

JUNE 2021



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Kevin Merkley

**VICE-PRINCIPAL**

Sumir Bansal

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Clelia Della-Rovere

**TRUSTEE**

Ron Lynn

**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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Follow us on twitter: @StonebridgePS

## A Message from the Administration

Summer is just around the corner! It has been an unusual year in education, but next year is a new start! During the summer months (July and August), you will receive more details about the upcoming hybrid model of education and how you would like your child to start out their learning (face to face or virtual). 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](#).

For those families that ordered Stonebridge Spirit Wear, we have received your orders and are in the process of preparing your order. We will be in touch with families that placed an order with a process for receiving your order. Thank you for your patience as the school closure and the Provincial shut down has delayed your receiving your orders.

Just a reminder that our next School Council will be meeting on Monday June 7th from 6:30 to 8:30. We would ask that if you are interested in attending this final meeting of the year, that you [RSVP using this link](#) and we will send you the agenda, Slides for the meeting and the meeting link. Please RSVP by Thursday June the 3rd.

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. Flying the Pride flag demonstrates our commitment to eliminating harmful biases and prejudice that lead to discrimination and exclusion. It also signals our commitment to upholding the principles outlined in the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms which reflect the values held by Canadians and Ontarians. This is in alignment with the Director's Annual Plan which identifies Equity and Inclusivity as a priority area.

Continue to follow our Twitter Feed (@StonebridgePS).

Your partners in education,

Sumir and Kevin

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# A Message from the Administration continued

夏天快到了！这是个不寻常的学年，但下年是一个新开始！在这夏天的日子（七月和八月），您会收到更多有关来著的混合式教育模式的资料和您如何让您的孩子开始他们的学习（面对面或虚拟）。请继续查看从教育局的电子邮件以得到更新资料。您亦可在教育局网站搜索所有跟家长们联系的信息[board website](#).

那些已经订购石桥校衣的家庭，我们已经收到您的订单和在处理中。我们会联系已经订购的家庭有关领取详情。感谢你们的耐心因为学校关闭和省級关闭令您延迟收到您的订购。

提一下我们下次家长委员会将在六月七日下午六时三十分到八时三十分。诚邀大家如果有兴趣参加这年度最后一次家长委员会，请填写网表在六月三日，星期四交回。收到表格后我们会电邮有关会议议程和会议内容和连接。网表格[RSVP using this link](#)

您亦会察觉到我们在石桥学校挂起「骄傲」旗帜。这是表达约克区教育局对骄傲月的确认和我们对包容学习空间的诚责，和学习历史和这庆贺的重要。紅色代表生命，橙色代表恢复，黄色是太阳/阳光，绿色是大自然，蓝色是和谐，和紫色是信念。挂起骄傲旗帜表示我们的投入和诚责，消滅伤害性的偏见和先入为主所引起的歧视和孤立隔离。它亦显示我们的坚持，贯彻在安省人权法和加拿大权利自由宪法章节中，加拿大人和安省人所坚持的价值。这是跟我们教育局长的年度计划已经确认公平和包容是其中重要的目标是一致的。

继续查看我们的学校推特(@StonebridgePS).

你们的教育伙伴

Sumir 副校长和Kevin校长

# Message from Our Trustee

Dear families,

It is hard to sum up this past school year; it truly has been a year like no other. Many of our students have been transitioning between virtual and in-person learning. Others have spent the full year learning virtually as part of our Elementary and Secondary Virtual Schools. Whatever option you have chosen, this year has been challenging and has asked a lot of all of us - students, families, staff members and community partners. We have had to be flexible and adaptable in how we learn, teach and work. We have had to be diligent in learning new routines and adhering to public health measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. And, we have had to pay more attention than ever to supporting mental health and well-being during this challenging time.

This pandemic has affected different families in different ways, and I want to thank you for your patience, support and resiliency throughout this challenging year. I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that resources are available on the Board website, including [community resources](#), [mental health supports](#), [tips](#) and [resources](#) to support online learning, and [tips for speaking with your child about COVID-19](#). These resources will continue to be available throughout the summer.

Despite the challenges this year, we have seen incredible examples of student learning and achievement. I am incredibly proud of the determination, resilience, creativity and perseverance demonstrated by our students. I want to wish a very special congratulations to the graduating class of 2021. This is an important milestone and while we are all disappointed that we are unable to celebrate in person as we would have hoped, we look forward to honouring our graduates virtually. Schools are working hard to make their virtual graduation celebrations a very special occasion. We are very proud of our graduates and wish you all the very best in the next chapter of your journey.

