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The Stonebridge Story

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A Message from the Administration

On Thursday, March 30th, Stonebridge Public School held a Math Information Night for parents. The parents who attended enjoyed listening to Ming Huang, a YRDSB Math consultant speak about the Comprehensive Math Program that teachers in our board are using along with the Ontario Mathematics Curriculum to provide deep math learning opportunities for students. Parents had the opportunity to participate in hands on learning with Stonebridge teachers. They experienced learning math utilizing puzzles and games, solving authentic problems and mini lessons. Please view this video if you are interested in learning more about the Comprehensive Math Program. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjmoqMpsrEA

"Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math" is a tool kit for parents developed by the Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE). This toolkit was created specifically for parents of children in the elementary grades in Ontario (Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8). The toolkit emphasizes the many ways in which your help and support plays an important role in inspiring children to learn and love mathematics. The goal of this resource is to provide you with the most significant research-based information to help you be the best, most knowledgeable and most confident supporters for your child's mathematics education.

"Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math" provides modules with simple but effective methods and materials for you to support your child's math learning. It will show you how to get involved in your child's learning, and offers guidance for working with students of different ages. This Parent Tool Kit was developed by experts in mathematics education, with input and advice from parents and students. (EduGains exerpt)

The complete tool kit is available at:

http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/parent_engagement-math/en/index.htm

Your engagement in your child's education is very important to us. We are always looking for ways to include you in our work at school. We hope that you find this kit useful. If you have any questions about math at Stonebridge, talk to your child's teacher about the learning activities that your child is involved in at school.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Chan and Shelley Jones

PRINCIPAL
 Yvonne Chan

• VICE-PRINCIPAL Shelley Jones

 SUPERINTENDENT Erik Kilji

• TRUSTEE
Billy Pang

Secretaries

Mrs. Fernandez

• Mrs. Khan

• 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

School Council Members 2016-2017

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Stonebridge School Council News

Greetings from the School Council



There will be a Presentation by Michelle Cassidy on April 27th, 2017 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. The presentation will be about the connection between academic success and mental health. A notice will be coming home next week.

There will be a Fun Fair that will take place on May 18th. 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.

Upcoming Events

School Council Meeting on Monday April 3rd Presentation by Michelle Cassidy April 27th, 2017,

The Fun Fair on May 18th, 2017.

School Council Meeting on Monday June 5th

As always, the council can be contacted via our email address

stonebridge.ps@sc.yrdsb.on.ca

Thank you for your support,

The School Council

School Assistants

SCHOOL ASSISTANTS REQUIRED

Stonebridge P.S. is hiring additional School Assistants to work an hour a day, during Lunch Recess (12:45-1:45 pm). School Assistants supervise students while they eat and play during lunch. It is a paid position.

If you are interested in being a School Assistant at Stonebridge, please come in and speak with Ms. Khan in the office.



World Autism Awareness Day



The ninth annual World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2017. Every year, autism organizations around the world celebrate the day with unique awareness-raising events. For example, Canada's National Tower (CN Tower), the tallest structure in the Western Hemisphere at 553.33 m will <u>Light It Up Blue</u> on Sunday, April 2, 2017 in honor of World Autism Awareness Day!

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 April, please wear blue on Monday, April 3rd.



International Day of Pink

WEAR A PINK SHIRT on April 12th!

April 12, 2017 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.



GUYS & DOLLS



This year, the Junior / Intermediate students will present the popular Broadway Musical **Guys and Dolls**.

We invite everyone to come out and watch as Sky Masterson, the famous gambler, falls in love with the missionary Sarah Brown. Cheer on Miss Adelaide as she encourages Nathan Detroit to change his ways and finally agree to get married after fourteen years of being engaged. Come out and laugh as a group of gamblers bet their souls on the roll of a dice. Come out and enjoy the songs that have become Broadway hits.

All are invited to attend this year's musical.

Performances will be Wednesday May 3rd
Thursday May 4th
at 7:00.

Tickets will go on sale April 17th.

Come out for a great evening of singing, dancing and musical theater.

