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The Stonebridge Story

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A Message from the Administration

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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

Welcome to March! The month of March also marks the anticipated arrival of Spring. Stonebridge is excited by the energy that Spring brings. Our staff and learners continue to participate in a variety of learning experiences this month. 欢迎来到三月！三月份标志着春天的来临。石桥学校亦为春天带来的力量而兴奋。我们的教职人员和学生会继续参与不同多元化的学习经验！

On Wednesday February 6th we were honoured to have an elder from our community share with us some of the traditions surrounding Lunar New Year and we also had Lion dancers to honour Lunar New Year. Wensha shared with our school community the important and significant celebrations and traditions during the Harvest Festival with translation from Mandarin into English. We had a Lion Dance group who shared with us why the Lion Dance takes place and all of our students enjoyed having the Lion dance move around the gym and get red pockets and lettuce off of a basketball hoop! We are grateful that Wensha shared her traditions with us and thank Claire for providing translation. 二月六日，我们很荣幸有位社区的长者跟我们分享中国新年的习俗传统。我们亦有舞狮表演庆祝农历新年。云莎跟我们介绍所有有关农历新年的习俗重要庆祝活动，以中英文说明。我们亦有舞狮，在室内体操场进行，学生非常开心，和舞狮互动，亦说明舞狮的意义。最后狮还跳上篮球架拿红包和生菜。感谢云莎分享她的有关传统的故事，及 Claire 协助翻译。

On February 25th, we held our Community Town Hall follow up session where we reviewed the feedback we received and looked for trends and next steps from the data we collected. 在二月二十五日，我们举行之前社区家长大会的检讨及跟进家长的回响，并了解普遍反应及如何根据收集的资料意见去计划下一步如何推行。The feedback indicated that town hall participants appreciated meeting community members and having conversations about their child's learning in hopes that they can make a difference for all students at Stonebridge. Participants also appreciated that there were other parents that had similar views as theirs towards student success. 反应显示大会参加者感谢大会的举行和组织人。並表达有关他们对孩子学习的期望，如何可令石桥学校学生更进步。家长更互相交流有关如何令孩子成功的意见。Some feedback for our next Town Hall included sharing the questions in advance with the community, wearing name tags, and possibly having students participate to answer the same questions so that we may hear their perspectives in addition to the staff perspectives. 对下次的大会预备，参加者表示最好先将大会主题先通知家长，戴名贴，最好有学生亦参与以让我们听孩子的看法和让他们听一下教师的。

We have now worked through a process to look at the input from the town hall and found that a few themes emerged. The Mental Health of our students was a common theme, Modern Learning (communication, critical thinking, collaboration) and how students are exposed to and cope with 'mistake making' and 'failure' were expressed through the feedback as well. 我们正在研讨大会所收集的意见和制定新的主题，到目前为止，我们想到孩子的精神健康是普遍的问题，现代学习（包括沟通，批判思考及团队合作）大会很多提到如何可让孩子接触挑战和错误，如何面对和处理。We are going to meet again as a planning committee in late March/early April to determine our next steps. As a school, we will be sharing this data with our staff and will investigate how we can implement feedback we have received. 我们会以计划委员会的形式在三月和四月初再开会以决定下一步。作为学校的立场，我们会跟教职人员分享有关资料 and 一起讨论查察如何把建议实行。

On March 1st, we had 8 presentations organized by staff and student leaders. 三月一日，我们有八个由学生和教职人员组织的说明 These workshops were presented in partnerships community members who have given their time to share Tamil Heritage with our school community for students Grades 4-8. 这些工作坊包括给四年级至八年级，会和社区人士合作分享泰米民族的文化。Sessions that our students signed up for include Tamil Stories and Teachings, Heritage Dances, Tamil Instruments and Music, What's in a Name, Demystifying Cultural Practices, Arts and Crafts traditions, Current issues and Activism, and Heritage Games. 工作坊有泰米文化故事和教育理念，民族舞，泰米的乐器和音乐，姓名的意义，非神话文化习俗，美艺传统，近期的事件和社会情况，民族游戏。

We look forward to having our Kindergarten to Grade 3 families join us on Thursday March 7th from 6:30 to 7:30. Students are welcome to wear their pajamas and join us in the gym to snuggle up and read with their family. We will also be having author Sriranjani Vijenthira who will be join us that evening to share her book *Sinthu's Thai Pongal*.

We wish that you have a safe and restful March Break. 三月七日，我们希望见到幼儿园至三年级的家庭在晚上六时三十分至七时三十分到校跟家人一起阅读，孩子可穿睡衣。另外，一位作家莎李华同一晚到校分享他的书 "*Sinthu's Thai Pongal*".

祝愿大家有个安全和休闲的春天假期！

Your partners in education, 您的教育伙伴，

Nada 副校长 and Kevin 校长

Message From Our Trustee

I hope everyone has had a great start to the second half of the school year. Over the past few months, I have had an opportunity to connect with families, students, staff members and with our broader community. I have seen a lot of exciting opportunities for students to explore their interests, celebrate their identities, and develop skills and knowledge that will benefit them in the future.

Many students are participating in [skills competitions](#) or other events where they problem-solve, innovate, collaborate and further develop their technical skills. Students compete in robotics, construction, hairdressing, transportation, 3D animation and much more. These events are among the many options available to help students explore different careers and [pathways](#), and gain valuable experience. We are grateful for the support of community partners in helping to provide these great learning opportunities to our students.

