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The Stonebridge Story

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A Message from the Administration

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Allan Tam

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 December! The cooler weather is here and we are eagerly waiting for 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!

November was a busy month where we elected our student government. We had 53 students Grades 6-8 put their names forward for 11 positions. Since being elected, our student government has hosted a treat day for staff, have organized our class Senator elections for students Grades 4-8 and have started to define their roles. On December 3rd they are introducing themselves formally to our staff as well. Student voice is essential to create the school that our students and our community want us to be as the hub of your community.

We are very proud to announce that Meilun Yu, Grade 7 student in Ms. Hoo's class has been appointed to the Regional Student Equity Committee. She is one of 5 representatives from the East, and one of only 20 in the whole board that are being brought together to inform our systems equity work. We're proud of you Meilun, and know that you will bring your experience and your learning more about identity to this regional committee. Her first meeting is on December 5th....very exciting!

In December please join us on December 3rd from 6-7 pm for an information session to learn about our upcoming Community Town Hall on January 24th from 6-8 (mark your calendars!). On December 11th and 12th at 7:00 we have our Primary Musical. December 18th at 7:00 is the Intermediate Winter Concert. See you there!

The last day of school before the Winter Break is Friday December 21, 2018. School will resume on Monday January 7th, 2019. Please take the time over the holidays to relax and unwind with your families. We look forward to our continued partnership.

Your partners in education,

Nada and Kevin

Primary Musical and Winter Concert

Stonebridge will be hosting a musical concert called **The Littlest Reindeer**. This Primary Concert (for students in grades 1 to 3) will be held on Tuesday, December 11th, for Group A, and Wednesday, December 12th, for Group B.

The Junior/Intermediate Winter concert is Tuesday, December 18th, 2018. All concerts will begin at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be on sale on the first week of December.



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Like a Girl Club

In November the intermediate girls began a club, called Like a girl, to mentor grade 4 & 5 girls. Every month, the intermediate students lead different activities for the younger students such as a sport or art.

November was Volley like a Girl and we are learning some basic skills in volleyball. We are thrilled that so many girls stopped by to play volleyball with us!

In December, we will have Draw like a Girl workshops. We meet on Tuesdays at lunch and welcome all grade 4 & 5 girls.



Edsby Update

Regular Communication with parents

As of January 2019, the school office will be communicating with parents via Edsby only (no longer sending email).

If you haven't already accepted the invite to join Edsby, please contact the school office at (905) 887-2427 or email us at Stonebridge.ps@yrdsb.ca, so we can re-invite you.

As well, if you know of a family in the community who is not signed up or due to language-barrier or other is unable to sign-up in Edsby please ask them to contact the office so we may assist them in using the Google Translate option on Edsby.

A Message from the Stonebridge School Council

**THE GRAND PRIZE FOR RAFFLE TICKET SALES IS AN
Insignia Flex 11.6" 32 GB Windows 10 Tablet**

Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10

Winner will be drawn at the Junior Holiday Concert on **December 18, 2018**

**THE SECOND PRIZE IS A STAR WARS DROID
&
PIZZA LUNCH FOR THE CLASS WITH MOST SALES!!!!**

First Prize

Insignia Flex 11.6" 32 GB Windows 10 Tablet
& Keyboard with Intel Cherrytrail Z8300
Valued at \$280



Second Prize

Sphero Star Wars R2-D2 App-Enabled Droid
Connect R2-D2 to your smart phone and control it with
Bluetooth Smart
Valued at \$80



Kindergarten Registration 2019–2020



Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 18, 2019

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.

Human Rights Commissioner's Office (HRCO)

York Region District School Board is committed to creating safe, equitable and inclusive learning and working environments. As part of this commitment, the Board established a Human Rights Commissioner's Office (HRCO).

The HRCO was created in response to a growing awareness that a space was needed within the school board environment to effectively address issues of discrimination and harassment specific to the Human Rights Code.

The HRCO is an arms-length office for Human Rights Code compliance under the Board's Human Rights Policy.

The HRCO website provides the YRDSB community access to important information related to human rights, a confidential complaint reporting process and contact information for the office.

The website can be found at www.yrdsb.ca/hrco.

French Immersion Information Sessions and Registration

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 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2019 <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 18, 2019. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2019, 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 18 and February 8, 2019. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.*

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 8, 2019. 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.

