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The Stonebridge Story

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A Message from the Administration

Welcome to December! The cooler weather is here and we are eagerly waiting for more snow! Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather. Snow pants, winter boots, hats, gloves/mittens, and scarfs are required to keep fingers and toes warm when we learn and play outside. Your child should arrive at school every day dressed and ready to go outside. Our decision to send students outside depends upon the temperature and the wind chill. These two factors considered together determine whether we are outside for the full recess, whether we go outside for a shortened recess, or remain inside due to severe cold. If you search for The Weather Network/Stonebridge PS, they will show you what you need to wear in the morning, lunch time and end of day to dress for the weather!

终于来到十二月! 天气冷了点和我们都盼望有多些雪的来临! 不过请记得穿着适合天气衣物。如雪裤, 冬天靴, 帽, 手套和围巾。好孩子学习和外面玩时可给, 手趾和脚趾保温您孩子需要穿着会到外面学习玩耍的衣物, 外出决定按天气温度和风冻情况。这两个因素会决定是否整个小休在外面, 还是缩短时间, 或是因为严寒而留在内。如果您希望搜索学校的天气, 您可登上网站 他们会说明按天气孩子要早上上课需要穿什么, 午饭时间和下课时间穿什么。

Recently we had 9 visitors from The Netherlands who visited Stonebridge as guests of our annual Leadership conference, Quest. They visited classrooms, were introduced to our Student Government, heard from parent volunteers about how families support the school, met our staff during morning recess, had a presentation from the students who shared our "Vision for Stonebridge" (that you will find on the office windows) and had a presentation from our Positive Spaces Leadership Team. It was a busy morning for them! They shared that they were most interested in how our staff were sharing student learning in our classrooms and in the hallways "making our thinking visible" for students to see. They commented on how well students spoke about the work they were doing, that they knew what they were learning and how to be successful, and they were also very interested in our model of Student Government and Class Senators.

最近我们有九位从荷兰到石橘学校来参观客人。他们是每年度参加我们教育领袖大会Quest的参加者。他们参观课室, 跟我们的学生会政府见面, 聆听家长义工如何支持学校, 和跟老师们见面。並有说明片分享有关石橘的理念。(在学校网站可看到) 另外亦有由我们积极空间领导小组制作的说明片那是一个忙碌的早上, 他们表达对老师在班室中表达 学生学习的和在走廊 "让我们的思考形像化" 给学生观看。亦表示对学生说及他们如何努力学习, 以让访客知道他们学习什么和如何可成功, 並表示对学生政府和班内的總管。

Our Inclusive Design Team consisting of Ms. Champsi, Ms. Heath and Ms. Toszegi presented our journey through Inclusive Design focusing on Engaging Parent, Family, Elders and Community and Engaging Student Voice to the entire Dutch delegation in the afternoon. You can learn more about Inclusive Design by reading this article in The Huffington Post. We will soon be introducing our Indigenous and Black Community Library. Our School Council has provided our school with funds to create an additional Community Library with texts that connect to our focus on identity.

我们的融和设计小组包括各成员老师有Ms. Champsi, Ms. Heath and Ms. Toszegi他们说明我们通过融和模式加强鼓励家长参与, 家庭, 长者和社区。另外融和学生声音给整个荷兰代表团你们可查阅huffington 报纸详情。我们会快将介绍原住民和黑人地区图书馆。我们学校家长委员会提供学校一些撥款去建立多一个社区图书馆, 会有更多和我们文化背景的书,

Our staff and student government have supported us in ensuring that we are representing Indigenous and Black identities through an intersectional lens in our new community library. All families are encouraged to drop by and borrow a text from our collection by signing out the book(s) in at the office. Bring the text home and return it to select a new text when you are done! Similar texts have been purchased for every classroom in our school and so your child and your family will have access to a diverse array of texts!

我们的教职人员和学生已经支持我们确保我们以多面体的视镜去代表原住民和黑人社区, 并很鼓励大家可以过来借书和在办公室办理手续。借一本, 用完还回来便可借另一本。每一个班都購買了相类似的書, 让孩子和家人之间可接觸多元文化的書本。

The last day of school before the Winter Break is Friday December 20, 2019. School will resume on Monday January 6th, 2020. Please take the time over the holidays to relax and unwind with your families. We look forward to our continued partnership.

冬天假期前的最后一天是十二月二十日。然后是2020 年一月六日回来。希望大家和家人一起可有舒閒和轻松! 期盼假期后继续合作!

Your partners in education, 您的教育伙伴

Sumir副校长 and Kevin校长

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

Message from Our Trustee

One of our top priorities as a school board is creating an environment that enables our students to focus on learning and be successful. That means creating environments where students are safe and feel safe, where all of our students know that they are welcome and supported, and where they see their identities reflected, valued and celebrated.

Championing Equity and Inclusivity

Championing Equity and Inclusivity is one of the priorities outlined in the [Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). We are fortunate to live in one of the most diverse regions of Canada, and welcome students, staff and families with a broad range of identities and experiences. There has been much work underway at the Board in the past few months to ensure we are providing all of our students with a safe, equitable and inclusive learning environment, including:

Providing [Board-wide training](#) for over 12,000 school staff on anti-Black racism.