I also want to acknowledge the hard work of our educators and staff members who have maintained a focus on supporting students while navigating the challenges of the past year. Our staff members have shown a true commitment to their own learning in the service of our students, and have been participating in webinars, online training modules and other **professional learning opportunities** throughout the school year to enhance their own practices.

Earlier this spring, we launched the [Board's Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy](#), with the goal to "achieve racial equity in YRDSB schools for Black students and staff." The strategy was co-developed by York Region Black community leaders, YRDSB staff and in consultation with students. Thank you to everyone who supported this work and participated in the launch. We look forward to continuing this essential work.

The Board is also preparing for the 2022 Municipal Election by undertaking a **review of school board trustee electoral areas**. The boundaries of the areas the trustees represent change over time due to population growth and changes in student numbers. We are committed to ensuring that, as the region's population changes, electoral areas continue to reflect the communities we serve. Public input is important to the Board of Trustees during the electoral area review. Throughout the process there will be a number of ways for you to learn more about the review and to provide input. Information about the [Trustee Determination and Distribution](#) is available on the Board website.

As was communicated to families in May, we are looking ahead to the 2021-2022 school year. Our goal is to create a learning model within the provincial funding allocation that meets public health requirements and is centred on the safety and well-being of our students and staff members. To help meet this goal, we are planning to implement a hybrid model of learning for elementary and secondary schools, a model several other school boards have been using during this current school year. Through this model, families will continue to have the ability to opt for in-person or remote learning, and placement for all students will be in their home school. I know there are many questions about what this will look like and what to expect in September. The Board continues to provide as much information as possible and has shared some [frequently asked questions on the Board website](#) about the model change for 2021-2022, this page will continue to be updated. As planning continues and information becomes available, we will provide regular updates to families. Please know that health and safety of our students, staff and families remains our top priority. You can also continue to find information on the Board website at [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) and on Twitter [@YRDSB](#).

As we go into the summer months, I want to thank you once again for your support over the past year, and to wish you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer.

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.

**TRUSTEE**

Ron Lynn

## Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee

York Region District School Board Seeks Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee Members May 18, 2021-York Region District School Board is accepting applications for membership on the Board's Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC).

Parents/guardians interested in serving as a member of PEAC are asked to submit an electronic application by **June 15, 2021**.

PEAC supports, encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. It represents the collective voice of parents who have children attending public schools in York Region. Members are expected to attend a minimum of five meetings each year at the Education Centre in Aurora or virtually during the current pandemic. The first meeting date for the new membership is September 23, 2021.

**Applications should be submitted using ONE of the methods below:**

- submit the [ONLINE Application Form](#) or;
- email [Leadership Development and Engagement](#) or;
- call Leadership Development and Engagement at 905-727-0022 ext. 3650

### Information Session

Interested applicants are invited to attend a virtual information session to [learn more](#) about this parent engagement opportunity.

### Date and Time

Monday, May 31, 2021: 7:30 p.m.

### Registration Information

- Listen only, telephone access: 647-497-9386; access code 148-686-198
- Online virtual registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/856753069566720014>

More information is available on the YRDSB [website](#).

York Region District School Board is the third largest school district in Ontario with over 127,000 students in 180 elementary schools and 33 secondary schools. York Region students consistently perform above average in provincial testing and the Board is one of the top achievers in Ontario. For more information about the York Region District School Board, please visit the Board [website](#) and follow YRDSB on [Twitter](#), Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn.

For more information contact: Corporate Communications [Corporate.communications@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Corporate.communications@yrdsb.ca)

## Parent Family Community Engagement Advisory Committee Newsletter for School Councils

To help support the work of school councils, Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) members are launching anew quarterly newsletter to assist school councils, parents and caregivers in enhancing student experience with York Region District School Board.

The first edition of the newsletter, Engagement Matters, will be emailed to all school councils in June and posted on the newly designed PEAC webpage. Content of the quarterly newsletter will include news and information about PEAC initiatives, tips for school councils and feature articles highlighting the work of various school councils.

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Thank you for supporting our Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee.

