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# The Stonebridge Story

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## A Message from the Administration

- **PRINCIPAL**  
Yvonne Chan
- **VICE-PRINCIPAL**  
Shelley Jones
- **SUPERINTENDENT**  
Erik Kilji
- **TRUSTEE**  
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

Happy New Year to all of our families! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday filled with the love of family and friends. Thank you to everyone who came out to our Holiday Concerts in December to witness such incredible talent. As usual, our gym was filled to capacity for all of our evening performances. These performance opportunities make lasting memories for our students and at the same time, develop the skills of collaborating, problem solving, memorization, public speaking, perseverance, to name a few. Our staff and students worked very hard to prepare for these and we are very grateful to them for all their hard work.

Although we have started a new Calendar year, our work from the previous months continues. Throughout this month in classrooms, students will be engaged in summative tasks and given opportunities to show what they know about the curriculum expectations they have been working on throughout term one. Please remember that there is a PA day on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. First term report cards will go home on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Winter has arrived in Markham. We have had some very cold days and some very snowy days already this year. The cold weather often increases the number of cars in our Kiss and Ride drop off in the morning. The safety of students, families and staff is of the upmost attention to us. In order to ensure everyone's safety we ask that you follow the Kiss and Ride rules that you can find outlined on page 2.

We also ask that due to the winter weather that all students come to school prepared to be outside for 30 minutes in the morning and 40 minutes at lunch time. We do reduce outside time or keep the students inside when the temperature feels like it is -18 degrees Celsius or colder. In order to play comfortably outside, students need to have boots, ski pants, a warm jacket or coat, waterproof mittens or gloves and a hat that covers ears. Students would also benefit from having a change of pants and socks at school.

Finally, we would like to thank the School Council for all the work that the members do to support the school and student learning. The direct donation fundraiser that School Council organized provides us with additional funds for technology and classroom items that help us to provide engaging learning opportunities for all of our students. Their work is invaluable at Stonebridge Public School.

# Stonebridge School Council News

## School Council

### Members

2016-2017

### Co-chair

Garth Morris  
Siva Mylswamy

### Treasurer

Wendy Wei Sun

### Council Members

Sharon Seecharan

Hermeet Parmar

Micol Mihaila

Ting (Ken) Xu

Frank Liu

Virginea Ho

Betty Lum

Zahra Husain

## STONEBRIDGE SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

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



## "Le Chef à L'école"

Bonjour! Le Chef à L'école will be visiting Stonebridge Public School on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to give students in Grade 8 an interactive cooking experience in French! Students will prepare a nut-free, kid-friendly French pastry, hear an exciting storyboard presentation on French Canadian culture and then listen to authentic Acadian music while they sample the creations they prepared!

**We need 5-6 parent volunteers to assist with this event.** If you are able to volunteer to support this event please contact Ms. Bushra at 905-887-2427 Ext. 224 if you or someone you know would like to help out (French knowledge not required.)



## KISS AND RIDE SAFETY

In order to keep our students safe, we ask that all drivers entering our parking lot for student drop off, follow these rules:

- 1) As you enter the parking lot, stay to the right.
- 2) Stay in the Kiss and Ride line, **Do Not** pass the cars in front to find a spot at the front of the line. This movement of cars puts our kids at risk for getting hurt and increases the possibilities of car accidents.
- 3) Drop off along the Kiss and Ride where there is sidewalk for children to exit your car safely. When you have dropped off your children move the left lane to exit the parking lot.
- 4) **Do Not** let your children exit the car in the middle of the parking lot.
- 5) Please arrange your children and their belongings so that they can get out of the car easily on the right hand side. If at all possible, please stay in your car.
- 6) Do Not leave your car unattended in the Kiss and Ride loop. If you wish to walk your child to the doors, please park on a side street.



# 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](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, live within the school boundary are eligible to register for kindergarten.

Stonebridge kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for May 25, 2016. More information will be provided at registration.

# French Immersion Registration

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Sir John A. McDonald Public School, 45 Murison Drive, Markham, on January 19, 2017 at 7 p.m.

FI registration will begin January 20, 2017. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten Stonebridge students entering Grade 1 in 2017, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call the Stonebridge school office and request an Office Index Card - short version. The Office Index Card must be signed by Ms. Chan, our school Principal.

Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to Sir John A. McDonald Public School to register between January 20 and February 10, 2017. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrolment information or to pre-register.

