

JUNE, 2020



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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

Dear families 敬爱的石橋學校的家長們,

Summer is just around the corner! It has not been a typical year in education, but next year is a new start! We recently heard from the Minister of Education that schools will remain closed for the remainder of the school year, and that by the end of June there will be a plan in place for September. Continue to check your e-mail for updates from our school board. You can find all of the communication shared with families as well as resources during distance learning on our [board website](http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/stonebridge.ps).

大家好, 夏天已經到來! 今年在教育來說, 是一個典型的一年, 但來年會是一個全新的開始! 我們最近聽到教育局宣布所有學校會繼續關閉延長到學期末。所以在六月底之前會有九月的計劃。希望大家能繼續查看電子郵件以知道從教育局發出更多更新的信息。在教育局網站, 您可查看到所有給家長們的通信以及在這距離學習的時間有關資料。

In late April and early May we asked our community to share with us a "message of hope" during this pandemic for our Blue Ribbon Campaign in support of first responders and essential workers. We had 239 responses from our community. All of these messages of hope were added to the blue ribbons that are along Wilfred Murison Avenue and Stonebridge Drive. We were very touched by the thoughtful messages of home that were shared by our community.

在四月底到五月初, 我們曾邀請我們的社區分享一個“希望的短信”短信, 以在這大流行疫情時期以“藍絲帶運動”支持前線工作人員和緊急救援工作人員。我們收到239個從我們的回應。所有的希望信條已經加貼在沿着Wilfred Murison道和Stonebridge石橋徑的藍絲帶上。我們被所有這些我們這個社區家庭的寄意的信條深深感動。

Here are a few:

以下是部分几个:

Thank you for being brave and not giving up.

You are a shining light.

Happiness can be found even on the darkest of times!

Once you choose hope, anything's possible.

The most important thing now is to keep our head high. We will get through this

Avec esperer, Il y a espoir!! (With hope, there is hope)

To all, stay strong, stay happy and stay safe.

🌈🌟🌈 Better Times Ahead...

謝謝您如此勇敢和不放棄。

您是照亮的明灯。

在最黑暗的时间里竟能找到幸福。

当您选择希望, 任何事情都是有可能的。

现在最重要的是抬头仰视, 我们会撑得过去。

怀著希望, 那里便有希望!

所有的人们, 保持强健, 保持开怀, 保持安全。安全

前面会有更多更好的。

We also asked our community for some feedback to see how you were doing, and what your experience has been with distance learning. We received many responses sharing how you were doing during this time, how you are supporting yourselves, each other and those that we love. Many of you expressed concerns around the academic, social and emotional welfare of your children, challenges at home and being the main support for your child/ren and their learning. There was a strong theme that we were all doing what we needed to do to stay at home to flatten the curve and that learning from a distance was not ideal because students missed the face-to-face interactions with their teachers and classmates. You also shared that getting started with the online learning platform for some students was much harder than for others. Our Kindergarten through Grade 3 students took some time to get accustomed to platforms such as Google Classroom, and parents/guardians expressed that there was a lot of support that was needed initially as our Kindergarten program is play based and our Primary students do not normally use these online platforms as part of their learning. There was acknowledgement that our staff tried their best to make the transition as smooth as possible and were in touch on a regular basis to check in and support. We thank all of our community for the support you have provided to your children and for your kind words of support for our work through this pandemic.

我們亦諮詢我們的社區家庭回應一下您們在這段時間里如何度過, 和您們對距離學習的經歷如何。我們收到很多分享有關您們如何度過這段時間, 您們如何支持自己, 家人和其他您們的親朋。大多數您們表達對孩子們的學習, 社交和情緒上的健康福祉, 在家的挑戰和成為在家支持孩子和他們的學習的種種。有個強烈的想法就是我們盡力留在家去壓平疫情的飄升線並不是最理想的方法, 因為讓孩子們在家學習, 缺乏面對面跟同學和老師的互動交流。您們亦分享到讓孩子們在網上平台學習對部分孩子們是較為困難。我們的幼兒園到三年級的学生們用了一段時間才適應如谷歌教室網上學習因為幼兒園學生本來是以遊戲為基礎學習, 家長們花了一段時間才把學生才安頓, 而低年級學生更不是習慣以網上平台學習。另外也有表達答謝的信息, 感謝教職人員在這段時間, 作出最大努力, 並定期聯繫家長們以確定這個轉變過程順利和支持協助。我們感謝在這段時間家長們和家庭對孩子們的學習和您們對教職人員的關心和好話。

You will also notice that we are flying the Pride flag at Stonebridge. This is to recognize Pride Month in YRDSB and our commitment to inclusive learning spaces, and to learn the history and significance of this celebration. The red represents life, orange healing, yellow sun/sunlight, green nature, blue harmony, and purple spirit.

