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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

The Stonebridge Story

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A Message from the Administration

We hope that you and your family are safe and are keeping well. This year's message from us is very much focused on communicating to you important information and deadlines that are coming up in January and February.

As you have heard, school closures have been extended until the 22nd of January. Currently we are expecting that schools will reopen on Monday January 25th. Students are following their regular school day schedule including recess times and lunch time. It's important during these times where many of us are spending lots of time at a screen, that we take the opportunity to go for walks as families to get outside to "take a break"! Over the next two weeks our staff will continue to support your children with synchronous learning opportunities. Continue to check your email as our school board will continue to provide updates for you as we move forward. For our families that are with us Face to Face, we continue to communicate with you via EDSBY.

You will have also received communication about the School Model Change Request from our school board by email as well. Details that have been shared publicly are included in this newsletter.

We hope that everyone will keep safe in 2021 and we wish you good health and prosperity. Thank you for all that you are doing to support your child during these school closures. We're in this together!

Your partners in education,
Sumir and Kevin

我们希望您和您的家人安全并保持良好状态。我们今年的信息非常着重于向您传达一月和二月即将到来的重要信息和截止日期。

如您所知，停课时间已延长至一月二十二日。目前，我们预计学校将于一月二十五日星期一重新开放。学生们按照正常的上课日程安排，包括休息时间和午餐时间。在我们当中很多人都花大量时间在屏幕上的时候，重要的是，我们要趁“休息一下”的时候和家人出门去散散步！在接下来的两周中，我们的员工将继续通过同步学习机会为您的孩子提供支持。继续检查您的电子邮件，因为我们的学校董事会将在我们前进的过程中继续为您提供更新。对于与我们面对面的家人，我们将继续通过EDSBY与您联系。

您还将通过电子邮件收到我们学校董事会关于“学校模式变更请求”的来信。本新闻通讯中包含已公开共享的详细信息。

希望大家在二〇二一年都能保持安全，并祝您身体健康，万事如意。感谢您在这些学校停课期间为支持孩子所做的一切。我们在一起！

您的教育合作伙伴
Sumir 副校长和 Kevin 校长

School Council Meeting

Stonebridge School Council Meeting was held on December 7, 2020 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Online - GoToMeeting

Minutes of the meeting can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/stonebridge.ps/SchoolCouncil/Documents/December.pdf>

Upcoming Dates: February 1st, April 5th, June 7th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

School Model Change Request—Elementary

We recognize that some elementary families will be looking to request a change in their school program model from face-to-face learning to virtual school or from virtual school to face-to-face. Elementary families will have the opportunity to submit a School Model Change request beginning January 15, 2021.

On January 11 - 12, 2021, elementary families will receive an email explaining the process for submitting a request. Starting January 15, 2021, a follow-up email will be sent to families with the School Model Change request form. The deadline to submit a request will be January 19, 2021. Only families requesting a school model change will need to complete this form.

Please note - this will be the LAST opportunity for elementary students to change learning models in the 2020-21 school year.

Transfers will be dependent upon space and program availability.

Staff will continue to work diligently to ensure successful transitions for students changing models. Regardless of the model chosen, YRDSB is committed to ensuring that the learning experience for students will be both safe and engaging.

We thank you for your support, patience and cooperation.

Reminder

January 15, 2021 will be a P.A. Day.

Kindergarten Registration 2021–2022



Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 15, 2021

Kindergarten registration for September 2021 begins Friday, January 15 for the 2021-22 school year. Children who turn four or five years old during 2021, live within the school boundary and whose parents/guardians are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for Kindergarten.

There are several ways you can register for Kindergarten:

Online - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.

By email - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](http://www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address. Email addresses can be found on the [school website](#).

By phone - Families can request support from the school Principal/Vice-Principal to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation. Call your local school.

By mail or appointment. You can mail completed applications to the school, or request an appointment to drop-off your completed paper application form. Families are asked to follow all school COVID-19 protocols while on site. All permitted visitors must wear a mask.

Please note, at this time, under our [health and safety protocols](#), we cannot accept walk-in registrations.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the [required documents](#).

Our Kindergarten programs are caring and welcoming where children learn through exploration, play and inquiry. You can learn more at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten. We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.

Welcome to Kindergarten night will be held online at Stonebridge on Thursday, May 13th from 4:00 to 5:00pm.