# York Region Public Health

If you or your child receives a letter from York Region Public Health requesting immunization information, here's what to do:

**Update York Region Public Health on your child's immunization status in one of the following ways:**

**Online at** <https://eimmunization.york.ca>

- Fax documents to 905-895-6066 or 1-866-258-2026
- Mail immunization information to Immunization Services, Box 147,  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

**Call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456**

# Ways a Parent Can Help with **MATH**

**1**

Look for shapes and patterns in real life

**2**

Have your child measure ingredients for a recipe you are making

**3**

Ask your child to explain the math skills he or she is working on in school

**4**

When helping your child with homework or school assignments, ask him or her to explain how he or she got an answer

**5**

Help your child find some appropriate number and problem-solving games to play online

**6**

Play card or board games that involve counting or patterns

**7**

Ask your child to count change at the grocery store, or to estimate the total cost while you are shopping

**8**

Compare:

Which is the tallest?  
...the heaviest?  
...the longest?  
...the smallest?  
...the fastest?  
...the hottest?  
...the most expensive?

**9**

Have tools such as a ruler, a scale, a calculator, and a measuring tape available to use in your house

**10**

Encourage your child to track or graph scores or stats for a favorite sports team

**11**

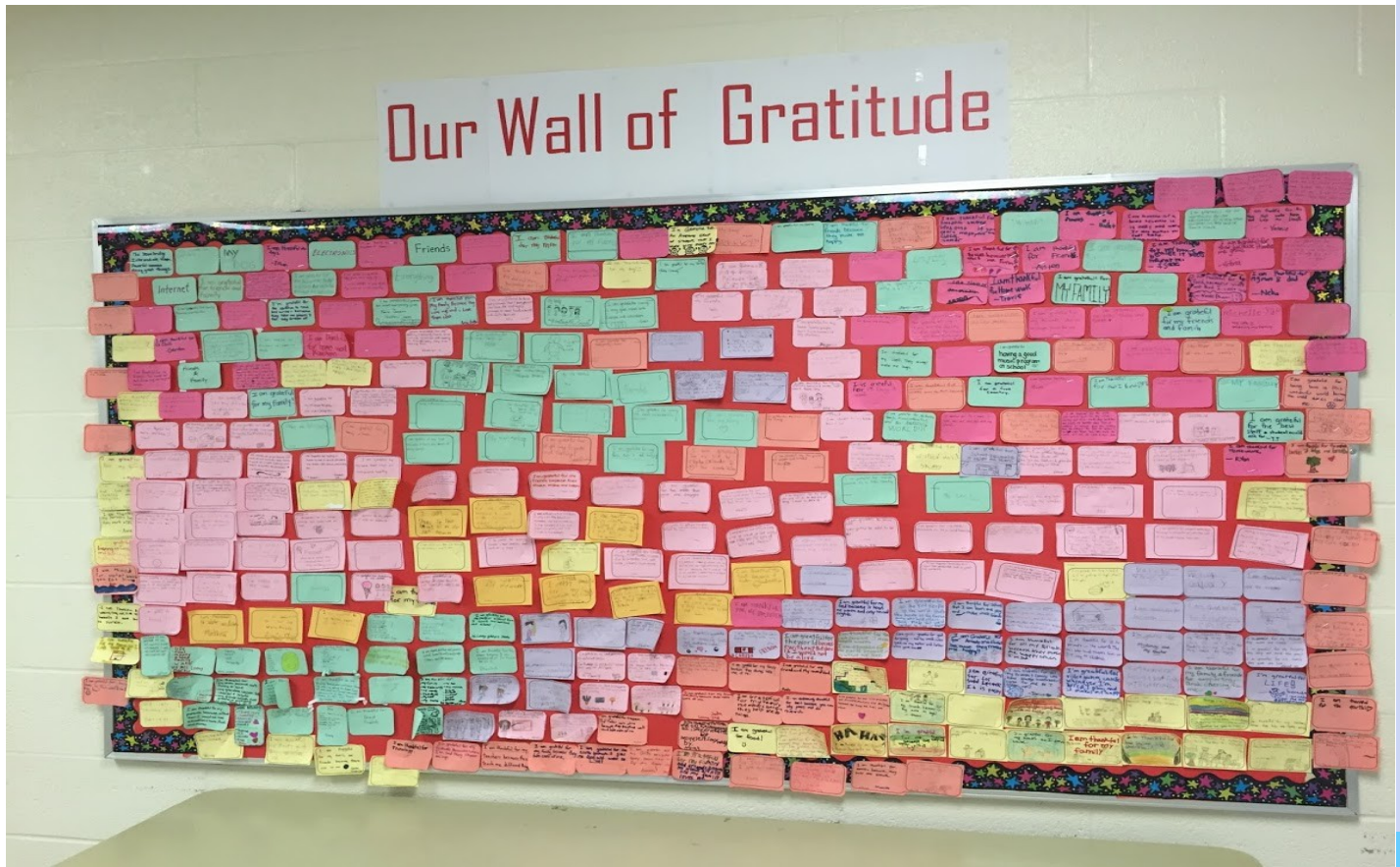
Use dice or playing cards to make a game out of practicing math facts



**Point out ways math is part of “real” life:**  
money, computers, music, art, construction, cooking...  
All around us, every day.