您們會注意到我們在石橋學校門前飛揚的驕傲的旗幟。這是確認約克區教育局的驕傲月 and 我們對包容學習空間, 和學習這慶祝的歷史和意義。紅色代表生命, 橙色代表復原, 黃色代表太陽/陽光, 綠色代表自然, 藍色代表和諧, 和紫色代表精神。

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Your partners in education,

您的教育伙伴,

Sumir 副校長 and Kevin 校長

Message from Our Trustee

Dear families,

The past few months has been challenging in many aspect within the system and particularly in the community I serve. First and foremost, I want to applaud your perseverance and resilience demonstrated as a parent and as a community member. As a father with a child in the system, I can relate to each and every single one of you how much we have contributed together thus far. I hope that you and your loved ones are keeping well and are healthy.

As a Board of Trustees, we know that our families have experienced this pandemic and the school closures in different ways, and I want you to know that my thoughts have been with you all.

With your voices and inputs, PPEs narratives has come a long way since February to date both in a public health domain to local domain, as I brought your voice to the board. You know the most as a community. I want to thank you for both yours and the board concerting effort.

Since the extension of March Break, the school board moved quickly to introduce an equitable and comprehensive [Learning and Caring Plan](#) through an intentionally phased approach. Our plan focused on both supporting student well-being and providing continuation of learning for more than 127,000 students. A plan was developed that respected each family's unique situations and focused on maintaining a caring, safe and inclusive learning environment. To support this, over 20,000 pieces of technology were distributed to ensure that all of our students could access the learning opportunities available to them, and resources and plans were put in place to support all of our learners, including students with special education needs and English language learners.

More information about the Learning and Caring plan as well as tips, resources and supports for students and families to support well-being and online learning can be found at www.yrdsb.ca/covid19 and it is continuing to be updated to find best serve our students across the system.

We are all part of a larger community and I am inspired to see the many different ways schools, families and students maintained their connections with one another. It was also moving to see the many inspiring ways our school board, students, staff and families acknowledged our frontline workers and made contributions to the fight against COVID-19. As a school board, for example, we [donated over 145,000 pieces of personal protective equipment](#), including gloves, masks and more. Also, we have both [students](#) and [teachers](#) taking an initiating and innovative role in combating COVID-19

Each and every one of us has made a difference - in staying home as much as possible and following [public health guidelines](#). I know that this has meant making sacrifices.

To our graduating class of 2020, I know this is not the graduating year you had hoped for. I appreciate that the school closures will not affect your ability to graduate, however this unique situation and the need to postpone graduations has been disappointing. I remain tremendously proud of all of our graduates and look forward to celebrating this important milestone with you as soon as we are able to reschedule the graduation ceremonies.

In addition, I know that you have missed out on field trips, awards events, athletic banquets, spirit days, assemblies, our annual [Celebrating Student Success awards](#) and the many other ways we extend learning, connect as a community and celebrate the achievements of our students.

We have also been unable to gather together as we normally would in our schools and communities to celebrate or recognize important dates, including Sikh Heritage Month, Pesach, Good Friday, Easter (Western), Vaisakhi, Holy Friday, Orthodox Easter (Eastern), Ridvan, Jewish Heritage Month, Asian/South Asian Heritage Month, Ramadan, Pride, National Indigenous History Month, Italian Heritage Month and Portuguese Heritage Month. As a Board, these dates of significance are important for us to acknowledge and we will continue to celebrate and value the wealth of diversity in our community.

While this learn-at-home experience is unprecedented to all of our students, I trust and believe that this undesired but necessary extended school closure is prudent and best to our community, for the safety and well-being for the students we serve.

As the school year comes to a close, I want to wish you and your families a safe, healthy and happy summer. I look forward to a time when we can welcome your children back into our schools again. We know that families have questions about what the return to school will look like. We will continue to share information with you as it becomes available. In the meantime, we encourage you to continue following public health guidelines and to stay connected.

Ron LYNN

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Support Online Learning

While schools will remain closed for the rest of the school year, we will continue to support your child's learning and well-being. We know that learning at home looks different for each family. We have developed a number of resources and tips to help students and families, including:

- [How to log in and use online learning platforms](#), including Google, Edsby and D2L. Short videos are also available.
- [Tips for families to support online learning](#)
- [Student Tech Help form](#) for support with student technology provided by the Board and accessing online learning platforms. ·
- [Mental health](#) and [community resources](#) for students and families.
- [Resources for students with special education needs](#).

