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The Stonebridge Story

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A Message from the Administration

- **PRINCIPAL**
Yvonne Chan
- **VICE-PRINCIPAL**
Padmini Padiachy
- **SUPERINTENDENT**
Camille Logan
- **TRUSTEE**
Billy Pang

Secretaries

- Mrs. Fernandez
- Mrs. Lau
- 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

Happy New Year!

This has been an exciting time for all members of the York Region District School Board! On Monday, January 15th, Louise Sirisko assumed leadership as our new Director of Education for the York Region District School Board. Louise is a passionate educator with many years of experience and is very excited to be working with our school communities across the region. We wish her a successful transition in her new role as our Director of Education.

As staff and students resumed school in January, all attention focused on student well-being, engagement, learning and achievement. Currently, all students are engaged in various learning opportunities which will be assessed and evaluated for reporting as term one draws to an end.

The Stonebridge School Council is planning many new initiatives to support the learning experiences of students, as well as engaging parents as partners in education. They are planning a Well-Being Session sometime in March and their annual Fun Fair sometime in the Spring. Parent volunteers are needed, and always welcome to help out with initiatives.

The Stonebridge staff continue their Professional Learning and Inquiry at all staff meetings and Professional Activity Sessions on P.A.Days. Our focus continues to be the YRDSB Three Strategies of Math, Modern Learning, Mental Health and Well-Being. We collaborate, explore and share learning through various forums and focus groups, as well as participate in our Family of Schools Learning Sessions led by our Superintendent of Education for Stonebridge, Camille Logan. These sessions provide rich learning, deep analysis, and robust sharing, as we develop a collaborative professional network of learners.

We continue to provide learning opportunities for students that promote critical thinking, develop effective communication and build confident global citizens. Student Council Leadership assemblies give voice to our students, and provide opportunities to collaborate and recognize the strengths of others. Their initiatives align with Well-Being, Modern Learning and Mathematics. We congratulate them as their efforts continue to develop excellence, engagement and a positive, inclusive climate for learning.

In January, upon our return from the holidays, staff and students found a beautifully, re-designed Learning Commons. The new areas were installed over the holiday and completed in time for the students' return to school. The students and staff would like to express their gratitude to the school council for funding part of the re-design initiative. Students are very excited to visit the Learning Commons and we encourage families to stop by for a visit. Please contact Mrs. Miyata to set it up. We also thank our Caretaking team for all their help in moving and setting up the furniture for this new space!!

In addition to the purchase of new furniture, we were extremely honored to be considered as recipients of a donation of additional furniture for seating in the Learning Commons. On January 24th, we received two couches, two arm chairs, a table, and several single ottomans for seating around the Learning Commons. We thank the company for graciously considering Stonebridge for their very generous donation of library furniture. Our students will be preparing a Thank You letter to send to them.

On Thursday, February 15th, your child/children will bring home his/her /their first term report card. Please find time to discuss the report card. The provincial report card gives you information about your child in two different areas: the development of learning skills and work habits, and achievement of curriculum expectations for the subject areas such as Language, Math and Science. We encourage you to review both sections of the report card with your child / children, looking for areas of strength and areas for improvement. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate what your child is doing well and set goals for term 2 in the areas where improvement is needed. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's report card, please contact your child's teachers.

We would like to thank all families for considering student safety in the drop-off and pick-up zones by following the safety procedures and designated route for all vehicles each day.
Sincerely,

Yvonne Chan & Padmini Padiachy

Trustee Greetings

Message From Our Trustee

With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.

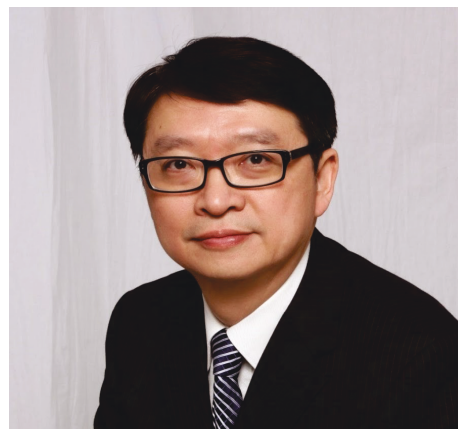
Bill Pang

Trustee

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InspireLearning!