# Gratitude Month at Stonebridge



Over the month of December, Stonebridge students took the time each day to be aware of all that they are grateful for. Talk about gratitude permeated the whole school atmosphere. All classes did some work on gratitude—they talked about it during community circles, they wrote poems about gratitude, some students chose one person that they were thankful for and completed a project about that person and some students made gratitude trees that included branches full of things to be thankful for. As a school, we completed a Wall of Gratitude and every student added a brick. Written on the brick was one thing that they were grateful for. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the 2016 year and remember all the little things in our life that make our lives special. Several studies conducted with children in the past decade indicate that gratitude not only helps people form, maintain, and strengthen supportive relationships, but it also helps people feel connected to a caring community.



# 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](http://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](http://School Bus City) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

# Playing it **safe** this winter

Injury prevention plays a key role in keeping children safe



Check the weather forecast before heading out into the cold

Limit outdoor activity when the temperature or wind chill factor falls below -25°C (-13°F)



Play in safe areas, as a family

Children should always be supervised by a responsible adult



Sports equipment should be free from damage, fit properly and provide good support



When playing on ice or snow, always wear a properly-fitted certified helmet for your winter activity



Dress in layers of warm, dry, reflective, windproof and waterproof clothing



95% of all injuries are both predictable and preventable

Ice on frozen ponds, rivers, lakes or canals should be at least 10 cm thick before you walk on it

Avoid areas where there is visibly open water

Make sure winter play surfaces are free of hazards – cracks, trees, rocks, bumps and bare spots and far from roads



Although all individuals are at risk of injury, children and youth are especially vulnerable



Predictable and preventable injuries are the leading killer of Canadian children and youth under 20 years of age



In 2012, falls were the leading external cause of unintentional injury resulting in an ER visit among York Region children and youth under 20 years of age



In York Region, unintentional injury in children under 20 years of age accounts for 10 deaths, 451 hospitalizations and 24,166 emergency room visits per year



The economic burden and cost of preventable injuries now stands at a staggering \$8.8 billion in Ontario and \$26.8 billion per year across Canada



Take obvious steps to eliminate safety hazards and prevent injuries by recognizing, changing and controlling unsafe environments, conditions and behaviours

Help raise awareness of the impact of predictable and preventable injuries



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Public Health

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# 2017 York Region Science and Technology Fair

**Calling all York Region  
Grade 7-12 Scientists  
You are invited to submit a project**

## **2017 YORK REGION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR**

**Saturday, April 1**

**Hosted by York University**

**Kick off the fair with a community event  
on March 31, 2017, 6-9pm**

**Science Immersion Adventures with  
real scientists from across York U**

**Science teacher lunch and learn events**

**Project registration opens  
January 3, 2017**



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# 2017 –2018 Minister's Student Advisory Council



## Students in grades 7–12!

**2017–18 Minister's Student Advisory Council (MSAC)**

**Apply now!**

**MSAC** is a group of 60 students from publicly funded schools all across Ontario who share their ideas and advice with the Minister of Education.

**PLEASE APPLY!**  
The council celebrates student diversity and seeks all perspectives and experiences.

Find out more at  
**[ontario.ca/speakup](http://ontario.ca/speakup)**

Deadline is

**February 9, 2017**



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**SPEAKUP**

**WOULD YOU ENJOY COLLABORATIVELY  
LEARNING THE ONTARIO CURRICULUM  
THROUGH THE ARTS?**

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an **Elementary Integrated Arts Program** at Baythorn Public School. If you are currently in grades four or five you may apply for the **arts@baythorn program**, where you will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music in a **cooperative learning environment**.

To learn more about the **arts@baythom** program, you and your family are invited to attend an information evening at Baythom Public School on:

**Thursday, January 19, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Applications will be available at [bit.ly/arts\\_application2017](http://bit.ly/arts_application2017) online after the January 19th, 2016 info night.