To learn more about our [Learning and Caring Plan](#), access these resources and more, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/covid19. Google translate is available on our website.

Summer Institute Programs Cancelled

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, York Region District School Board is cancelling Summer Institute programming this summer. This is in line with public health guidelines. Summer Institute was scheduled to run July 6 - August 14.

Families who are already registered for the program are being notified and full refunds will be processed for families who have paid. Processing refunds may take some time and we are asking families to be patient.

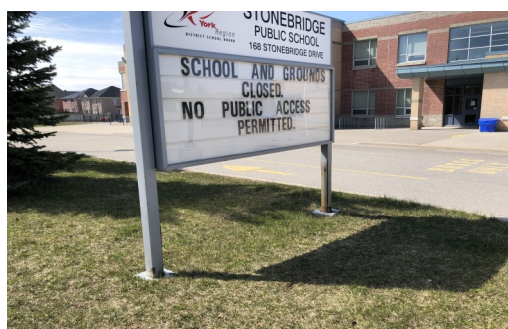
Staff who were scheduled to work at Summer Institutes will no longer be required. If you have questions, please reach out to your Regional Coordinator.

This applies to Summer Institute only. Other summer programs, such as summer school, will be proceeding where possible within an online environment. More information will be provided in the coming weeks about these programs.

School Closed Until End of School Year (School grounds remain closed)

By order of the Minister of Education, all publicly funded schools in Ontario will be closed until the end of this school year to interrupt the spread of COVID-19. Transportation services, continuing education, permit activities, before and after care programs and daycare are also closed. **All school site amenities, including outdoor fields and play structures are closed to the public until further notice.**

There's more information about school closure on the website www.yrdsb.ca/covid19 and you can also follow the Board's twitter feed [@yrdsb](https://twitter.com/yrdsb) for up-to-date information.



Distance Learning Adult Programs Available

We are still offering adult programs through distance learning. Improve your skills at home. Courses available include:

- [Adult Literacy and Basic Skills](#)
- [English as a Second Language](#)
- [Citizenship Classes](#)
- [Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada](#)

You can access learning by phone or online. You can register and start learning at any time.

If you have a question or would like to register for a class, please:

- Email uplands@yrdsb.ca.
- Call 905-731-9557 or 905-305-4122 and leave us a message.

National Indigenous Peoples Day, June 21st

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of [First Nations](#), [Inuit](#) and [Métis](#) peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples.

Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs.

In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day. For generations, many [Indigenous peoples and communities](#) have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.

<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100013718/1534874583157>

Pride Month

June is Pride Month around the globe. This month was chosen to commemorate the Stonewall Riots which took place in New York City at the end of June, 1969.

The Pride Flag is internationally recognized as a symbol of pride, hope and diversity. In 1978, Gilbert Baker, a San Francisco artist, designed the Pride Flag as a response to the need for a symbol to support the LGBT rights movement. The current flag has six stripes, each with its own meaning:



To recognize Pride Month in YRDSB and our commitment to inclusive learning spaces, we are raising the flag to build understanding of the history and significance of this celebration.

Online Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021

Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now open.

This registration is for Kindergarten classes beginning September 2020, ending June 2021.

Please visit the link below for more information:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Repository/NewsEvents/Pages/BoardNews/Online-Kindergarten-Registration.aspx>

Note: If you already have an Edsby account, please login with your existing username and password in order to link your Kindergarten child with your existing account. (Step 1)

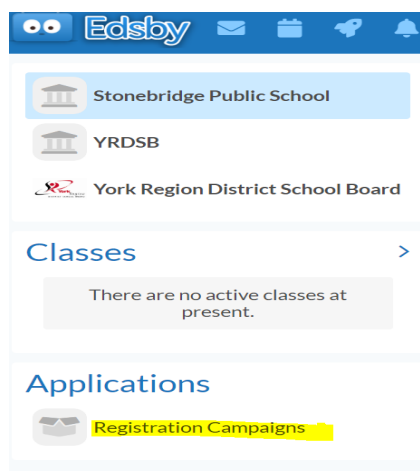
Once you are logged in, to register a new student for Kindergarten, go to “Registration Campaigns” under “Applications” on the left side of the welcome page. (Step 2)

If you need assistance, please email to: stonebridge.ps@yrdsb.ca

Step 1:



Step 2:



Change of Address

If you're moving or changing your phone number, please email your new information to our head secretary (Sharon Fernandez) ASAP @ sharon.fernandez@yrdsb.ca.