Stonebridge School Council News

Stonebridge School Council Members 2017—2018

The new board is:

Co-chairs

Garth Morris

Ingrid Lambie

Treasurer

Wendy Wei Sun

Secretaries

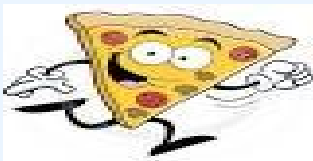
Micol Mihaila

Bilal Younus

Voting Members

Hermeet Parmar
Virginea Ho
Betty Lum
Anup Ravindranath

UPCOMING...
PIZZA



FAMILY WELL-
BEING SESSION
MARCH 2018



FUN FAIR
SPRING 2018



Greetings from the Stonebridge School Council.

Happy New Year to All Families!

Our pizza Thursday is in full-swing. Parents have received information to sign-up for the Second Session of Pizza Day from the School Council and orders are being processed. Thank you to all families for supporting this initiative!

We are planning our upcoming Spring Fun Fair event and volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our school council through the general school email listed below.

School Council will be hosting a *Family Well-Being* evening event in March. The date and time will be confirmed and communicated. Childcare for Gr. K—Gr. 5 will be available, and Gr. 6—8 will have supervised activities during the parent session. Planning is currently underway, and families will receive notification and details soon. Parents will be encouraged to sign up and register for this event once they receive details, since attendance and confirmation numbers will need to be accommodated accordingly.

The next School Council meeting is on Monday February 5th, 2018. All parents are invited.

As always, the Stonebridge School Council can be contacted via our email address at stonebridge.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Thank you for your continued support,

The School Council



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE News....

All YRDSB schools are now using **School Cash Online** as an online payment system.



School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including year-books and field trips. Families may make payments using School Cash Online, or continue to pay by cash or cheque.

We encourage families to register and use SCHOOL CASH ONLINE as it helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by parents and students.

You can [register for School Cash Online](#) at any time.

There is also a button on our school website.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



STONEBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL IS NOW OFFERING FAMILIES THE OPTION OF ORDERING LUNCHES ON

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS.

MONDAYS— MR. SUB.

WEDNESDAYS—MR. GREEK.



Two Accounts will be set up on School Cash Online, one account for each day. Information Letters will be sent the week of February 5th

Session 1 Orders due back/ last day is February 14th

MR. SUB: - FIRST SESSION 6 DAYS SECOND SESSION 6 DAYS
- ORDER INCLUDES SUB, CHIPS & APPLE JUICE.

FIRST SESSION DATES: MARCH 5TH, 19TH, 26TH, APRIL 9TH, 16TH, 23RD,

SECOND SESSION: APRIL 30TH, MAY 7TH, 14TH, 28TH, JUNE 11TH, 18TH.

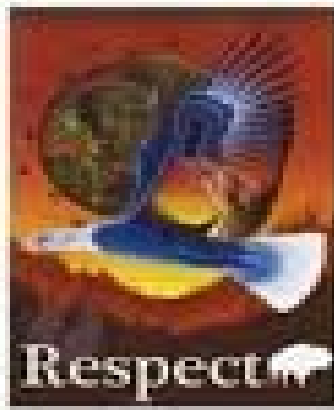
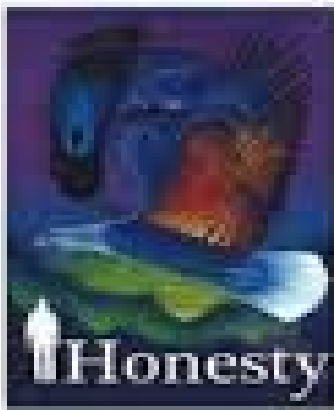
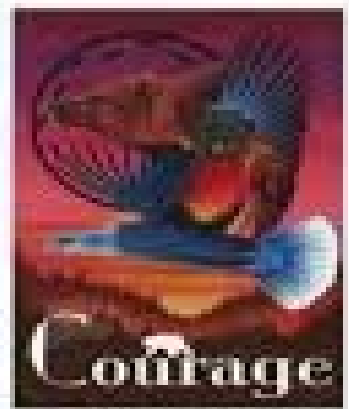
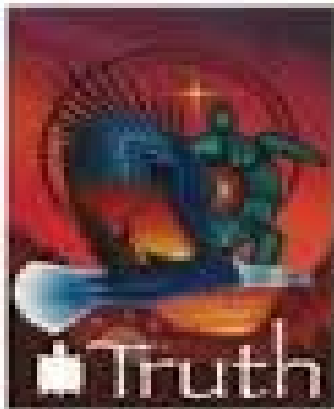
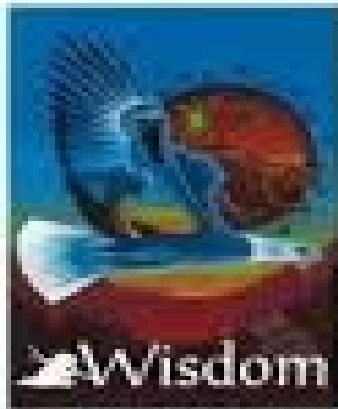
MR. GREEK FIRST SESSION 7 DAYS SECOND SESSION 8 DAYS -