# YRDSB Student and Family Surveys 2020-2021

We will be inviting parents/guardians to participate in the 2020-21 YRDSB Student and Family Surveys between May 26 and June 18.

All students in Grades 7-12 will be invited to participate in the Student Survey. Families of students in Grades K-12 will be invited to complete the Family Survey. Surveys will be available online and will take about 15-20 minutes to complete.

The surveys will provide the Board and our schools with valuable information about the learning experiences of students and families this year. Results will be used to guide Board and school planning to support student achievement and well-being.

Students and families will be invited to complete their respective surveys by email. For your convenience, copies of the surveys are available on the Board website. The Family Survey will be available online in:

[Arabic](#), [Chinese \(simplified\)](#), [Chinese \(traditional\)](#), [Farsi](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hebrew](#), [Korean](#), [Punjabi](#), [Russian](#), [Tamil](#), [Turkish](#), [Urdu](#), [Vietnamese](#)

As our first partners in education, we value input from families and encourage parents/guardians to complete the survey. The information provided will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Please contact Research Services at [research.services@yrdsb.ca](mailto:research.services@yrdsb.ca) if you have any questions or visit the [Board website](#) to learn more.

Parents/guardians who do not want their child(ren) to be sent an invitation to participate in the survey may contact Research Services at [research.services@yrdsb.ca](mailto:research.services@yrdsb.ca) no later than **May 24, 2021**.

## 2021 Summer Learning Programs

### 2021 Summer Learning Programs Available

During the month of July, YRDSB continues to offer credit and non-credit summer school program opportunities for elementary, secondary and adult students.

Traditional in-class face-to-face summer programs will move to a remote learning delivery model.

Registration is now open for the following programs:

#### Elementary Credit and Non-Credit Programs:

Elementary Summer School (Grades 6 - 8 non credit reinforcement)  
Grade 8 Reach Ahead

#### Secondary Credit Programs:

Online-Learning  
Remote Learning

#### Adult Learning Programs:

Adult Literacy and Basic Skills

English as a Second Language  
Citizenship Classes

For more information about summer learning programs and registration please visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) and follow us on Twitter @YRDSB.



## **Parent Engagement Event (Mandarin session)**

**How to use your child's report card as a tool to encourage and affirm their learning and achievements**

**成績單回家了，怎麼跟孩子談？**

**讓我們一起來學習，如何傾聽和表達，才能走進孩子的內心**

### **Guest Speakers / 普通話講座嘉賓**

#### **Julia Shen 沈近嘉**

Certified NVC Trainer Candidate  
Supervisor, WeSupport

非暴力溝通認證培訓師候選人  
加華心理健康互助平台培訓師

#### **Alice Wan-Ling Chu 朱老師**

Teacher Liaison – Chinese Heritage Community  
Inclusive School and Community Services, YRDSB  
區人社區區系老區 區克區教育局共融校園及社區區源部

#### **Sandra Li 李耀先**

MSW, RSW, RP, School Social Worker, YRDSB  
區克區教育局學校社工. 社會工作碩士. 註冊社工. 註冊心理治療師

Performance Plus 學校 - Milliken Mills, Highgate, 和Wilclay公立學校

**YRDSB 約克區教育局共融校園和社區資源服務部**

**FSYR - Family Services York Region 約克區家庭服務中心**

WeSupport 加華心理健康互助平台

**日期：2021年6月7日**

**時間：晚上7:00 - 9:00**

**[點這裡報名](#)**

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**報名截止日期2021年6月6日**

# COVID-19 Vaccines

## What you need to know

**Vaccination is a safe and effective way to prevent disease. Vaccines save millions of lives each year.**

When a large percentage of the population becomes immune to COVID-19, the spread of the virus will slow down or stop. Vaccination is our best shot for allowing individuals, families and workers to safely resume normal life.