Stonebridge Book Fair



Thank you, everyone! The book fair was a huge success! Our parents and students were excited to open each mini tree-door until we passed our goal of \$6000! Big thanks to the parent volunteer team and the student library staff who gave a full support to make this huge event fun and possible.

During the book fair week, students were excited by the enchanted forest artwork designed and created by a grade-six student and his family. Students were also inspired by different activities with books. The Story Character Walk by

the student library staff was a sweet surprise and creative! The grade-one runaway pumpkin mystery with the help from the caretaker team led to a surprising ending. The students are still talking about the pumpkin! The staff book picks brought the book fair event to the climax. It was great to see how the whole community supported our children in reading. Many students shared that it was a fun event, and they looked forward to the next one in a year!



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

Eco Book Swap

The Eco Team will be running and Eco Book Swap over the next two weeks.

Students can bring in their good condition used books from Wed. Dec. 5 to Friday Dec. 7. They will receive one ticket for every 3 books they donate. Students will get to spend their tickets the following week from Dec. 12 to 14 at the Eco Book Swap event.



**** Only gently used school age appropriate books please**

When: December 5th—7th (Bring in your books)

Phone Apes—Cell Phone Recycling Program

Answer the call of the wild. Recycle your old cell phones in our special Toronto Zoo recycling box and help protect gorillas and their habitat.

Cell phone recycling encourages responsible waste management of electronic materials. The e-waste sector is growing rapidly and the impacts include illegal and irresponsible mining in developing

countries. Recycling of cell phones, and other small electronic devices helps reclaim valuable metals and reduces environmental social impacts.

How does it help conserve Gorillas and their habitats?

Coltan is a metallic ore used to produce the element tantalum which is most easily mined in the rainforests of the former Republic of the Congo (home to the endangered Lowland Gorilla).

*Phones must be cleared of all personal data before recycling. The recycling box is on the tables outside room 129.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Why Pack a Litterless Lunch?

A litterless lunch is simply that. It is a lunch that creates no waste! It involves the elimination of disposable products and encourages use of reusable containers. The goal of a litterless lunch is to reduce waste production, and therefore help to reduce our impact on the Earth.

What Does a LITTERLESS Lunch Look Like?

A Wasteful Lunch (DISPOSABLE)

- sandwiches sealed in plastic bags
- fruits and vegetables in plastic bags
- prepackaged chips, cookies, fruit bars, granola bars, cheeses, and fruit leathers
- prepackaged yogurts, apple sauces, and puddings
- crackers, pretzels, chips, and other snack foods sealed in plastic bags
- disposable juice boxes, juice pouchs, soda cans, water bottles, and milk cartons
- plastic forks and spoons
- paper napkins
- reusable lunchboxes and disposable paper and plastic bags

A Litterless Lunch (REUSABLE)

- sandwiches and other main dishes, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, and treats in a reusable lunch container
 - cloth napkins
 - stainless-steel forks and spoons
 - reusable drink containers
 - reusable lunchboxes
- * With this type of lunch, lunch food items can be bought in larger quantities, in bulk. The packaging can be left at home for reuse or recycling. Waste-free lunches are not only a wise environmental choice, but they are less expensive as well.



Pack a **Litterless Lunch!**



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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. 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 re-scheduled.
- 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

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2	3 <i>Mr. Sub</i> <i>Community Town Hall Information Session 6-7pm</i>	4  <i>Coding Workshop Day 1:45-3:15 pm</i>	5 <i>Mr. Greek</i> <i>PETH Drama Presentation for Gr.8 9:30 am</i>	6  	7	8
9	10 <i>Mr. Sub</i>	11  <i>Primary Musical The Littlest Reindeer Group A</i>	12 <i>Pasta Lunch</i> <i>Primary Musical The Littlest Reindeer Group B</i>	13  	14	15
16	17 <i>Mr. Sub</i>	18  <i>Jun./Inter. Winter Concert</i>	19 <i>Mr. Greek</i>	20  	21 <i>Last day of school</i> <i>Return Monday, Jan. 7, 2019</i>	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	<p>WINTER BREAK Dec.24th—Jan 4th. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!</p> <p>Back to School Monday Jan. 7th, 2019</p>					