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Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Learning

TEACHINGS OF THE SEVEN GRANDFATHERS



Wisdom Love Respect Bravery Honesty Humility Truth

Seven Grandfather Teachings - Niizhwaaswi Gmishoomsinaan Kinoomaagewinan

Wisdom -Nbwaakaawin To have wisdom is to know the difference between good and bad and to know the results of your actions.

Love -Zaagidowin To truly love is to care for others unconditionally, knowing when people are weak is when they need it most.

Respect -Mnaadendimoowin To have honour for all of Creation. You must give respect if you wish to be respected.

Bravery -Aakide'ewin To be brave is to do something right even if you know it's going to hurt you.

Honesty -Gwekwaadiziwin Always be honest in word and action. Be honest first with yourself, and you will more easily be able to be honest with others.

Humility -Dibadendiziwin You are equal to others, but you are not better.

Truth -Debwewin To learn the truth, to live with truth and to walk with truth, to speak truth.

The Student Council will inspire all students to participate in monthly Stonebridge Spirit Days based on a school spirit theme.

Stonebridge Student Council News....

Student Voice, Engagement and Leadership — Building Safe, Caring, Inclusive Schools

Student leaders inspire the learning community to set a positive tone for building inclusion and belonging. This year, the Stonebridge Student Council will be facilitating a variety of initiatives to engage all students in exciting events highlighting Culture, Heritage and Diversity.

Each month, the team will host two Stonebridge Spirit Assemblies, one for Primary students, and one for Junior/Intermediate students.

Each assembly will focus on integrating the Seven Grandfather Teachings along with Indigenous ways of Knowing and Learning in a Good Way.

The assemblies will celebrate Stonebridge Spirit promoting Mindfulness, Well-Being and Growth Mindset. Students will also develop critical inquiry skills by exploring concepts of Social Justice and Human Rights in their daily interactions as members of our school community.

Upcoming Assemblies: February 28th, March 29th, 2018



At our January assembly on Friday, January 26th, the staff and students experienced an exciting journey of learning, showing, sharing and performing.

We learned about Armenian, Chinese and Tamil Heritage and Culture. Students watched a video of Smudging, a ceremony performed by an Indigenous Elder.

They watched and listened to a video message from Prime Minister Trudeau who participated in a cultural event. He spoke on what it means to be Canadian, and the importance of celebrating Heritage and Culture by recognizing the significance of diversity and inclusion in Canada.

Students learned about the Indigenous Teaching of Respect, and the correlation to Human Rights.

During the month of February, we will continue our learning about Heritage, Culture and Contributions of Asian, African and African-Caribbean communities.

We will be delighted to include all other Heritage and Cultures to future assemblies, and look forward to hearing from our families. We encourage students & families to contribute to this learning by sharing aspects of their culture and heritage with us.

We will be celebrating this inquiry and learning with special events and an assembly.

You are invited to attend.



PREPARING SMUDGE



LIGHTING SMUDGE



SMUDGE FILLING SPACE



SINGING & WELCOMING



Prime Minister Trudeau



News from the LEARNING COMMONS



The Learning Commons has a NEW LOOK....