Math Information Night at Stonebridge PS



On March 30th, 2017, Stonebridge Public School invited the community to take part in our Math Information Night. Staff members led parents through math games, mini lessons, math talk and meaning-

ful problems. As part of our ongoing commitment to student achievement, parents were provided with a gift bag of math manipulative and activities to support the mathematical thinking of their child at home. By developing a strong partnership between home and school, we continue to set up our students for success.

Stonebridge Public School would like to thank all those who participated, volunteered and took part in helping with the Family Math Night.

World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour

On Friday, March 24 Stonebridge staff and students participated in the World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour campaign by turning out lights and electronics from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. This event is a symbolic gesture that is used to open up discussion about global warming and ways in which we can save energy every day.

During that hour, our school saved 56 kilowatts of energy which is the similar to turning out 5 fluorescent light bulbs in 644 homes. We really can make a difference!

ARTH HOUR

Learning Commons





Doodle for Google And Win Prizes!





Hey Stonebridge Families! Here's a COOL CONTEST that your child(ren) might love to enter! It's called Doodle 4 Google. Google Canada is a sponsoring a national contest inviting students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 to redesign the logo for the Google.ca

homepage for a day. In keeping with Canada's 150th Anniversary, Google is inviting students to imagine what the next 150 years will look like and to creatively come up with their very own Google doodle!

Get this! The winning doodle will be featured on the Google Canada homepage for 24 hours! The winning student will also receive a \$10,000 university scholarship, a Google Chromebook, and a \$10,000 technology award for their current school along with a trip to the final event on June 13, 2017! Now's the time for our students to show their optimism, creativity and imagination in producing their own dynamic doodles!

Full details are available @ https://doodles.google.ca/d4g/ Don't delay! Contest entries close on May 2, 2017!



Heath's & Leong's Grade 5 Students Paint Masterpieces reflecting Native Art





Flowers and Birds by Sarah Z.

Family of Birds by Nicole T.

Ms. Leong's and **Ms. Heath's students** are featured in this month's Canada 150 tribute. In their Grade 5 social studies unit on Canada's native people, the students learned about the talents of Canada's very own Norval Morrisseau, an Ojibway Canadian artist who is known as the "Picasso of the North."

The students painted pictures depicting nature and native Canadian legends demonstrating their awareness of Morrisseau's woodland art. The student masterpieces showed Morrisseau's style of using bright colours and black outlines. Thank you, **Ms. Leong's** and **Ms. Heath's Grade 5 students** for letting us display the art and for making our Learning Commons feel like an art gallery! To the left are two examples of Stonebridge's young artists.



Stonebridge's Own Battle of the Book Competition is Coming up on Friday, April 28, 2017!



A keen group of boys and girls in Grade 4 to 6 continue to read books on our Battle of the Books booklist. It is fun to gather together and quiz them to guess the title, author or character of various books. The students like to quiz me, too, so I have to keep on my toes! I enjoy reading the clues that the students post on our school's Battle Moodle; I can see the excitement building as more students post their clues. If any student in our Battle Club is having trouble logging in, please remind them to speak to Mrs. Miyata and we'll address this issue.

We will be holding our own Battle of the Books competition at Stonebridge on Friday, April 28, 2017 from 9:15-10:45 in the gym. After our in school battle, we will be choosing a team of 6 students to represent our school at the Area Battle of the Books event that will take place on May 11, 2017 at Highgate Public School in the evening. Stay tuned for more news in upcoming newsletters.

Happy Reading, all!

Mrs. Miyata J&

From the Learning Commons, introducing What we think...



Welcome to What we think.

Over the next few months, the Learning Commons will have a place for students to share what they think about questions posed to them about Canada, being Canadian and Canada 150. They are invited to write their thoughts and we shall be placing some of their thoughts in our newsletter.

What is a Canadian? Answers from Stonebridge students......

