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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

Growing the seeds of student voice is a whole school, whole community commitment. At Stonebridge we are committed to creating spaces for students to explore their passions, showcase their strengths, and express their sense of self and identity. A focus on student voice enables us to collectively embrace a growth mindset stance towards ourselves and in our interactions with one another. 让学生的声音的种子发芽生长是整个学校, 和整个社区的承诺。在石橋学校我们承诺为学生发掘他们的爱好, 表扬他们的优点, 和表达他们的自我身份认同。以学生的声音作目标任务是让我们一起去珍惜一个具备自我成长和朋辈互重的思想基础。

When students shape their learning spaces they feel more competent and confident and come to feel that they matter and that they can make a difference. 如果孩子能参与建立他们的学习空间, 他们会更具信心和勇气去自我感觉良好而努力拼搏。

January has been shaped by the voices of our students and community. Several student driven clubs and actions have started this month including the school newspaper, Art club, Lego Club, and intramurals sports, to name a few. With the support of Student Government, students and staff at Stonebridge have planned and facilitated several mental health initiatives across the school this month, culminating in mental health assembly on January 30 coinciding with Bell's Let's Talk day. With the partnership of staff and community members, a group of Grade 5-8 learners have been planning a Tamil Heritage day. This day will take place March 1 and includes a range of workshops including games, crafts, ancient texts and contemporary issues. Students have also initiated plans for Black History Month (and beyond) including learning about Canada's Black trailblazers in Human Rights, Culture, Athletics, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). 一月份便是由学生和社区的声音描绘出来。几个学生策划的学会和行动在这月初开展出来。包括学校月讯, 艺术会, 力高会和校内运动比赛, 应有尽有。由学生会和教职人员共同计划在这月主办几个精神健康的活动。并在一月三十日和貝爾的"让我们谈谈"举行精神健康大会。另外在三月一日, 5至8年级的学生和教职人员已经计划在举行泰米文化日。会有一系列的工作坊包括游戏, 工艺, 古泰米字及近代事件。学生亦主动计划黑人历史月(及之后)包括学习加拿大黑人在人权, 文化, 运动的先驱及STEM(科学, 科技, 机械数学)。Students have also advocated for learning about Shadeism for the intermediate division. 高年级学生会倡议学习沙特主义。

January also saw our first Community Town Hall. We are grateful that staff were able to join in on this process and hear directly from our community about their hopes and dreams for our students. Participants answered three questions 我校第一次举办的社区家长大会已经在一月举行。我们高兴教职人员亦有参加和直接听取社区谈到他们对学生的期望和梦想。参加者答问: 1. What do children need to experience success? 什么可让孩子经验成功? 2. What are the skills children need to experience success? 孩子需要什么技能去经验成功? 3. How can our school do to better prepare children for success in school and beyond? 我们学校如何更好准备让孩子在学校及以后成功? We will be working with community and staff shortly to go through the feedback we received to organize the data and share it with you to determine how we can be responsive to your feedback. -We will be meeting with parents on Monday February 25th from 6:30 to 8:00 to go through the data and looks for themes and determine our next steps. Please join us! 我们很快会一起和社区整理所有的意见及资料, 以回应那些建议。并在二月二十五日下午六时三十分到八时和家长会面, 以计划未来下一步。请来参加!

Your partners in education, 您的教育伙伴,

Nada 副校长 and Kevin 校长

## Tamil Heritage Month:

On October 5, 2016, Motion M-24 was passed in the Federal Parliament, officially proclaiming January of every year as Tamil Heritage Month (THM). Tamil Heritage Month aims to celebrate the richness of the Tamil language and its literature, as well as to highlight the vibrant traditions, histories, arts, and cultures of Tamil Canadians. In addition, it seeks to recognize the significant contributions of Tamil Canadians in key areas of social, cultural, economic, and political spheres.

## Black History Month:

Celebration of Black History/African Heritage Month has been a part of Canadian society since the 1950's. Lieutenant Governor Hal Jackman declared February as Black History month in Ontario in 1993, and it was in 1995 that the Honorable Jean Augustine made the same declaration in the House of Commons in Ottawa. These declarations set the stage for acknowledgement of the contributions of peoples of African Heritage to the cultural, economic, political and social fabric of Canada dating back to the early 1600's. During the month of February we deliberately reflect upon the legacy of African history in all its various forms, and we join all Canadians in celebrating Black History/African Heritage month.

## Days of Significance:

**Holocaust Remembrance:** January 27 was International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This date was designated by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly. January 27 was selected because it is the date when the Nazi concentration and extermination camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated by Soviet troops in 1945. We reflect on this day remember that importance of our words and actions against Anti-semitism and intolerance.

**Day of Action on Islamophobia:** On Jan 29th we took a moment to honour the memory of those killed two years ago in the attack on a mosque in Quebec. We invite students, staff and families to reflect on what Islamophobia looks & sounds like and how communities & allies can come together in solidarity against hate.

**Family Literacy Day- January 27**

One day, there were several junior and intermediate students in the learning commons during the first recess. Ms. Leung, the teacher-librarian, and the students were talking about the beautiful art displays for Tamil New Year. A group of grade-seven students were happily sharing their home languages and the dances they did to celebrate their New Years in Syria and Kurdistan. What a beautiful sharing moment! We would like to extend this fun and valuable experience to our community through a school-wide family literacy bingo game. Stay tuned!