Acknowledging [Treaties Recognition Week](#), and learning about the importance of treaties and treaty relationships in Canada from First Nations community members.

Bringing together over 250 students and staff at our annual [SpeakOut conference](#) for the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

Hosting a labour market information night for parents to learn about current and future career opportunities and employment trends.

Bringing together hundreds of members of the education community for three days of learning focused on Indigenous Education and Equity at our world-renowned [Quest conference](#).

I have had the opportunity to attend various school meetings and spoken to parents, students and educators firsthand, this includes, School Councils, Regional School Council Forum, Quest Conference and York Regional labor market information night. It is important that our families know and feel that they are a valued, respected and important part of our school community. In the recently held regional school council forums that brought together school council members from across the region, we learned and shared together on important topics such as engaging families, vaping and problematic gaming. It was wonderful to see so many family members there. I have visited no less than eight school council meetings so far this year and it is my mandate to visit every school council in the school year as it provides me with great opportunities to listen to and interact with families. As a pilot project commencing since the beginning of the year, a few schools piloted Active School Travel, which promotes students to walk or cycle to schools with their families. It was well received and feedback was also received from families.

The Board of Trustees was also pleased to receive and commit to taking action on the recommendations in response to the Anti-Black Racism, Antisemitism, Classism and Islamophobia community consultations.

Winter Months

With the winter weather already upon us, I also want to remind families that school transportation may be cancelled on [extreme cold or inclement weather days](#), and there may be rare occasions when emergency weather conditions result in school closures. To ensure families are aware, last month, we tested a new system to send text messages to families in emergency situations only. Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will also be available on Board and school websites, Board social media channels and local media.

Many of our students and families will be celebrating days of significance and holidays in the coming weeks and months, and I wish you all the very best for the season. I hope everyone has a safe and happy winter break and we look forward to welcoming students back in January.

Ron Lynn

Trustee, Markham, Wards 2, 3 and 6

Kindergarten Registration 2020—2021



Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 17, 2020

Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2020, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten.

For more information please visit the YRDSB website

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

Kids Kitchen

THE 2019 HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Celebrate the season with our annual festive holiday lunch!

**Roasted Chicken Leg, Steamed Veggies,
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
& a Festive Shortbread Cookie**

Gluten-friendly option is available online.

Available on the days we service your school for the month of December.



DECEMBER SPECIALS

For the month of December your child can enjoy:

BLT

Turkey bacon, lettuce & tomato on a kaiser.

or

CLT

Cheddar cheese, lettuce & tomato on a kaiser.



These items are available as a combo or entrée only. Visit us on-line to see our full menu.

These specials are available only until December 20th. Place your orders today!

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). A valid credit card is required.

We're here to help!

Live customer service: 8am – 3pm

Monday to Friday.

Holiday Office Closure

Please note that the office will be closed for the Winter Break December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020 inclusive. We will re-open on Monday, January 6th.

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

905.944.0210 | www.kidskitchen.ca | information@kidskitchen.ca

Edsby

TO REPORT A STUDENT'S ABSENCE/LATE:

LOGIN TO: yrdsb.edsby.com / CALL 905.887.2427

Change of Address:

If there's changes to your address or phone number, please let the office know as soon as possible.

NUT & SCENT FREE Environment

This is a reminder that many students and staff have life threatening allergies to nuts. As a result, we ask that all snacks and lunches are nut free. Please take the time to read the labels on snacks to ensure they are nut safe. We also ask that you do not use peanut butter substitutes such as Wow Butter . **Nutella is a nut product and must not come to school.**



The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. To help keep the air healthy for everyone, our school has a scent-free policy.



Lunches

If your child is away on hot lunch days, please consider this a donation to the school, as we cannot provide refunds for missed lunches. If you would like to pick up their lunch, you must notify the school by 12pm.

When dropping off lunches/drinks, please make sure they are labeled to ensure all lunches would be picked up on that day.

FLU SEASON IS HERE

Get the flu shot as early as possible

The first and best step to preventing the flu (or influenza), is to **get the flu shot every year**. The flu spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others and anyone can get it. Getting the flu shot can protect you, your family and those around you.

Students may be at higher risk of getting the flu as they come together in close public spaces including the classroom, gymnasium, lunch room and library.

The flu shot is especially important for students who have a chronic condition (e.g. asthma, diabetes) or those who live with or have close contact with a pregnant woman, kids less than five years old, or a resident of a nursing home or other chronic care facility since these groups are at higher risk of getting very sick or being hospitalized because of the flu.

Flu shots are **free** and are readily available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

In addition to getting the flu shot annually, here are some other health tips that can help prevent the spread of the flu:

- Wash your hands well and often with either soap and water or alcohol based hand rub
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze (if you do not have a tissue, cough into your upper sleeve)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Stay home when you're sick
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and shared items

It's important to get the flu shot as early as possible as it can take nearly **two weeks** for the influenza vaccine to take full effect.