French Immersion Information Session & Registration

Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information Sessions

This year our Information session for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place virtually on January 14, 2021. A link will be shared with you via email where you will be able to view a pre-recorded information session which includes commonly asked questions and answers.

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 15, 2021. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2021, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can email or call their home school office and indicate their intention to enrol. The home school will notify the French Immersion school, and the French Immersion school will contact you by phone or email to collect any necessary information. You are asked to register by February 5, 2021. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 5, 2021. 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.

More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca.

Self-screening and Masks

Self-screening

As a reminder, anyone feeling ill should not attend school. All children, students, staff and visitors must be screened for symptoms of illness every day before attending school or child care. Self-screening will still be a requirement when we return to school and we will continue to reinforce masking and hand hygiene as well as cohorting and physical distancing with students and staff.

We encourage you to visit Ontario.ca/covid response to learn what public health measures are in place in our community. Please be aware that these could change depending on the most current public health advice. We also suggest checking out the theYork.ca/covid19 website for additional resources and support.

Please review these new protocols with your child(ren). Thank you for your assistance in implementing these new safety measures. The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority.

Two-layer masks

YRPH has recommended that students now wear a two-layer mask, as opposed to the previous recommendation of any kind of face covering. Parents/guardians will be expected to provide their child with a two-layer personal face covering to wear at school to reduce the spread of their own respiratory droplets to protect others. A two-layer face mask is now recommended as per Provincial direction.

Report Absences or Late

Safe Arrival: Reporting Absence and Late Arrival

If your child is going to be absent or late, please report via Edsby before the bell time of 8:45 am.

If you do not have an Edsby account or need help with setting it up, please contact the office @ **905-887-2427**.

TO REPORT A STUDENT ABSENCE/LATE:

LOGIN TO: **yrdsb.edsby.com** OR CALL **905.887.2427**

No Drop-Offs

Still No Drop-Offs!

1. Please send a snack and lunch to school with your child. Students are not able to go home for lunch at this time.
2. Please remember to provide your child with a fork or spoon as we are not able to provide this in the office at this time if they forget. You may want to place additional cutlery in their lunch bag to ensure that they have an eating utensil to use for their lunch. We are not able to accept anything into the school once the students are inside, please do your best to ensure lunch, snacks, homework, etc. is packed for the day.
3. Our parking lot is for staff only. Please do not park in the morning to drop off your child. We have staff in the drop off ("kiss and ride") that can assist your child in the morning. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Thank you for all your support and your kind words to ourselves and our staff.
We greatly value your partnership in keeping our school safe during this time.

Inclement Weather Procedures During the Pandemic

Dear families,

This year, we are doing many things differently in our schools to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and support the health and safety of our students, staff members and families. As we enter the colder months, we have also reviewed what it will look like when inclement weather days are declared and school transportation is cancelled.



We usually try to keep schools open as much as possible, and in previous years, schools have remained open when school transportation is cancelled. This year, however, given the importance of adhering to our [health and safety guidelines](#), we have made the decision to **close schools to students when an inclement weather day is declared and school transportation is cancelled. Please do not send your child to school when an inclement weather day is declared.** We are unable to guarantee appropriate coverage for students on inclement weather days when school transportation is closed and classes cannot be combined.

Please take the time to make plans in the event of an inclement weather day school closure. Please note that before and after care programs will not be operating on inclement weather days. For on-site, full-day child care, please confirm with your childcare operator. We recognize that this may be an inconvenience for some families. This decision was not made lightly and made to prioritize the health and safety of students, staff members and families.

There are rare occasions when school transportation is cancelled due to extreme cold weather and not road conditions, and schools will remain open for students.

Student learning will continue:

- Students attending elementary school in person will be provided with learning activities for the day through their Google classroom and teachers will be available online to support students.
- Students attending secondary school in person will shift to virtual learning for all of their classes for the day.
- Elementary and secondary virtual schools will operate as normal.

Communication to families

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. We will do our best to notify families in advance. Our priority continues to be the safety of our students, staff members and families. If you have any questions, please speak with your school principal.

Transportation cancellations or school closures will also continue to be communicated through:

- Student Transportation Services website: www.schoolbuscity.com
- Student Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330-3001
- [Board website](#) and school websites
- [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

Families who have provided the school with their cell phone will also receive a text message, unless you have opted out of this service. Please contact your school if you have any questions.

For more information on inclement weather days, please visit our website www.yrdsb.ca.