## Lunar New Year Assembly

Stonebridge will be holding an assembly on February 6 from 9:00 to 10:00 am to celebrate Lunar New Year.

Lunar New Year is a cultural and religious celebration for many Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese communities.

Many rituals are associated with this festive occasion. They include cleaning house, paying off debts, settling old arguments, and other means of making a "fresh start." To celebrate, people may light firecrackers, hang poetry, enjoy a family feast (oranges and apples are considered lucky fruits), exchange gifts (adults may give children *laissee*, red envelopes filled with money), and buy new clothes or new shoes.



## Winter Walk to School Day

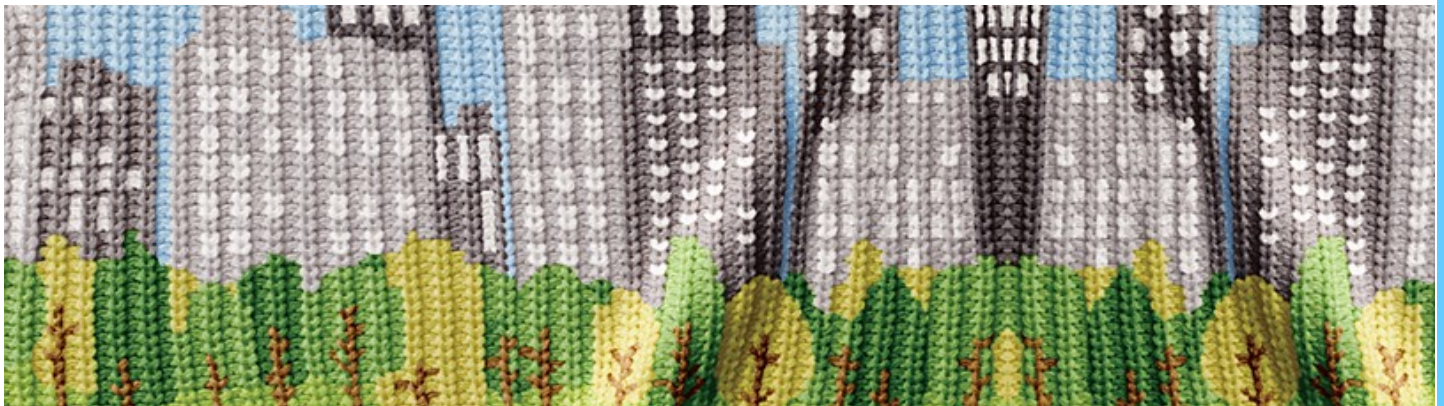
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 is #WinterWalkDay across Canada. It's the perfect opportunity for parents and kids to get outside together and stretch those legs!

Walk to and from school to improve physical and mental health, create a healthier environment, safer streets, make friends and have fun!

Walking is the simplest form of exercise and helps kids get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity they need. It's also a great cure for winter blues and helps students concentrate better in class.



## National Sweater Day



Thursday, February 7, is National Sweater Day. We are asking students and staff to wear a sweater that day to raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation, and show how together – classroom by classroom, school by school – we can be a part of the solution.

[http://www.wwf.ca/events/sweater\\_day/](http://www.wwf.ca/events/sweater_day/)



# Kindergarten Registration 2019–2020



## Kindergarten Registration

Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://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。



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## 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](http://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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					1 <i>PA Day</i> <i>No School</i>	2
3	4 <i>Mr. Sub</i>  <i>Gr 2C 2/3A Milne</i> <i>Outdoor Ed Centre</i>  <i>School Council</i>  <i>6:30 pm</i>	5 	6 <i>Pasta Lunch</i>  <i>Gr 2A, 2B Milne</i> <i>Outdoor Ed Centre</i>  <i>Winter Walk to</i> <i>School Day</i>  <i>Lunar New Year</i> <i>Assembly 9-10</i>	7   <i>Gr 4A, 4/5C Milne</i> <i>Outdoor Ed Centre</i>  <i>National Sweater</i> <i>Day</i>  	8   <i>Gr 4B, 4/5C Milne</i> <i>Outdoor Ed Centre</i>	9
10	11 <i>Mr. Sub</i>  <i>Gr 6/7A, 7/8A, CC</i> <i>Milne Outdoor Ed</i> <i>Centre</i>	12 	13 <i>Mr. Greek</i>	14   	15 <i>Gr 4B,</i> <i>4/5C Scientist in</i> <i>School</i>  <i>Term 1 Reports Go</i> <i>Home</i>	16
17	18  <i>Family Day</i>	19 	20 <i>Pasta Lunch</i>	21   <i>Gr 2 Firefighter</i> <i>Visit</i>  	22	23
24	25 <i>Mr. Sub</i>	26 	27 <i>Mr. Greek</i>  <i>Kindergarten, Gr 1</i> <i>Field Trip</i>  <i>Polar Bear Adven-</i> <i>ture Walk 1:05</i>	28   <i>Int Girls Basketball</i> <i>Area Tournament</i>  		