

DECEMBER 2016

The Stonebridge Story

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A Message from the Administration

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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

As we approach the end of the 2016 calendar year, we take time to reflect upon the many ways our students, staff and families have been directly involved in contributing positively to our school learning environment. We are grateful for the dedication and continuous support of all!

All of us at Stonebridge are taking time this month to develop a practice of gratitude. We have been taking a few minutes each day to talk about what we are thankful for. All classes in our school have been involved in conversations and activities about gratitude. You will be able to see our "Wall of Gratitude" when you come into the school for one of our concert evenings in December. On page 10, you will find an article on ways to support a gratitude practice with your family.

Time has truly flown by since the start of the school year. Our students have had a successful block of learning, and are well on their way to completing the first term of this school year. We would like to thank families for attending the Parent Teacher Interviews held in November and engaging in thoughtful conversations about their children's learning. Communication between home and school is an essential element of student success. We appreciate your on-going involvement in your child's education and the time you have spent communicating with staff.

Stonebridge PS works hard to give back to the community and the world. The Me2We group will be selling candy-cane grams this month and all proceeds will go towards our Me2We projects. This December we are collecting **NEW** warm winter clothing and accessories. We have a beautiful Christmas tree in the front foyer and we invite families to decorate the tree with new warm hats, mittens, gloves and scarves. The bigger items such as sweaters, and coats can be handed to home room teachers. We will be collecting from Thursday, December 1st until Thursday, December 15th. Given the increasing need in the GTA we hope that this will be a very successful clothing drive.

Our students are busy preparing for our **Candy Cane Lane Primary Concert** which will be on Wednesday, December 14th for Group A and Thursday, December 15th for Group B. The order forms will be sent home this week. **Our Winter Concert** will be held the evening of Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00 pm. The Junior and Intermediate students will be performing a variety of pieces showcasing the various talents at Stonebridge. These groups will include the Intermediate Band, Glee Club, the Junior/Intermediate Choir and other classes presenting songs, skits and a light show. More information will be coming home soon.

We would like to wish you all a safe and happy winter break spent with loved ones. We look forward to seeing you in 2016, refreshed and rejuvenated, to continue our learning adventure together!

Sincerely,

December 2016 – Trustee Greetings

Message From Billy Pang, Our Trustee

As we near the end of 2016, I hope everyone has had a great school year so far and found opportunities to get involved with the life of the school.

It is wonderful to have opportunities to see not only what our students are learning, but to see how they are learning – collaborating and problem solving, using technology in exciting new ways, and engaged in hands-on activities.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated staff members, students, families and community members across our Board. Thanks to all of the great people we have in our system, we continue to advance student achievement and well-being.

Our Board continues to have a strong commitment to creating welcoming, inclusive learning environments that enable all of our students to thrive. Engaging families in your child's education and the school community is in an important part of creating that environment.

There are resources for families available on our Board website at www.yrdsb.ca/parents, including information on Board programs and supports, and tips for parents to support your child's learning at home and at school.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2017. I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends.

Bill Pang

Trustee

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Inspire Learning! billy.pang@yrdsb.ca



Stonebridge School Council News

School Council

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2016-2017

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STONEBRIDGE SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

The direct donation fundraising event **has been extended** until Monday, December 11th, 2016.

Thank you so much for your generous donations. We have reached our first target. Don't miss this last chance to earn a **Crazy Hair Day** at school, Principal for the day, or an extended recess with activities for the class with the most participation. Any **donation of \$25 or more** will be entered in for a draw for two iTunes cards.

If you have not had the opportunity to donate yet, please help the School Council to continue to support our school by Monday DECEMBER 11th.

Donations can be made on line at www.schoolcashionline.com or cash and cheque can be brought in and handed to the Homeroom Teacher.

The next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 16th, 2017 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Staff Room.



**Thank you for your support,
The School Council**

York Region Tree Bee Competition

The Stonebridge Eco Club sent a team of three grade 4 girls into York Region's Tree Bee on November 23 where they took third place in this exciting competition.

They competed against other York Region teams by identifying several species of trees, leaves, and bark and then answered questions about the forestry industry.

They worked hard to prepare for this event by exploring trees and leaves in the outdoors and researching facts about Canada's forest industry.

Well done Elaine, Haya, and Crystal!



Stonebridge Team at Volleyball

This year, the senior girls' volleyball team placed ninth at the area tournament on Tuesday November 22, after a long and hard journey. We started our season off strong in a practice tournament against Castlemore and Unionville. We beat both teams and continued to practice hard afterwards.

