

MARCH 2024



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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 pm

Dismissal

The Stonebridge Story

Website: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/stonebridge.ps>

Email: Stonebridge.ps@yrdsb.ca

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Message from our Administrators

Hello Stonebridge Families,

Welcome to our March newsletter!

I hope you are enjoying this unseasonably warm and sunny weather.

On Monday, Feb. 12th, Stonebridge celebrated the Lunar New Year with a school wide dragon parade. Each class creatively prepared and decorated a box that contributed to the dragon's body. With the help of representatives from each class, the dragon paraded around the school dancing to music and applause from the entire student body that spectated the event. A wonderful time was had by all!

Stonebridge PS held its first Swiss Chalet fundraiser on Thursday, January 25th. A big thank you to the students and their families that came out to support us at this event. We raised a total of \$330.14 which will go directly to the school for student resources. We have a second Swiss Chalet fundraiser coming up on Thursday, May 16th. Please mark your calendars and we hope to see you there!

Thank you to our School Council for hosting our movie nights. Families really enjoy them and they have been a success! Please join us for our next movie night on Thursday, March 28th. Stay tuned for more details!

On February 26th, our intermediate girls basketball team participated in the area tournament. The team played hard and skillfully, demonstrating good sportsmanship and teamwork. They finished fourth in the area and we are very proud of their achievement. Similarly, the intermediate boys basketball team competed in the area tournament on February 28th. They were dedicated and persevered to a third place finish. Both teams represented Stonebridge well!

We recently had a Safe and Caring Schools assembly to remind all students of school expectations. We also want to remind parents and caregivers that items that can be used as weapons or toys that look like weapons are not to be brought to school. This includes plastic knives which should not be included with your child's lunch. We would like to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all students here at Stonebridge and your support in this area is greatly appreciated.

Have a safe and enjoyable March Break!

David Williams

Principal

Elaine Ricketts

Vice-Principal

International Women's Day—March 8

International Women's Day has been recognized for over a century, with the first IWD gathering of over a million people in 1911. In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling on member states to proclaim a day for women's rights and gender parity. Following the United Nations' lead, Canada declared March 8 as International Women's Day. To achieve a gender equal world, it is essential to notice and name the existing inequality and examine and challenge unconscious biases and harmful gender-based stereotypes. The International Women's Day 2023 campaign exemplifies this commitment through the theme of #EmbraceEquity. The campaign theme for International Women's Day 2024 is Inspire Inclusion. When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance, and empowerment.



February 2024

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL YORK REGION FAMILIES ABOUT IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

For many families, March break is a time for travel and getting together with family and friends. Whether staying home or planning a vacation outside of Canada, York Region Public Health offers this reminder about the importance of staying up-to-date and healthy with immunizations.

Vaccines required to attend school in Ontario

If your child needs vaccines, such as those [required by law to attend school in Ontario](#), York Region Public Health provides free [student catch-up immunizations](#) to all eligible students in JK to Grade 12 by appointment only. You may also contact your health care professional or visit a walk-in medical clinic to receive any required or recommended publicly funded vaccines.

York Region Public Health student immunization clinics offer routine childhood immunizations to protect against the following diseases: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio, Meningococcal Disease, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (chickenpox). Also, York Region Public Health is offering immunizations against Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal ACYW-135 to any eligible student in Grades 7 to 12 who may have missed getting these vaccines at one of our school-based vaccine clinics.

Vaccines for travel

Right now, measles outbreaks are occurring in many regions of the world, including the United States. In York Region, measles is less common because of high vaccination rates. Still, cases can occur after travelling outside of Canada and most of the recent measles cases in Ontario have been linked to international travel. The [Public Health Agency of Canada](#) recommends that children get their second dose of the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine earlier than the recommended age of 4 to 6 years if they travel outside of Canada.

It is recommended that families consult with a health care professional or visit a travel health clinic at **least six weeks before travelling** to review their vaccination history and ensure they are up-to-date with required vaccines before travelling. Vaccine requirements and recommendations vary by country.

Report your child's vaccination

Every time your child gets vaccinated, you need to report it to York Region Public Health to ensure your child is protected and that an accurate immunization record is maintained. **Doctors do not report vaccinations to Public Health.** You can report and view your child's vaccinations [online](#). Additional information is available on our [website](#).

York Region Public Health wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable March Break

The Regional Municipality of York | 17150 Yonge Street, 4th Floor, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 8V3
1-877-464-9675 | [york.ca](#)

Lunches

We highly encourage families to send lunches with their children in the morning. If, for some reason, you need to bring your child's well-labelled lunch to school throughout the school day, please place it in the lunch cart that, following March Break, will be placed outside the front doors of the school. School staff will bring in the cart when necessary.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - March 2024

Below is the link:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/node/4064>

Health, Screening and Absence Reporting

Health Reminders

As winter is here, it is a good time to review how to [protect yourself from COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses](#).