### ABOUT THE VACCINES

**Only vaccines that are safe and effective are approved by Health Canada.**

- Each vaccine has been rigorously tested in a series of large-scale trials
- Vaccines are tightly regulated and closely monitored in Canada
- Health Canada will only approve a vaccine that is safe for widespread use
- COVID-19 can have serious, life-threatening complications, and if you get sick, you could spread the disease to friends, family and others around you
- People who are vaccinated gain protection without the serious potential consequences of COVID-19 infection
- You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccines; they do not contain the virus

**COVID-19 vaccines are approved by Health Canada.** Age recommendations are subject to change. Visit [york.ca/COVID19VaccineInfo](https://york.ca/COVID19VaccineInfo) for the latest updates and vaccine roll out of eligible groups

**Pfizer BioNTech vaccine (approved for 12+)**

- mRNA vaccine, two doses

**AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine (approved for 18+)**

- Viral vector vaccine, two doses (first doses currently paused, effective May 11, 2021; see [york.ca/COVID19VaccineInfo](https://york.ca/COVID19VaccineInfo) for details)

**Moderna vaccine (approved for 18+)**

- mRNA vaccine, two doses

**Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine (approved for 18+)**

- Viral vector vaccine, one dose

**Beginning about two weeks after the first dose, all COVID-19 vaccines currently approved are very effective at preventing COVID-19 infection, serious illness, hospitalization and death.**

The type of vaccine you receive will depend on the storage and transportation requirements of the vaccines as well as current supply in Ontario.

**The COVID-19 vaccine is free and voluntary.**

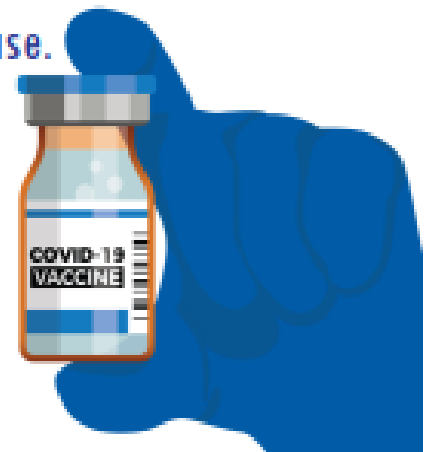
### HOW DO COVID-19 VACCINES WORK?

The vaccine works by teaching our bodies to build a strong immune response against the COVID-19 spike protein. Once triggered, this helps us fight infection if we are exposed to the real virus in the future.

### SIDE EFFECTS

**Temporary side effects of the vaccine are typically mild to moderate and may include:**

- Soreness at the injection site
- Body chills
- Feeling tired or feverish



Some side effect symptoms can be part of the body's response to developing immunity. As some side effects can also be similar to symptoms of COVID-19, speak to your health care provider to determine if you need further assessment if you have any concerns. Side effects may be more common with the second dose. Serious side effects after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine are rare; however, if you develop any of the following reactions within three days of receiving the vaccine, seek medical attention right away or call 911 if you are severely unwell:

- Hives, swelling of the face or mouth, trouble breathing, very pale colour and serious drowsiness, high fever (over 40°C), convulsions or seizures, other serious symptoms

## ALLERGIES

- If you experienced a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) to an ingredient of, or previous dose of, the [Pfizer-BioNTech](#), [Moderna](#), [AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD](#) or Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine, you should not receive it
- If you experienced a less severe allergic reaction to a previous dose or a component of the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD or Janssen ([Johnson & Johnson](#)) vaccine, you must talk to your health care provider before you receive the vaccine and are required to bring a letter from your health care provider indicating the vaccine can be administered

Detailed vaccine ingredient lists can be found at [canada.ca/COVID19](https://canada.ca/COVID19)



## PRECAUTIONS FOR GETTING THE VACCINE

Please delay vaccination if you have a fever or COVID-19 symptoms, are confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19, or have received a flu shot or other vaccine in the past 14 days

A consultation with your health care provider is required before receiving the vaccine if you: Have a weak immune system from an illness or therapy, or an autoimmune condition **AND** are undergoing certain treatments; in this case, you are required to bring a completed [Attestation Form](#) to your appointment to receive a vaccine. Treatments include:

- Stem cell therapy, Immune checkpoint inhibitors, CAR-T therapy, Chemotherapy, Monoclonal antibodies (e.g. Rituximab), Other targeted agents (e.g. CD4/6 inhibitors, PARP inhibitors etc.)

A consultation with your health care provider is recommended, but not required before receiving the vaccine if you:

- Are pregnant, could be pregnant or are breastfeeding
- Have an autoimmune condition, immunodeficiency condition or are immunosuppressed but are **NOT** on any of the treatments listed above, and you have received information/counselling on all of the points listed below:
  - A review of the risks and benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine, of the potential risks/consequences of a COVID-19 infection and a review of the risk of acquiring a COVID-19 infection
  - The insufficiency of evidence for the use of COVID-19 vaccines in these populations and possible decreased vaccine effectiveness in those who are immunosuppressed

## CONTINUE FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY MEASURES AFTER VACCINATION

Studies are ongoing to determine the long-term protection of COVID-19 vaccines. There is still a chance you can contract COVID-19 after being vaccinated and it is currently unknown if you can transmit the virus after being immunized.

