

# The Stonebridge Story

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“Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365 page book.

Write a good one.”

Quote By: Brad Paisley

## A Message from the Administration

Happy New Year to our Stonebridge School Community!

- **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

The last two weeks of school in December was a great celebration of Stonebridge Talent! The students in the Primary Division performed the musical “Melton the Warm-Hearted Snowman” to packed audiences. The Junior / Intermediate Holiday Concert on Dec. 19th also drew huge audiences to the evening event. Thank you to all our families who braved the cold weather to attend the entertaining performances on Dec. 12th and 13th. To our delight, the school gym was filled to capacity for each of the evening performances.

Our students develop significant confidence, self-awareness and resilience when participating in concerts and other formal presentations. All opportunities to perform make lasting memories for our students and at the same time, develop the skills of collaborating, problem solving, memorization, public speaking, perseverance and personal responsibility. Our Stonebridge staff and students worked very hard to prepare for these performances and we appreciate their time and dedication to excellence!

As we embrace the new calendar year, students will be engaged in deeper learning tasks and given opportunities to demonstrate all their work throughout term one. Please remember that there is a PA day on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. *First term report cards will go home on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.*

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 utmost attention to us. In order to ensure everyone’s safety we ask that you follow the Kiss and Ride Expectations for Safety, that you can find outlined on pages 3 & 4.

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.

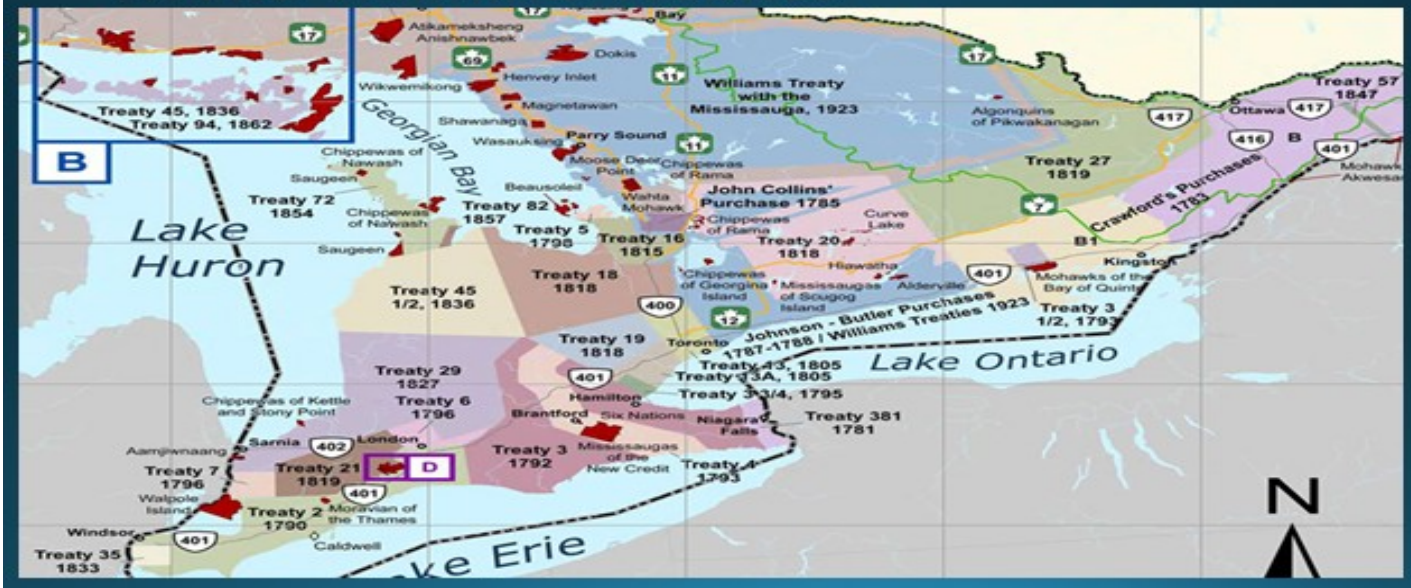
Finally, we would like to thank the School Council for all the work that the members do to support the school and student learning. The Direct Donation fundraiser that School Council organized provides invaluable, additional funds to provide engaging learning opportunities for all learners.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Chan and Padmini Padiachy

# YRDSB Land Acknowledgement

## ...The Williams Treaties



Treaties were negotiated at the beginning of relationships  
between the Indigenous peoples and early settlers.