Screening: Students and staff who have symptoms of illness can [take the COVID-19 self-assessment here](#). Individuals can screen daily for signs of illness and stay home when sick.

Hand Washing

The single most important thing you can do to control infections is to keep your hands clean and those of the children in your care. [Correct handwashing techniques](#) are taught and encouraged in schools.

Essential Health and Safety Message

If your child is sick with Covid-19 or flu-like symptoms, you need to keep them at home until their symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours if they had nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea) and they do not have a fever. The health and safety of our students, staff and families remain our priority, and we will continue to follow the direction and guidance of the Government of Ontario and York Region Public Health.

Report an Absence/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 / CALL 905.887.2427

PARENT COUNCIL STONEBRIDGE PS

Presents

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR

WHEN: APRIL 18, 2024

WHERE: GYM, STONEBRIDGE PS

TIME: 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

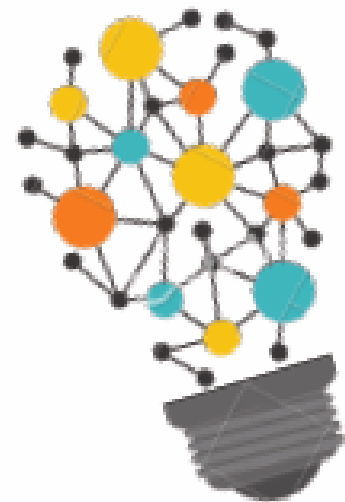
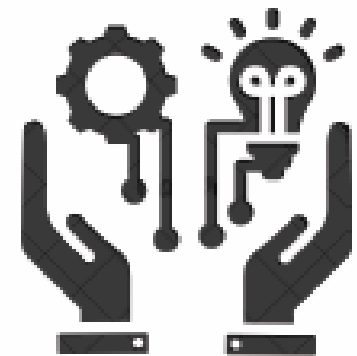
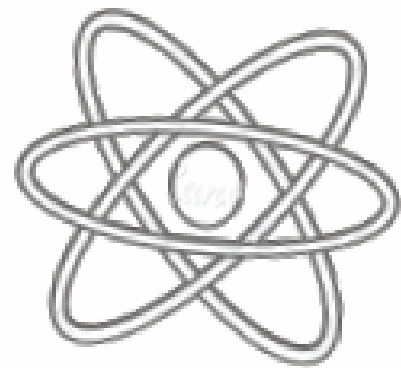
(SET UP TIME 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

REGISTER ONLINE AT 

<http://tinyurl.com/ScienceFairRegistrationForm>



**SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER ONLINE**

**Students - Parents - Guardians
Come & See Our Future Scientists in Action!**



Science & Technology Fair

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STONEBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
stonebridge.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

The School Council at Stonebridge is organizing the Stonebridge P.S. Science and Technology Fair on Thursday, April 18, 2024 in the school gymnasium from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. (Exhibit Setup time: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm). Display tables will be provided. Space dimensions approximately 36X15 inches per project. This will be an opportunity to engage students in learning and to develop their presentation skills in partnership with their parents.

This is a community event and is open to all students at SBPS. All projects are to be created entirely at home, with the consent and supervision of parents. Each participant will be given a certificate of participation and the class with maximum participation (by percentage) will win a pizza party in school. Group may consist of students from different classes or grades.

To participate in the event please fill out the registration form here:

<http://tinyurl.com/ScienceFairRegistrationForm>

It is very important to read the accompanying Exhibit Guidelines and Rules! All the best and Have fun!! Registration Form deadline is March 21st, 2024.

PARENT & STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ayesha Ansari
stonebridge.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Science & Technology Fair

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EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

- Visual presentation of project supported with oral presentation by the student(s).
- Write up a short description summarizing your science fair project to help you present. Remember to talk about the theory behind your science fair project-why your project works the way it does.
- Make it as interactive and hands on as possible. For example: Ask the audience do they think something will sink or float. Then perform the experiment and let them see what happens.
- This is also an opportunity to think outside the box and build or invent an item that demonstrates scientific principles.
- Organize a list of questions you think the audience will ask you and prepare/practice answers for them.
- Practice explaining your science fair project beforehand in simple terms so anyone can understand it. Always be positive and enthusiastic!
- If you have no idea what someone is asking, or do not know the answer to their question, it is okay to say "I do not know."