Visit [york.ca/COVID19VaccineInfo](https://york.ca/COVID19VaccineInfo) or speak to your health care provider.



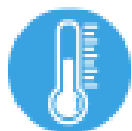
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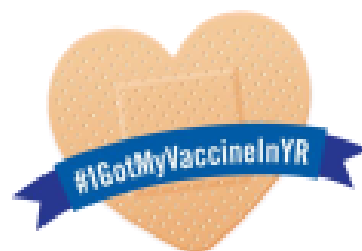
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# COVID-19 VACCINES FOR YOUTH AGE 12 TO 17



COVID-19 is a viral infection. Most children with COVID-19 will have either mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. Some children can get very sick and may require hospitalization.

Vaccinating children protects them from serious illness and hospitalization and reduces the spread of the virus within their household and the community. Children can spread COVID-19 to other people, even if they do not have symptoms.

When a large percentage of the population becomes immune to COVID-19, the spread of the virus will slow down or stop. Vaccination is our best shot for allowing individuals, families and workers to safely resume normal life, and for our children and youth to return to the things they love and miss.

## Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Approved for Children 12 Years of Age and Older

- Health Canada has authorized the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in children 12 years of age and older after clinical studies showed the vaccine was safe and effective for this age group
- The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was found to be 100% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 illness in adolescents
- Health Canada will only approve a vaccine that is safe for widespread use

## Eligibility

- Due to manufacturer requirements from Pfizer-BioNTech, individuals must be age 12 at the time of vaccination
- The COVID-19 vaccine is free and voluntary
- Individuals 13 years of age and under require a parent or legal guardian to provide consent at the time of the vaccination. If a parent or legal guardian is unable to accompany their 12 and/or 13-year-old child to the appointment, they then can complete and sign a consent form and send it with the child to the appointment
- Parents and guardians are encouraged to speak to their child about COVID-19 vaccines including the risks and benefits of getting vaccinated
- The vaccine is safe for most youth, including those with a health condition such as diabetes or a weak immune system; it is also safe for individuals who are pregnant or breastfeeding

## How the Vaccine Works

- Pfizer-BioNTech is a messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccine
- The vaccine works by teaching our cells how to make a specific protein that will trigger an immune response
- Once triggered, our body then makes antibodies which help us fight infection if we are exposed to the real virus in the future
- Two doses of the vaccine are required for the best protection
- Beginning about two weeks after the first dose, the vaccine is very effective at preventing COVID-19 infection, serious illness, hospitalization and death

You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. The vaccines do not contain the virus.



Stay safe. Stay informed.  
[york.ca/COVID19VaccineInfo](https://york.ca/COVID19VaccineInfo)

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## Side Effects

- Side effects after vaccination are often part of the body's natural response to a vaccine
- Side effects are usually mild to moderate and temporary, only lasting for a few hours or days

### Common side effects include:

- Redness, pain or swelling at the injection site
- Feeling tired
- Chills
- Muscle aches
- Fever
- Nausea
- Headache
- Joint pain

As some side effects can also be like symptoms of COVID-19, speak to your health care provider to determine if you need further assessment if you have any concerns.

## Allergies

- If you experienced a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) to a previous dose or component of the Pfizer-BioNTech, you should not receive the vaccine; detailed ingredient lists are available at [canada.ca/COVID19](https://canada.ca/COVID19)
- If you experienced a less severe allergic reaction to a previous dose or a component of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, you must talk to your health care provider before you receive the vaccine; you are required to bring a letter to your appointment confirming the vaccine can be administered
- The Pfizer vaccine does not contain eggs, gelatin (pork), gluten, latex, preservatives, antibiotics, or aluminum and is safe even if you have food, drug, or environmental allergies

Delay vaccination if you have a fever or COVID-19 symptoms, are confirmed, or suspected to have COVID-19, or have received a flu shot or other vaccine in the past 14 days.