By Mrs. Miyata



There is a lot of excitement at Stonebridge! In January, the children came back to a school library that got a new look over the holidays. Gone are the old shelves and in are the modern, new and inviting blue and lime green modular library furniture and blue shelves. There are cozy benches, cushions and seating areas where children eagerly curl up with a good book or talk with a friend about a book. We also got some cool tables that are easily moved and that can be joined together for small, medium and large group collaborative activities. They actually fit together like puzzle pieces!

Thank you to our school administrators, to our school council and to parents who have donated to our school.

Come and visit our newly renovated Learning Commons..



Battle of the Books is Happening



Battle of the Books is a reading club geared to students in Grade 4 through Grade 6. Students read titles generated by librarians from the Markham Public Libraries in York Region and also from teacher-librarians from both the public and catholic school boards. The Battle of the Books Club is gaining momentum as more and more children read books from this year's Battle Booklist. The students find out information about Canadian authors and interesting characters while cultivating their joy of reading.

At Stonebridge, students in our club have opportunities to participate in person in the library and also online in our Battle of the Books Moodle which will be launched in early February. Watch the school newsletter for more details.

Happy Reading, everyone!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration 2018—2019

Kindergarten registration commenced on January 19th 2018 for the 2018-2019 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca.

Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, live within the school boundary are eligible to register for kindergarten. Stonebridge kindergarten information session for parents is being planned. More information will be provided at registration.



French Immersion Registration. For Sir John A McDonald P.S.

Grade 1 French Immersion registration will take place from January 19 - February 9, 2018

FI registration will begin January 19, 2018. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2018, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office (where your child currently attends) and request an Office Index Card - short version. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school, therefore the index card must be signed by Ms. Chan, Principal of Stonebridge P.S.

Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to your [designated French Immersion school](#) to register between January 19 and February 9, 2018.

Stonebridge Gr. 1 students attending French Immersion will attend the program at Sir John A. McDonald P.S. Bussing is provided daily for this program to and from Sir John A. McDonald P.S.

Snack Program at Stonebridge

The snack program at Stonebridge Public School was off to a healthy start in the new year! We encourage healthy snacks and students are invited to pick up a snack from the office. We thank Mrs. Roediger, our staff member and her helpers for organizing and setting up the snacks each day. Snacks are available to all students free of charge. If a student does not have a snack or is feeling extra hungry on a day, they can go to the office and get something from the bin. We will be providing all snacks which are nut free and meet the requirements of the guidelines in the Healthy Food for Healthy Schools Act.

The School Snack Program is subsidized by the School Nutrition Program. If you would like to make a donation to the school snack program, please contact Mrs. Fernandez at 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	105.9	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.

February 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	29 <i>Day 5</i>	30 <i>Day 1</i>	31 <i>Day 2</i>	1 <i>Day 3</i>	2 <i>PA DAY</i> <i>No School</i>	3
4	5 <i>Chef à l'école for Grade 5 Students</i> <i>Day 4</i>	6  <i>Grade 4 Scientists in school - Fong/Holmeshaw</i> <i>Day 5</i>	7 <i>Gr. 4 & 5 Scientists in School</i> <i>Gr. 2 Firefighter Visit</i> <i>Day 1</i>	8  <i>Day 2</i>	9  <i>Let's all Cheer for Canada's Winter Olympic Team!!</i> <i>Day 3</i>	10
11	12 <i>Day 4</i>	13  <i>Picture Day—K & Gr. 8 Grad Pictures</i> <i>Gr. 5-Krech to McMichael Gallery</i> <i>Day 5</i>	14 <i>Day 1</i>	15  <i>TERM 1 REPORTS HOME</i> <i>Flag Day</i>  <i>Day 2</i>	16 <i>Lunar New Year</i> <i>Day 3</i>	17
18	19 <i>Family Day</i> <i>No School</i>	20  <i>Day 4</i>	21 <i>Day 5</i>	22  <i>Day 1</i>	23 <i>Day 2</i>	24
25	26 <i>Day 3</i>	27  <i>Grad & K Picture RE-Take</i> <i>Polar Day Walk</i> <i>Day 4</i>	28 <i>Student Assembly</i> <i>Prim: P 4, 5, 6</i> <i>J/I: P 7,8,9</i> <i>Day 5</i>	1 <i>Day 1</i>	2 <i>Day 2</i>	3 <i>Day 3</i>