RULES

1. MOST IMPORTANT RULE SAFETY FIRST!
2. In the interest of including different facets of science, Volcano projects are limited to grades JK to Gr-2.
3. Parents are allowed to help the students. All experiments should be supervised by an adult.
4. Science fair project can be done individually or in a group of maximum 3 children. Each participant needs to fill out the registration form
Please fill out the registration form online at <http://tinyurl.com/ScienceFairRegistrationForm>
5. Choose a topic and be sure it interests you. Talk it over with your parents and note there can be no changes after registration deadline. March 21st, 2024.
6. No food or drink during an experiment and always keep your work area clean.
7. Wear protective goggles when doing any experiment that could lead to eye injury.
8. Respect all life forms. Animals are not allowed to be used in experiments. Do not perform an experiment that will harm any life form.
9. Always wash your hands after doing the experiment, especially if you have been handling chemicals. Dispose waste properly.
10. Any project that involves animals, harmful, corrosive, or highly reactive chemicals, drugs, or explosives is NOT permitted.
11. Any project that breaks school policies, provincial, or federal laws is NOT permitted.
12. Use safety on the Internet! NEVER write to anyone without an adult knowing about it. Be sure to let an adult know about what websites you will be visiting or have them help you search.
13. If there are dangerous aspects of your experiment, like using a sharp tool or experimenting with electricity, please have an adult help you or have them do the dangerous parts.

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www.scienceadvice.com <https://schoolscienceprojects.com/science-fair-projects/>

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Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology (ICT), skill development and learning opportunities, in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Working with **York Region District School Board** we are offering affordable, renewed computer packages.



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

You can apply for this program if you are:

A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.

Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

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Alexander Oliver
RCT Community Engagement Lead
AOliver@rcto.ca

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*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

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Application Check-List



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

You can begin to apply for a computer on: February 1st, 2024
Application deadline: March 15th, 2024

Group Name: YRDSB | **Group Code:** G-YRDSB24

How to fill out your application

Scan QR code OR access application using the link your organization provided

Section A

Group Name: YRDSB

Group Code: G-YRDSB24

Name of School: *Please enter the name of the student's school*

Section B

This section does not apply to you.

Section C

I would like to pick up my computer in Mississauga RCT Warehouse (\$0.00 Shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a laptop, please ship my computer to my home (\$40.00 shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a desktop, please ship my computer to my home (\$50.00 shipping fee)

OR

I am part of the York Region District School Board Group order (\$20.00)

Section D

Pick your computer package and method of payment.

Our partner organization will need proof of eligibility (one of the following) before you can apply for a computer.

Proof of Financial Status (one of the following)

- Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (most recent)
- Ontario Works Statement (Social Assistance)
- OSAP Statement of Funding
- Refugee Payment Received from government
- Letter from school supporting the application
- EI Benefit Statement
- ODSP (Disability Benefits)
- Second Career

Payment

You will have the following online payment options when completing your order:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Money Order or Certified Cheque
- A Third Party will be Paying (Ex. Ontario Works)

Certified Cheques should be made to: Renewed Computer Technology

The applicant's name must be added in the memo field. When you come to pick up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.

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CAMPERS

CAMP DATES: SATURDAY, MAY 25TH
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Learners & Lovers of the Arts 🔍

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Arts Camp 2024 is now
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the information package and on
the application form.

Links for [information package](#) and [application form](#).

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Kindergarten Registration 2024–2025



Kindergarten registration for September 2024 has begun for the 2024-2025 school year. Children who turn four or five years old during 2024, 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. 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](http://www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address. Email addresses can be found on the [school website](#).

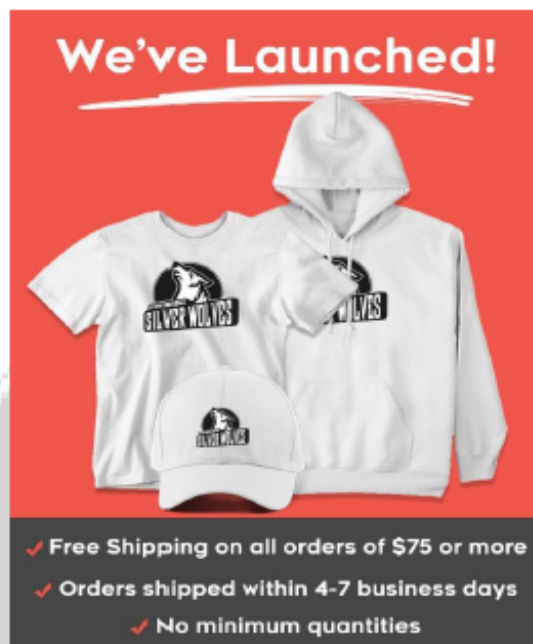
By phone - Families can request support from the school Principal/Vice-Principal to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation. Call your local school.

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.

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. We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.

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You have the ability to customize your
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Order now!! Proceeds to support the school!!

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Nut & Scent Free Environment

This is a reminder that many students and staff have life threatening allergies to nuts. As a result, we ask that all snacks and lunches are nut free. Please take the time to read the labels on snacks to ensure they are nut safe. We also ask that you do not use peanut butter substitutes such as Wow Butter. **Nutella is a nut product and must not come to school.**



The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. To help keep the air healthy for everyone, our school has a scent-free policy.