However, every journey has its setbacks and we faced ours at the Parkland tournament. Although we won one set, we did not perform well at all and ended up losing many points to mental errors. From there on out we decided, that our volleyball philosophy would be to compete for every point. We decided our mentality needed to improve and get stronger, and fight for the point until the whistle blows. We continued to develop this mindset through the rest of the practices we had, and trained with all of our will. Slowly, we started to see our progress at the Armadale tournament and another practice tournament at Castlemore.

Our competition level had truly risen. In the end, areas came, and we put our best foot forward and gave it our all. Unfortunately, we didn't make it into play offs, but we can proudly say that we did compete and that we had a great season.

Congrats goes out to Emily, Carol, Kendra, Victoria, Rachael, Christina, Ivy, Grace, Jeanette, Minni, Vickie, Hanifah, Cathy, Emma and Lianna.



Parking



Attention

Parents of Students at Stonebridge PS



When picking up or dropping off your children for school, please follow all signs posted. The school busses are having difficulty entering and exiting the bus loop due to cars parked illegally on Stonebridge Ave. It is also very important that you do not park in front of a driveway or block an entrance to a house. We have had complaints from our neighbours who live near the school regarding cars parking across their driveway at the beginning and end of the school day. **Thank you for your co-operation.**

Paid Position for Lunchtime Supervision

SCHOOL ASSISTANTS REQUIRED

Stonebridge P.S. needs 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. This is a paid position at \$12.11/hour plus 4% vacation pay

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

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.



Parents for Children's
Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

Monday, December 12, 2016

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) Free parking & very close to Yonge St for public transit.	The York Center at 11225 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill. Free parking.
Next Meeting	Monday, January 9, 2017	To be announced

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.

TEDxYouth @ BOSS

You Are Cordially Invited To

TED^x Youth @ BOSS

x = independently organized TED event

JOIN US TO DISCUSS THE THEME “**WHAT NOW?**”

This event will give students the opportunity to collectively engage in conversations about where we are today and where we want to be tomorrow, in school and beyond.

DATE: December 14th 2016

TIME: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Bur Oak Secondary School

RSVP LINK

**LISTEN TO THE
VOICE OF YOUTH**



Musical Concert

Holiday Concert



Stonebridge PS will be hosting a musical concert called **Christmas on Candy Cane Lane**. This Primary Concert (for students in grades 1-3) will be held on Wednesday, December 14th and Thursday, December 15th.

The Junior / Intermediate Winter concert is Wednesday, December 21st, 2016

All concerts will begin at 7:00 pm.



Giving Tree Campaign At Stonebridge

Student Council Presents the Giving Tree Campaign At Stonebridge

The holiday season is approaching fast and we know that many are looking forward to the many festivities that the holiday season brings. However, some families in our community can not afford to celebrate and are instead, worrying about being able to provide basic necessities for their families.

This year, Stonebridge Public School will be joining the York Region Police Force's, "Holiday Heroes," campaign to help make the holiday season just a bit merrier for some families. You can help by simply donating any **new** children's clothes, hats, scarves, socks, or mittens from November 23 to December 16.



Please send in donations with your child to be delivered to your child's homeroom teacher. All donations will be put to good use and given to someone who truly needs it.

The class that collects the most items will win a pizza party. Let's all work together to make this holiday season a truly joyous one for everyone!



Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School Open House

PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU HIGH SCHOOL

INFO FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ENROLLING 2017-2018

INVITING ALL
GRADE 8
STUDENTS AND
PARENTS!

OPEN HOUSE

Come visit our
facilities and
learn more about
our programs!

GENERAL PRESENTATION
beginning at **7PM**

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
(LISTED BELOW)

- FRENCH IMMERSION 6:15 PM
- STUDENT SERVICES (SPECIAL EDUCATION) 6:30 PM
- ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE 6:30 PM

WHEN? **DEC 1**



COURSE SELECTION PRESENTATION

GRADE 8 Cafeteria
GRADE 9 Gym
GRADE 10 Library
GRADE 11 Drama Rm.
GRADE 12 Drama Rm.

JAN 12 7PM
beginning at

PATHWAYS School Council Presentation

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
SPECIALIST/HIGH SKILLS MAJORS,
ADVANCED PLACEMENT
- What are they?
- Why are they beneficial?
- How can they help with
post-secondary planning?