Treaties are living agreements, which are recognized and respected today.

We would like to start by acknowledging that we are on the traditional  
territories of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe peoples,  
whose presence here continues to this day.

We also would like to acknowledge this is the treaty lands of the First Na-  
tions of the Williams Treaty and thank them and other Indigenous peoples  
for sharing this land with us.

We would like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First  
Nation as our closest community and partners in education.

# Back to School.....

## 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



Return to school....

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8th 2018.**

## SCHOOL 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) ***BEFORE LEAVING HOME...Please help organize and arrange your children and their belongings so that they can get out of the car easily on the right hand side of the vehicle.***
- 2) As you enter the parking lot, stay in a single lane to the right.
- 3) Stay in the Kiss and Ride line, **Do not** pass the cars in front of you. **Double lane traffic puts our kids physical safety at risk and increases the possibilities of accidents.**
- 4) Drop off along the Kiss and Ride where there is sidewalk for children to exit your car safely.
- 5) After drop-off, continue to drive single lane to exit the parking lot.
- 6) Students should only exit from the Right Side.
- 7) If possible, please remain in your car.
- 8) Do not leave your car unattended in the Kiss and Ride loop.
- 9) *You always* have the option to park your car on the side street and walk your child onto the school property.
- 10) Please **do not remove or move** the pylons that are used as a designated route for Kiss and Ride.



## Stonebridge Kiss and Ride .....



Thank you for helping keep everyone safe by following our Stonebridge Kiss and Ride Safety Rules.

### Single Lane Drop-Off Safety Rules.

Please remember: Do not park in the single lane. DO NOT REMOVE THE PYLONS from the lane.

1. Only drop your children off from the right side of your vehicle .
2. Do not get out of your car while in the single lane drop off zone.
3. You may choose to park your car on the street and walk your child onto the school yard.
4. PM PICK UP: DO NOT PARK IN THE SINGLE LANE— Park on the street then walk to pick up your child.
5. If you are in the single lane pick up area, please pick up promptly and drive forward or circle instead.

# Stonebridge Silverwolves Student Council



## Student Voice, Engagement and Leadership

### Building Safe, Caring, Inclusive Schools

Student leaders inspire everyone 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.

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

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

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

*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

# Intermediate Girls Volleyball...



## Team Members

Minni Leong

Jeanette Li

Lianna Li

Anna Liang

Jessie Liu

Alice Ma

Andrea Ni

Jasmine Ren

Valerie Sum

Joey Tran

Emma Wang

Vickie Wong

Ashley Yang

Cathy Zhang

Ivy Zhang

The Stonebridge Intermediate Girls volleyball season came to an end on November 30th 2017. In closing out this season of volleyball, we would like to take the opportunity to express a few thoughts. First, thank you to all the parents and supporters of our volleyball program. Without the support of our parental community and administrative partners, our team would have had a challenging journey. Additionally, we are thankful to you for getting up early on weekdays for practices and getting them to and from games that sometimes go late in the evening. Your support in committing your daughter to the demanding volleyball program is much appreciated. Thank you for all your support and dedication.

Secondly, we are proud to say that the 2017 volleyball team “raised the bar” this season. At the beginning of the season our team had mundane challenges. However, the girls kept their composure and kept marching forward. This was reflected on the day of the areas at Markville Collegiate held on November 27th. With the spirit of **Silverwolves** in mind, the girls finished with a record of 4-1 in the round robin, finishing second in the group. In the quarter finals, the girls defeated Sir Wilfred Laurier with the scores of 25-12 and 25-17 respectively. Then, the girls went on to defeat Parkview in two sets in the semi-finals.

In the finals, the girls played a disciplined team from Lincoln Alexander. True to the Stonebridge spirit, the girls kept their composure and played a well-disciplined game toppling Lincoln in two sets (25 – 15 and 25 – 19) and winning the areas for the second time since the school’s inception. The girls went on to play Regionals at Armadale Public School on November 30th and finished third in their pool. Overall, it was a successful season and girls stayed true to the Stonebridge Motto.

Finally, we would like to say thank you to the intermediate girls, for making our experience coaching volleyball so enjoyable and fulfilling. It has been our pleasure and privilege to go to practice each day and watch your maturity and growth as players and as individuals. Moreover, the most rewarding experience has been to watch these young individuals grow into talented, ambitious, passionate young leaders. The sky is the limit ladies and congratulations to you all!!



# Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team



## From The Learning Commons

Yours truly from cover to cover,

Mrs. Miyata J



## Battle of the Books Begins in December

For Students in Grades 4, 5 & 6



Stonebridge's Battle of the Books Reading Club is beginning just before the holidays. Battle of the Books is a reading competition organized by a group of librarians from the public libraries and schools in York Region. This reading competition is open to students from Grade 4-6.

Students are encouraged to read books from a list of titles geared to the age level and interest level of this group of students. Books may be borrowed from our school's library and from any branch of the public library. Booklists are available at Stonebridge for any Grade 4 through 6 students interested in our Battle of the Books Club. Also, the booklist is available from the Markham Public Libraries website. Please go to The Official Town of Markham site at <http://www.markham.ca>. Then scroll across the tabs to find the tab entitled Recreation, Culture and Library; click on it and you will see a drop down menu where you will click on Markham Public Library. Then you will see a links section entitled "Kids". Click on "Kids" which directs you to another link. Choose "Battle of the Books." Finally click on "Battle of the Books" and you'll see the Battle of the Book Reading list (pdf).

Happy Reading, everyone!



## Stonebridge's Participation in the Hour of Code



December 4-10, 2017, many schools around the world took part in an annual event called The Hour of Code. The Hour of Code is a yearly event to introduce people from the ages of 4 to 104 to computer science. Today tens of millions of students in over 180 countries have taken part in coding activities.

At Stonebridge, four intermediate students created, gave presentations and ran workshops for a handful of students in Grade 5 to introduce coding to students. Thank you for your leadership, **Dylan Z., James L, Kevin S. and William L.** These intermediate students created a power point presentation to explain what coding was and they supervised students who were working at their own rate on the website **code.org**. Parents, you and your children may begin or continue to learn about coding at home. Go to **code.org** or **hourofcode.org** to find out more details. Happy coding, everyone!



**PLEASE COLLECT POP CAN TABS.....**

With the holidays upon us, many families will be gathering with friends and family and having celebrations. We urge you to collect pop can tabs over the holidays and to send them to the Learning Commons in 2018.

Stonebridge has been collecting pop can tabs for over 10 years. The pop can tabs are collected and given to a gentleman in Markham who ensures that the tabs go to the Wheelchair Club. These boxes are recycled to Alcan Aluminum. This company in turn pays money to the Wheelchair Club. The monies received are placed in an account for the wheelchair club. By collecting pop can tabs, students are helping grateful recipients receive a free wheelchair. When school resumes in January, please bring back the pop can tabs to school. Thank you for helping people get wheelchairs.



## Awesome French Projects on Display in the Learning Commons! Bravo, les Élèves de Mme. Bushra

Merci **Mme. Bushra** for allowing **Ms. Leong's Grade 5 students** display their French projects made during their study of **La Communauté (The Community)**. The students made 3D models of a real or an imaginary community and then they presented their community to their peers, listing main landmarks, community buildings, and giving directions from one place to another, all in French! **Bravo les élèves de Mme. Leong!**



## STONEBRIDGE SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Greetings from the Stonebridge School Council.



The Stonebridge School Council is comprised of volunteer parents, as well as community members and observers who participate in fundraising activities, assist with the planning of school events and provide advice and input to the administration on specific issues. The members of a School Council are accountable to the parents they represent and must:

- ☐ Maintain a school-wide perspective on issues;
- ☐ Regularly attend school council meetings;
- ☐ Participate on sub-committees and assist with the tasks of the school council information and training programs;
- ☐ Act as a link between the school council, the community, and the school admin;
- ☐ Encourage the participation of all parents within the school community

### Your Council this year:

- ♦ Chair Garth Morris
- ♦ Co-Chair Ingrid Lambie
- ♦ Secretary-1 Bilal Younus
- ♦ Secretary-2 Micol Mihaila
- ♦ Treasurer Wendy Wei Sun

### Voting members:

- ♦ Hermeet Parmar
- ♦ Virginea Ho
- ♦ Betty Lum
- ♦ Anup Ravindranath

Thanks to Parents, Students, and Staff, we have raised 6491.00 this year in our yearly *Direct Donations Campaign*. Congratulations Stonebridge!!

### Upcoming Events

- ☐ On going Pizza Day this year
- ☐ The School Council Annual Fun Fair. Look for more information in the New Year.
- ☐ Series of workshops on the topics of Math, Modern Learning and Mental Health - Stay tuned

Our next School Council meeting dates for the 2017-18 school year are as follows:

**Jan 15th, Feb. 5th, Mar. 5th, Apr. 9th, May 7th, June 11th.** Meetings take place on Mondays from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm in the Staff Room. We look forward to seeing you there.