### Speak with your health care provider first before receiving the vaccine if you:

- Have an autoimmune disorder undergoing certain treatments, weakened immunity due to illness or treatment; in this case, you will be required to complete an [Attestation Form](#) prior to receiving a vaccine
- A consultation with a health care provider is recommended, but not required, for those who are pregnant, could be pregnant or are breastfeeding, as well as those who have an autoimmune condition, immunodeficiency condition or are immunosuppressed but are NOT on any of the treatments listed in the [Attestation Form](#)

## Continue following public health safety measures after vaccination



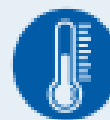
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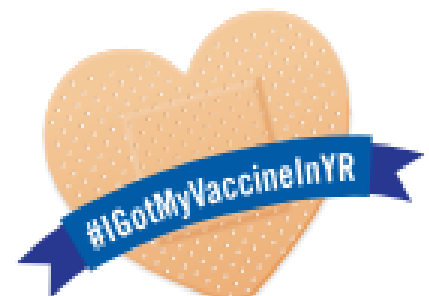
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**#IGotMyVaccineInYR**

Visit [york.ca/COVID19VaccineInfo](https://york.ca/COVID19VaccineInfo)  
for more information and to book  
your appointment.





# STONEBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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May 21, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting time for everyone. The staff at Stonebridge Public School are committed to supporting your family as you prepare yourself and your child to transition into kindergarten.

We are excited to invite you and your child to our Virtual **Kindergarten Information Session** *(for parents/guardians/child)* on **June 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00–5:00 p.m.**

During this live virtual session, you will receive important information about:

- the play-based Kindergarten Program;
- school routines;
- bussing;
- Before/After Care Program provider;
- school council; and

tips for a smooth transition to school.

**Please complete the following google form below to register for this event.**

<https://forms.gle/x1KUAA8cGGaTNNer5>

**Please note that if you are not able to attend, this session will be recorded and posted on our [YouTube](#) Channel following the session.**

The following electronic resources can support you in preparing for your child's Kindergarten entry and their learning journey. We hope that you find them helpful.

A [Welcome Letter from the Director](#) to all Kindergarten families.

[A Parent's Guide to Full-day Kindergarten](#): This brochure provides an overview of the Kindergarten program, including the four frames for learning and describes ways that parents and families can support children's learning.

[Full Day Kindergarten: A Question and Answer Guide for Parents](#): This Ministry of Education brochure describes play based Kindergarten programs in Ontario. This guide is available in a variety of languages from the Ontario Ministry of Education. [Additional translated languages are available here](#).

[First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Ancestry - Self-Identification](#): This information supports families through the voluntary self-identification process for students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit ancestry.

For more information about the Kindergarten Program, please visit the [YRDSB website](#).

You can also stay connected with us by visiting our [school website](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or follow [@YRDSB](#) on Twitter and [@yrdsb.schools](#) on Instagram. If you have questions, please contact us using our school email [stonebridge.ps@yrsb.ca](mailto:stonebridge.ps@yrsb.ca).

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Merkley  
Principal

Sumir Bansal  
Vice Principal

# EDUCATION INTERRUPTED: PARENT ENGAGEMENT FOR LIBERATION



This webinar series will engage parents & caregivers, scholars and community leaders in dialogue to imagine what a meaningful anti-racist model of parent/caregiver engagement could look like.

Join us and learn from Black and racialized parents, scholars and community leaders confronting racism within schooling.

Let us imagine the possibilities of a future where all families are welcome!

## Connecting to Communities Webinar Series

**Race, Power  
and Parent  
Engagement**

**May 31, 2021  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Navigating the  
Education System:  
Breaking Barriers to  
Parent Engagement**

**June 14, 2021  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Power of  
Possibilities:  
Solidarity &  
Imagining**

**June 28, 2021  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

To Register:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_5iyO2udqQjykhTKEalk4xg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5iyO2udqQjykhTKEalk4xg)



#PE4Liberation  
parents4changeproject@gmail.com



# VIRTUAL SCIENCE FAIR

May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>

Join in on the challenge to engage in a scientific research project. Submit your project to be reviewed by a panel of judges for a chance to win awesome prizes. The prizes will be revealed on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