**If you require further information, please call us at  
Baythorn Public School  
(905) 889-7992.**

**Kate Kurek**  
**Principal**

## The Arts Team

**Meytal Daniels**  
Vice Principal



# Babysitters Training

## Babysitters Training

"A new way to learn!" A **SAFE, FUN** and **EFFECTIVE** course for youth aged 10-14

<b><u>Newmarket</u></b>	Wed Jan 4th	9am-3pm	<b>Winter Break</b>
<b><u>Markham</u></b>	Sat Feb 25th	10am-4pm	
<b><u>Stouffville</u></b>	Sun Feb 26th	10am-4pm	
<b><u>Newmarket</u></b>	Thu Mar 16th	9am-3pm	<b>March Break</b>
<b><u>Richmond Hill</u></b>	Fri Mar 17th	9am-3pm	<b>March Break</b>

**Space is Limited-You must Pre-Register-Choose 1 Date**

Courses are taught by **Certified Instructors** and teaches:

**Getting your first job safely**— Interview tips, resume and prep skills to impress!

**Keep others SAFE** while in your care and control, understanding babysitter responsibilities and specific care and requirements for children of all ages.

**Advanced First Aid** including airway management, choking/obstruction and rescue breathing in addition to common injuries and illnesses.

**Emergency Readiness** and response to critical situations such as: Fire Safety, Kitchen Safety, poisons, staying calm and proper use of 911/EMS

**Having Fun!** Creative games, ideas and helpful tips to make you a great sitter!

**Instructor Led Training** on feeding, bathing and changing infants etc..

Enroll in the most **TRUSTED, SAFE** and **EFFECTIVE** Babysitters Course today! All content is approved and/or provided by the Ontario Provincial Police & Fire Marshall's Office.

**Register Online:** [www.varisafe.ca](http://www.varisafe.ca)

**Email us:** [info@varisafe.ca](mailto:info@varisafe.ca)



**Vari SAFE  
Education**

Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation email including all course details such as: **course location & directions**, what to bring and how to make payment the morning of the course. **Course cost: \$53.10 plus HST**. Participants will receive a **Wallet Certification Card** and **Babysitters Training Manual**.

**Questions? Email or call us toll free, Mon-Fri 1-866-974-7488 (SITT)**

# Home Alone & Stranger Safety Workshop

## Do you want to stay Home Alone?



### Home Alone & Stranger Safety

A new way to learn!  
A fun and interactive course for youth aged 8-11 years of age

<b>Markham</b>	Sat Jan 21st- 10am-4pm	<b>Stouffville</b>	Sun Jan 22nd 10am-4pm
<b>Newmarket</b>	Tues Jan 3rd- 9am-3pm	Winter Break	
<b>Richmond Hill</b>	Thu Jan 5th- 9am-3pm	Winter Break	
<b>Newmarket</b>	Fri Feb 3rd- 9am-3pm	PA DAY	
<b>Newmarket</b>	Mon Mar 13th- 9am-3pm	March Break	

**Space is Limited-You must Pre-Register-Choose 1 Date**

THE ONLY FULL DAY, FULL FUN and EFFECTIVE HOME ALONE COURSE available!  
Courses are taught by Certified Instructors. Students learn, and will be able to demonstrate;

**Communication skills to support family safety**

Honesty, limitations, your Home Safe route and Home Alone agreement

**Prevention techniques to avoid dangerous situations**

Household fires and accidents, injuries, stranger dangers and street smarts

**Safety skills by interactive training, hands on practice and coaching**

Identify strangers and risks, door, phone and kitchen safety & beginner First Aid

**Responsibility and building maturity to stay Home Alone**

Home Safe messages, Home Alone productivity, house rules and schedule

**Confidence to handle unexpected dangers or emergencies**

With strangers and situations, how to call 911, the power of NO and keeping self SAFE!

**Register Online:** [www.varisafe.ca](http://www.varisafe.ca)

**Email us:** [info@varisafe.ca](mailto:info@varisafe.ca)



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Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation email including all course details such as: **course location & directions**, what to bring and how to make payment the morning of the course. **Course cost:** \$53.10 plus HST

Participants will receive a **Certificate of Completion** and **Guide Book** including First Aid, Home Alone Safety & Stranger Safety.



# January 2017

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Christmas (Eastern)</i>
	WINTER BREAK					
8	9	10	11	12 	13	14
						
15	16	17	18	19 	20 <i>PA DAY Kindergarten Registration— 10 a.m.</i>	21
						
22	23	24	25	26 	27	28 <i>Lunar New Year</i> 
						
29	30	31 	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3 PA Day	