FEB 16 7PM
beginning at

特鲁多高中

2017-2018学年度入学新生 家长须知会

选课演讲

八年级 礼堂
九年级 体育馆
十年级 图书馆
十一年级 表演室
十二年级 表演室

一月十二号晚上七点开始

选路进阶 学校顾问演讲

特殊教育与先进课程

-他们是什么?
-为什么有益?
-他们会怎么帮助高中计划?

二月十六号 晚上七点开始

开放参观日

邀请邀请所有八年级的学生
和家長

知道更多程序!

总体的演讲
晚上七点开始

特别演讲
晚上6:30开始

-法语学生 6:15pm
-学生辅助(特殊教育) 6:30pm
-英语第二语言的学生 6:30pm

哪天? 十二月一号!!!



GRATITUDE PRACTICE FOR HOME

Gratitude helps us to appreciate what is already good in our life (instead of overlooking it) and help us to get through not-so-great times. It is also linked to so many health and wellbeing benefits.

Practicing gratitude – and it is something you need to do and practice – is great for adults, but it's also great for kids. It's something we can teach our kids every day.

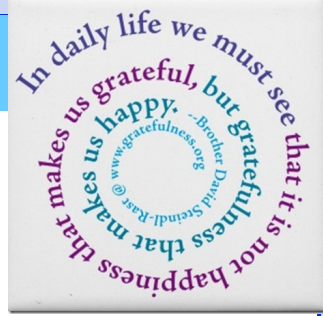
It's not about forcing them with saying things like 'you should be grateful!' It's about guiding them to make the practice of gratitude a normal way they live their life.

Here are some ideas for teaching our kids gratitude:

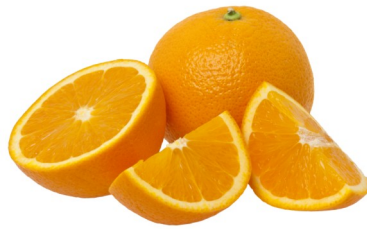
1. **MAKE A LIST OF THE GOOD THINGS** At bedtime or some other quiet time during the day, you can ask your child, 'What's something good that happened today?' Have a chat about it. Recognize it. Appreciate it.
2. **TEACH THANKFULNESS** As part of family life, we can reinforce the importance of thanking those who help us. Remind your kids to say thanks and congratulate them when they do.
3. **ENCOURAGE HELPING OUT** Kids can help out around the house. Because that's what we do in our family: we help each other. We do things for each other to make this a nice place to live.
4. **NOTICE THE LITTLE THINGS** Little kids are really good at noticing the little things: the lady bug on a leaf, the dog wagging it's tail, and the smell of spring. We can notice the little things too and share them with our kids.
5. **GIVE MORE THAN GIFTS** Kids need our love more than anything. Not endless rooms of stuff. Give them more love and less stuff.
6. **BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL** Our kids are watching and learning from us. If we practice gratitude, our kids will learn how to practice gratitude too.
7. **TALK ABOUT THE POSITIVE AFTER ANGER FLARES** During those tough times. After those meltdowns. Once some sort of calm has returned. Talk about the positives. Find the good. Not in a superficial or 'let's-ignore-that-horrible-feeling' way. But in a gentle and genuine way. As a tonic.

By Jodie Benveniste

Intuitive Parenting



Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.
-A.A. Milne



Crunch, Munchy Fruit Stand Coming To Stonebridge in January.

All students will be able to stop by and pick a piece a fruit if they are hungry.

Parent Volunteers Needed!

If you have an hour or two a week to help us to prepare the fruit and set up our Fruit Stand

Please call Shelley Jones at 905-887-2427

Or send an email to shelley.jones@yrdsb.ca



Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten Registration 2017—2018

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 20th at 10:00am, 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2016, live within the school boundary are eligible to register for kindergarten.

A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

Newcomers Registration

Registration for Newcomers and Students out of the country for more than six (6) months

Newcomer students and those who were out of the country for more than six months need to go to the Reception Centre to register.

The Reception Centre address and contact information are:-

Address: Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning,
36 Regatta Ave., Richmond Hill. ON L4E 4R1

Contact number: Direct Dial: 905-918-0080
Toll Free: 1-888-811-0229

Information for Parents can be found on the board website:
www.yrdsb.ca

December 2016

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Thu

Fri

Sat

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4	5	6 	7	8  	9	10
11	12 PCMH Workshop	13 Birthday of Aga Khan 	14 Christmas on Candy Cane Lane—Primary TEDxYouth @ BOSS 5:30pm-7:30pm	15  	16	17
18	19	20 	21 Junior / Inter- mediate Win- ter concert 	22  	23	24
25 Chanukah begins Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28 29 30 WINTER BREAK			