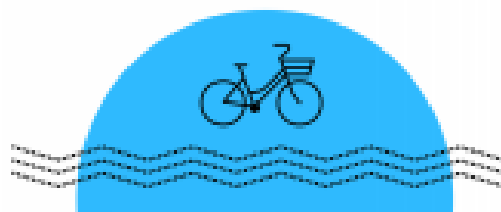
Participate solo or in groups of up to 4. This event is open to participants in grades 3 to 12 and judging will be based on three age categories:

- > Junior (grades 3-5)
- > Intermediate (grades 6-8)
- > Senior (grades 9-12)

WIN  
PRIZES

For more information visit: [www.vaughanpl.info/sciencefair](http://www.vaughanpl.info/sciencefair)





## Two Ways to WIN this Bike Month!

### Celebrate Bike to Work Day in a new way!

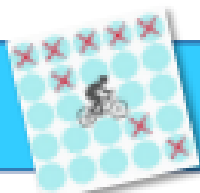
Join our photo contest for a chance to WIN a \$100 Spoke O'Motion gift card!

#### Participating is super easy!

1. Hop on your bike on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> for any reason - to get to work, run an errand, for exercise, to pick up takeout or just for fun!
2. Take a photo on your bike ride (can be a selfie or scenery)
3. Email your photo to [info@sccy.ca](mailto:info@sccy.ca) OR tag us @smartcommutecy in your social media post on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter to be entered to WIN.

**BONUS!** The first 20 people to send or post photos on MONDAY, MAY 31st will receive a FREE Bike Month t-shirt and a swag bag of goodies.

Photos must be submitted or posted by 11:59 p.m on Monday, May 31, 2021



### Bike Month Bingo

Ride, Play, WIN!

Play Bike Month Bingo for a chance to WIN one of six \$50 e-gift cards or a grand prize \$100 e-gift card (choose from a list of select businesses).

#### How to Play!

1. Create a Bike Month account or login to your account at [bikemonth.ca](http://bikemonth.ca)
2. Click "Bike Bingo" on the top menu then select "York Region" on the side menu.
3. Complete as many activities as possible between May 31 and June 30. Mark them off via the online bingo card OR print off your bingo card and submit a photo of the completed activities to Smart Commute using this link: [surveymonkeys.com/r/YRbikebingo](https://surveymonkeys.com/r/YRbikebingo)
4. Complete all the activities on the bingo card to achieve a blackout and earn **5 extra ballots!**

#### Earn Bonus Entries!

Participants have the option of submitting photos of their cycling activities (either a selfie or their bike at a location) using this link: [surveymonkeys.com/r/YRbikebingo](https://surveymonkeys.com/r/YRbikebingo)  
**one photo = one extra ballot.**



## **Finding Adler: Jewish Musicians and China's Classical Music**

**Presentation for YRDSB Parents, Guardians & Staff**

**English Presentation: June 16th, 7:00PM - 8:00 PM**

**Mandarin Presentation: June 17th, 7:00PM - 8:00PM**

**Registration Form (English): [bit.ly/2R8hCOI](https://bit.ly/2R8hCOI)**

**Registration Form (Mandarin): [bit.ly/3tGR0Se](https://bit.ly/3tGR0Se)**



This presentation highlights connections and bonds between different peoples in times of suffering through acceptance, tolerance, compassion, understanding and giving back. Humanity eventually triumphs.

In the late 1930s, Shanghai was the only major city in the world that didn't require visas or financial guarantees of Jewish refugees. During the peak of influx of refugees, over 20,000 Central European Jews fled Nazi persecution and resettled in Shanghai. One of them was Austrian violinist Ferdinand Adler. Not only did he find a safe haven in Shanghai, but he also established a successful career as the concertmaster of the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra – today's Shanghai Symphony Orchestra. He appreciated the safe haven afforded him, and was willingly giving back to the community that hosted him. Little did he know, several of the orphans he taught later became the backbone of China's National Symphony. Decades later, the son of one of Ferdinand Adler's students embarked on a journey to find out about him.

A CBC documentary has been made about the "Finding Adler Project. For more information, please feel free to view the online article, "[Finding Adler: The music and mystery of the Jewish refugee who shaped the lives of a Chinese family.](#)"

# Kindergarten Registration 2021—2022



Kindergarten registration for September 2021 began on 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](http://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 at [www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten](http://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](http://www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten). We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.

## Report Absences or Late

If your child is going to be absent / late, please report via Edsby before the bell time.

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](http://yrdsb.edsby.com) / CALL **905.887.2427**