- A person who respects other religions and cultures along with never hesitating to help another one out . Qusay 7H
- Being Canadian isn't just coming from a country but being able to show others how your country helps others and impacts others. Eethan 8T
- A Canadian is someone who respects diversity. Cynthia 5L
- Being Canadian means getting mad when you don't win anything on "Roll up the Rim."
 Michelle 8T
- Canadians make everybody in all races, religions and gender equal. Ashar 8T
- A Canadian is someone who values friendship and each other. I am proud to be a Canadian. The land where Shawn Mendes and Justin Bieber came from. Megan 6C
- ♣ To be very nice and respect others. Jaydon 6M
- A Canadian is someone who treats all races equally and says "Eh?" after every sentence eh? Nicholas 6C
- Being Canadian is to treat others the way they want to be treated. Bryan 5 L
- A Canadian is a person who respects others, no matter the person. He/she respects the rights of others. Joshua 6 M
- Being Canadian means you stand up for what is right even if you stand alone amongst others. Eethan 8T
- A Canadian is a person who respects others, no matter the person. He/she respects the rights of others. Joshua 6 M
- Being Canadian is to hold the doors for each other. Chevy 5L

Eco Reuse from CEC East Office



Parents for Children's Mental Health



Monday, April 10, 2017

PARENTS' Support Group

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult?

Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- · meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
 - find encouragement and emotional support
 - learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
 - learn how to access resources in the community

When	Second Monday of every month NO pre-registration. Free childcare sign up parentengagement@kinark.on.ca Meetings run every month all year. Chapter leader email york@pcmh.ca	Second Tuesday of every month NO pre-registration Info@theyorkcentre.ca Meetings run every month except August.
Time	6:30-8:00pm	7:00- 9:00 pm
Where	Aurora Kinark Office at 24 Orchard Heights Blvd. Unit 101A Aurora. (Entrance is at east side of grocery store down the hill) Free parking & very close to Yonge St. for public transit.	The York Center at 11225 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill. Free parking.

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit www.pcmh.ca.

Summer Institute School information





YRDSB Summer Camp—Summer Institute

The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered at Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

YMCA Before and Aftercare programs available at all locations

YMCA Before and After Care Registration

Weekly Sessions July 4, 2017 to August 11, 2017

For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit www.yrdsb.ca and select programs and services.

Summer Institute Site

Armadale S.I.

Crosby Heights S.I.

Discovery S.I. (located at Teston Village P.S.)

Lakeside S.I.

Lake Wilcox S.I.

Maple Leaf S.I. (located at Glen Cedar P.S.)

Milliken Mills S.I. (located at Highgate P.S.)

Oscar Peterson S.I.

Sixteenth Avenue S.I.

Unionville Meadows S.I.

Woodbridge S.I.

Address

11 Coppard Ave., Markham

190 Neal Dr., Richmond Hill

80 Murray Farm Lane., Maple

213 Shorecrest Rd., Keswick

80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill

915 Wayne Dr., Newmarket

35 Highgate Dr., Markham

850 Hoover Park Dr., Stouffville

400 Sixteenth Ave., Richmond Hill

355 South Unionville Ave., Markham

60 Burwick Ave., Woodbridge

Summer Institute School information





Simplified Chinese

约克区教育局的暑期学院是一个提供学术,休闲娱乐和体育活动的课程,它是本着安大略省幼儿园到**8**年级的儿童和青年课程所特意连接开设的。

从2017年7月4日至2017年8月11日,地区内11所小学每周都提供课程。

课程计划和注册信息均可在约克区教育局网站http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx 查看。

如需要更多資料可电邮到performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca 或致电905-884-2046暑期学院办公室分机240查询。

Hindi

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http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx

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Community Partners Fair



The York Region District School Board presents a

Community Partners Fair

For Parents, Guardians and Educators

Thursday, April 27, 2017 Sir William Mulock Secondary School

3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Connect with community partners about what services they provide, who is eligible for their services, and how to access their services.

Build relationships among people who support both students and their families.

We wish to thank the following community partners for supporting this event:

360 Kids; Addiction Services York Region; Association for Bright Children;
Autism Ontario; Blue Hills; Canadian National Institute for the Blind;
Children's Treatment Network; Community Living – AuroralNewmarket;
Easter Seals; Kerry's Place; Kinark; Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario
– York Region; Mackenzie Health; Perents for Children's Mental Health;
Public Health; Special Olympics; VOICE for Deaf and Heal of Hearing
Children; York Support Services Network; Community Care Access Centre

Location Information:

Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way Newmarket, ON L3X 2N7

The Importance of Mindfullness

Take a Moment From Your Day and Just Breathe...