As always, the council can be contacted via our email address [stonebridge.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:stonebridge.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca)

Looking forward to an exceptional 2018

# Kindergarten Registration

## Kindergarten Registration 2018—2019



Kindergarten registration will commence on **January 19th at 10:00am, 2018 for the 2018-2019 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.

A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information, please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

## Terry Fox Update

The Staff of Stonebridge would like to thank our community for their generous donations for the Terry Fox Walk. We have collected a total of \$ 1, 101.55 and have forwarded a

cheque for that amount to the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research.

## 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>

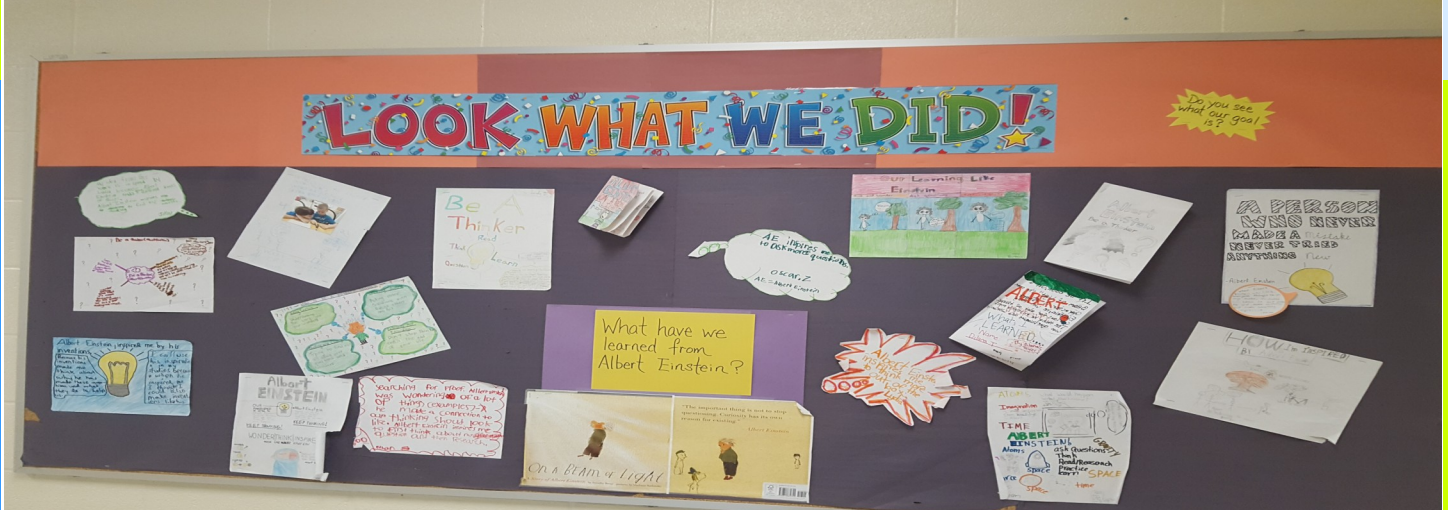
· Fax documents to 905-895-6066 or 1-866-258-2026

· Mail immunization information to

Immunization Services, Box 147, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

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

## Wrapping up 2017 at Stonebridge Public School



# 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.**

## Adult Classes....



Would you like to upgrade your skills in English, Math or Computers? Are you seeking employment? Applying for college, second career or an apprenticeship? We offer free classes to help you prepare for work or further your education in order to achieve your goals.

Our program is offered at no cost to Ontario residents aged 19+ by the York Region District School Board with support from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development.

Classes are offered at three convenient locations:

**Uplands Community Learning Centre**  
**8210 Yonge Street, Thornhill, ON L4J1W6**

**Yorkworks Stouffville**  
**111 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville, ON L4A 0Z9**

**Participation House (adults with special needs)**  
**9 Butternut Lane, Markham ON L3P 3M1**

Please see the attached flyer for program details.

# 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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# January 2018

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## WINTER BREAK

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*Eastern Christmas*

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*Back to School*



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*School Council 6:30*

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*PA DAY Kindergarten Registration—10 a.m.*

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*Lunar New Year*



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Feb 2

*PA Day*

*Feb 3*