 Wilfred Murison 大街等候孩子，只可停在內街，為孩子安全，避免阻礙交通或接到告票，請遵守交通規則。

Please ensure that you use the cross walk if you need to enter the parking lot. We appreciate your cooperation in making drop off and pick up at Stonebridge safe for students and staff. Please contact the school if you have any questions. 如要進入停車場，請使用行人路。多謝合作，確保學生和員工安全。如果有什麼問題，請跟學校聯絡。

Upcoming Events:

APRIL

Gr. 8 Band @ Music Alive : April 8, 2019

Immunization (Gr. 7): April 11, 2019

Beanstalk Musical (JK/SK/Gr.1): April 15, 2019

Community Gathering (Meet your Superintendent and Principal): April 15, 2019 @11:45am-12:45pm

Family Open Gym: April 23, 2019 @3:30pm—5pm

MAY

Junior/Intermediate Spring Concert: May 2, 2019 @ 7pm

Willowgrove Farm (JK/SK): May 23, 2019

Gr.3 EQAO: May 22-24

Gr. 6 EQAO: May 27-29

JUNE

Kinark Trip (Gr. 7): June 12-14, 2019

Grade 8 Graduation: June 26, 2019

Stonebridge Fun Fair



We are pleased to announce the Stonebridge's annual Fun Fair will be taking place on Thursday, June 20 @6-8pm. We are excited about the opportunity to enjoy an evening of family fun with bouncy castles, face painting, raffles, food and much more.

We continue to require volunteers for our Fun Fair. If you are able to volunteer a few hours to support this exciting event, please contact the office and we will inform the organizing team.

The council would like to thank everyone that contributed to the Fund Raisers this year.

April 2019

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7	8 <i>Gr. 8 Band @Music Alive</i> <i>Mr. Sub</i>	9  	10 <i>International Day of Pink</i> <i>Pasta Lunch</i>	11  <i>Immunization for Gr. 7</i> 	12	13
14	15 <i>Community Gathering</i> <i>Beanstalk Musical</i> <i>Mr. Sub</i>	16  	17 <i>Mr. Greek</i>	18  	19 <i>Good Friday</i>	20
21	22 <i>Easter Monday</i>	23  <i>Family Open Gym</i>	24 <i>Pasta Lunch</i>	25  	26	27
28	29 <i>Mr. Sub</i>	30  		 		