Mindfullness is a life skill to help improve one's overall health and well-being. It is training the muscle of attention; learning to be present in the moment and directing our attention with an open mind.

The benefits of mindfulness include:

- Improved memory
- Increased attention
- Better academic skills
- Emotional regulation
- Self-esteem
- Improved moods
- Decreased anxiety, stress and fatigue
- Meditation and deep breathing are some simple examples of mindfulness exercises and self-care techniques

As a parent, try to role model and practice mindfulness with your child. With practice, you and your child can learn to maintain attention, making way for a calmer approach to all aspects of life.

If you are interested in learning more about strategies to help your children to decrease stress, anxiety and improve focus, come



Stonebridge Chess Club

Exciting Chess Club News!



The Canadian Chess Challenge is an Annual National Championship by grade level, hosted by the Math'N Chess Association of Canada.

Congratulations to the intermediate chess players for winning the Intermediate Championship at the Markham/Thornhill regional Team Event! In the Individual Event category, the following students achieved the top 3 scores in their grades and qualified to play at the Provincial Tournament in April. Congratulations to Kevin Z. in grade 8, Quinton M. in grade 8, Robert D. in grade 7, Patrick H. in grade 6, Jason S. in grade 6, Paco L. in grade 4, and Michael L. in grade 3.

Chess club after school will continue as we prepare for the Area East Tournament on April 21. April will be the last month for chess this year.

Thanks to Mrs. D. Chow for another year of Chess at Stonebridge PS.



Family Services of York Region presents - Handle with Care



Registration 2017—2018

Registration 2017—2018

Stonebridge PS is still accepting registration for the 2017-2018 school year.

Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: <u>www.yrdsb.ca</u>. Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, live within the school boundary are eligible to register for kindergarten.

Stonebridge kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for May 25, 2017. More information will be provided at registration.

Thank you

Stonebridge Public School



Ldayr—Learning Disabilities—Connected Parenting







Connected PARENTING

An Evening on Understanding Strategies to Connect with our Children living with Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Workshop: Connected Parenting Strategies as it pertains to LD/ADHD Presented By: Jennifer Kolari from Connected Parenting

A workshop on how to use the tools that therapists implement to help children develop the emotional and neurological hardware they need to deal with whatever life throws at them! As the author of Connected Parenting, Jennifer will discuss her CALM technique which helps to de-escalate behaviour while building trust and increasing emotional resilience in children.

About the Author



Jennifer Kolari, M.S.W., R.S.W., author and founder of Connected Parenting is a therapist who has been helping children, teens and families get connected for 20 years.

Teaching techniques used by therapists, Connected Parenting empowers parents to use mirroring and empathy to attune to their child's feelings. This helps to set limits, shift negative behaviours and avoid ugly power

struggles. Parents learn to help their children and teenagers organize and control their emotions – so they become more confident and emotionally resilient.

Sponsored By:







Time:

Wednesday April 26th 2017 6:30pm — 8:00pm

Location:

York Catholic District School Board Head Office 320 Bloomington Road West Aurora, ON L4G 0M1

Cost:

\$10.00 LDAYR members \$15.00 Non-LDAYR members

Workshop fees are transferable and non-refundable.

How to Register:

Register by: April 21st 905-884-7933 x 23 info@ldayr.org

www.ldayr.org



Kid's Kitchen



Helping kids eat well and perform better.

APRIL 2017 UPDATE

WELCOME SPRING!

Spring is in the air! Celebrate the arrival of Spring with our annual Spring Special and enjoy our April specials and combos for the whole month!

2017 Spring Special

Butter Chicken with Basmati Rice and a mini Vanilla Cupcake topped with a fresh Strawberry.

*Gluten-Free option available.



April Features

Available as an entrée only or as a combo

Chicken Shawarma in a whole wheat pita

(Shawarma chicken strips, shredded red cabbage, cucumbers, lettuce and a creamy cucumber dressing wrapped in a pita)

*Halal option available.

Falafel in a whole wheat pita

(Crispy falafel, shredded red cabbage, cucumbers, lettuce and a creamy cucumber dressing wrapped in a pita)



Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca

Orders are accepted until 10am the previous business day (on Friday for Monday orders).

Spend more quality time with your kids. Leave the lunches to us!

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