To learn more about flu and flu vaccine, visit york.ca/flu.

PUBLIC HEALTH 1-877-464-9675 TTY 1-866-512-6228 york.ca/flu

Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information Sessions

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 16, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2020 <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx> to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 17, 2020. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2020, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register, between January 17 and February 7, 2020. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 7, 2020. Late registrations will be treated on a first- come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Accommodation Plan

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

Active Travel

December is an Exciting Time of Year!

The first day of winter falls in December!

Start of School Winter holidays!

Spending time with Family and Friends!

December is also a great time to get outside, have fun in the snow and discover the great outdoors! .

When the temperature drops, it is common for many parents to want their kids to spend time indoors. However, there are many benefits for kids to be active outside in the winter, including:

- Building different muscle groups and improving physical health
- Engaging in creative play
- Being messy and having fun
- Fresh air and sunlight
- Learning first-hand about nature, the weather and the seasons

When children are outside they move more, sit less, play longer and sleep more soundly at night. Being active also helps to improve your self-esteem, social skills and mental health. Here are some December challenges we invite your children to try leading up to the holidays (December 3rd to 21st):

1. Walk to and from school or the bus stop everyday
2. Wish the crossing guard or a classmate on your walk to school a great day
3. On your walk to school make a snow angel
4. On your walk to school complete 10 star jumps and 10 jumping jacks
5. Make someone laugh today
6. Check your local recreation center for fun activities that you and your family can do over the holidays
7. Say something positive to one of your classmates

Active School Travel is a simple way to fit physical activity into your daily routine!

If you live far, consider parking a block away and walking. If active school travel every day is a challenge, choose one, two or three times a week to make a change.



Sincerely,

YRDSB Active Travel Team and York Region Public Health

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. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries which prevents 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.**

A bus cancellation message will be available at www.schoolbuscity.com, by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on Twitter.

Parents, students and school staff may also 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	105.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

Active School Travel - Reminder about signs

Please keep in mind that there is no parking from 8:30 to 9:30 am on Wilfred Murison Ave and Stonebridge Dr. in the morning and from 3:00 to 4:00pm in the afternoon. These are bike routes and this signage has been put in place by the Town of Markham and will be enforced for student and community safety.

请注意早上八时三十分至九时三十分和下午三时至四时在Wilfred Murison 和 Stonebridge 不得泊车。万锦政府在那里有單車线和这信息牌说明，为行人和学生安全，违规会按法办理。



Please remember that there are no left turns between 8:50am to 9:10am and from 3:25 to 3:40pm. This is for student safety and to allow for traffic to move smoothly during these busy times.

早上八时五十分至九时十分和下午三时二十五分至三时四十分不得左轉，这是学生安全和让交通流通畅順。

Please keep in mind that during the winter months that the walkway that goes around the North side of the parking lot is not maintained and is closed. We would ask that you cross at the entrance to our parking lot where someone will assist you to cross safely and walk the path by the Kindergarten area as this is maintained by the school with snow clearing and salting during the winter months.

请注意，在冬季期间，停车场以北部份不会剷雪和关闭，所以请应用学校正门过路，我们可安排让您安全过马路。亦可在幼儿园旁的行人路走过因为那边是会经常保持剷雪和加溶雪盐。



Please keep in mind the signage in the parking lot noting that there is no parking in the left lane, and the right lane closest to the walkway is for drop off only. Parking is not permitted in this drop off lane as it restricts the ability for others behind you to proceed. Please keep in mind that if you do need to drop off lunch, or visit the office that you can park on Stonebridge Ave between 9:30am and 3:00pm.

请注意：在泊车场已经有个告示，说明不得停車在正门的左线上，在最右线只可停一下放下孩子，在这线也不得停泊。因为停泊会阻碍后来的車通过。如果您要放午餐盒，您可在早上九时三十分至下午三时停泊在Stonebridge 街上。

December 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 <i>Mr. Sub Lunch</i>	3 <i>Popcorn Day</i>	4 <i>PET Drama (Gr.8)</i> <i>Mr. Greek Lunch</i>	5 <i>Yoga for Health @6pm</i> <i>Popcorn Day</i>	6 <i>Field Trip: Archives of Ontario (Gr.7)</i>	7
8	9 <i>Mr. Sub Lunch</i>	10 <i>Popcorn Day</i>	11 <i>Pasta Lunch</i>	12 <i>Popcorn Day</i>	13 <i>TVO Mathify (Gr.7 & 8)</i>	14
15	16 <i>Mr. Sub Lunch</i>	17 <i>Popcorn Day</i>	18 <i>Mr. Greek</i>	19 <i>Popcorn Day</i>	20	21
22	23 <i>Winter holiday</i>	24 <i>Winter holiday</i>	25 <i>Winter holiday</i>	26 <i>Winter holiday</i>	27 <i>Winter holiday</i>	28
29	30 <i>Winter holiday</i>	31 <i>Winter holiday</i>				