I also want to express my appreciation to our broader school community. One of the priorities in our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) is to build collaborative relationships. The relationships that our schools have with families is so important. There are many different ways you can be involved - talking to your child's teacher, asking your child about homework, or volunteering on a field trip or the school council. Your contributions make a difference to your child's success and to the success of our schools.

I look forward to meeting and working together more with families, students and staff members in spring and summer. Feel free to contact or communicate with me and I wish you all a great spring and an enjoyable March Break.

Ron Lynn

Trustee

Spring Math

Spring Math - Math is Outside Too!

Spring and nice weather make for a great time to get outdoors and connect with math. Whether you are taking a walk, filling compost bags with leaves or starting to build that garden shed, there are many opportunities to engage in rich mathematical discussions with your child.

Here are some questions you can pose to your child as you engage with nature:

- ? What shapes do you see in that house?
- ? How tall do you think that tree is?
- ? How far do you think we walked today?
- ? How many piles of leaves do you think will fit into this bag?
- ? How many ____ did you see on our walk?
- ? How many windows do you think are in that building?
- ? How long do you think it will take us to walk one kilometer?
- ? If we double our pace how long do you think it will take us to get home?

So the next time you spend some time outdoors with your child, take some time to engage in some math talk!

You may also be interested in reading a new article for parents written by Jo Boaler, Professor of Mathematics Education at Stanford University.

[Developing Mathematical Mindsets, The Need to Interact with Numbers Flexibly and Conceptually](#)

To find out what your child will learn in math this year or to find other fun activities that you can do together as a family, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>. Be sure to also try our [Problem of the Month](#)

World Down Syndrome Day



www.worlddownsyndromeday.org

World Down Syndrome Day – March 21st, 2019

The Canadian Down Syndrome Society encourages Canadians to celebrate people with Down syndrome in Canada and around the world for World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st. Please visit our display in the front display case to read more about Down Syndrome, and some inspiring success stories.

Purple Day—International Epilepsy Awareness



Purple Day is an International Epilepsy Awareness initiative created by Nova Scotia's Cassidy Megan when she was 9 years old.

In June 2012, the Canadian government passed The Purple Day Act, declaring March 26, "Purple Day", the official day for Epilepsy Awareness across Canada. The excitement spread and the entire month of March is now regarded as Epilepsy Awareness Month.

We invite you to help raise awareness by simply wearing purple or participating in ThumbsUpforEpilepsy.

Eco Award Presentation



The Eco Audit Team did an audit for each class and found that all the bins in Ms. Tam's class were perfect. They won the Golden Eco Trophy and they got to keep the trophy for two weeks till February 25th. Way to Go!!!



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Kindergarten Registration 2019—2020



Kindergarten Registration

Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2019, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten.

A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for May 16th at 6:30 pm. For more information, please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

Please let your neighbours with young children who are ready for JK know of this date.

SCHOOL PARKING NOTE TO ALL PARENTS

In the morning... Please pull as far ahead as possible to allow others to enter. Dropping your children off on Stonebridge Drive is not safe and hold up traffic in the morning. There is **NO PARKING** on Stonebridge Drive or Wilfred Murison Avenue between 8:30 am to 9:30 am. With everyone's cooperation, we can make our Kiss & Ride drop off in the morning safe and efficient. 早上，請盡量往最前停讓孩子下車，孩子在大街下車絕不安全及阻礙交通，早上八時三十分到九時三十分，是不能在Stonebridge 或 Wilfred Murison大街停車。請大家合作，以確保安全和快捷。

At lunch time... Please keep in mind that parking is allowed on Stonebridge Drive and Wilfred Murison Avenue during the lunch period. 中午時間，請注意，Stonebridge 和 Wilfred Murison 大街可以停泊。

If you are dropping off a lunch for your child, please pull up as far as possible in the Kiss & Ride. Please **DO NOT PARK** in the Kiss & Ride for any length of time. 中午送午餐，請盡量往最前停，好讓其他車進入，不要停泊長時間。

After school... Please pull ahead as far as possible so that others can enter the parking lot. If picking up your child in the Kiss & Ride, please remain in your car and pull ahead as far as possible. Do not leave your vehicle. 放學時間，請盡量往最前停，好讓其他車進入。等候孩子，不可停下離開汽車。

There is **NO PARKING** on Stonebridge Drive or Wilfred Murison Avenue between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm. You can **ONLY** park on the side streets. Waiting for your child on Stonebridge Drive or Wilfred Murison Avenue is not safe and restricts traffic and we don't want any of our families to get costly tickets for parking illegally on Stonebridge Drive or Wilfred Murison Avenue. 下午三時至四時，不能停泊在 Stonebridge 或 Wilfred Murison 大街等候孩子，只可停在內街，為孩子安全，避免阻礙交通或接到告票，請遵守交通規則。

Please ensure that you use the cross walk if you need to enter the parking lot. We appreciate your cooperation in making drop off and pick up at Stonebridge safe for students and staff. Please contact the school if you have any questions. 如要進入停車場，請使用行人路。多謝合作，確保學生和員工安全。如果有什麼問題，請跟學校聯絡。

Inclement Weather—School Bus Cancellation



Student Transportation Services of York Region
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Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
905-713-2535
FAX: 905-713-2533
Web site: 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.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. 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	105.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

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