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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

May is a very busy time of year. We have concerts, sports teams that have tournaments, EQAO for our Grade 3 and 6 students, Track and Field and some of our community will be observing Ramadan during May and June and we are coming up on Asian/South Asian Heritage Month. This newsletter has information about some of these important school activities and events.五月份是每年很忙的时候。我们有音乐会，运动校队比赛，安省三年级和六年级的教育素质评核测验。田径等。另外部份家庭会在五月和六月庆祝华马登节。同时，这也是年度的亚洲/南亚文化月。这月信会提供有关一些重要的学校活动和讯息。

Just a reminder that our School Council will be meeting [on Monday May 6th from 6:30 to 8:30](#). Come and learn about our Parents Reaching Out Grant proposal and find out how you can support with our Fun Fair [June 20th](#). Our School Council is looking for parents who can support as volunteers [on June 20th](#) at our Fun Fair. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact funfairstonebridge@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of our school council and our school!提一下我们的家长委员会是在五月六日下午六时三十分至八时三十分举行。过来参加会议认识一下什么是联系家长津贴建议和看看您可否有兴趣支持一下我校在六月二十日举行的游戏同乐日。谢谢我们家长对学校和家长委员会的支持！

In response to feedback we have received from parents who attended our Community Town Hall back in January, parents shared with us that they appreciated connecting with and having conversations with parents and school staff in a more informal setting. We welcome our community for a Community Gathering [on May 9th from 11:45am to 12:45pm](#). We will be also be opening our gym for a Community Activity [Night on May 9th from 6:00 to 8:00pm](#) to engage with children through sport. There will be student volunteers to provide suggestions, get equipment and support as needed. Join us!至于我们早前从一月份地区家长大会的意见问卷搜集得到的是，家长感谢能与学校教职人员以这非正式的形式会面。我们欢迎大家在五月九日上午十一时四十五分至下午十二时四十五分进行社区聚会。在当晚亦会开放其中一个室内操场给社区家庭到来，家庭活动之夜，下午六时至八时。会有义工学生在场提供意见，提供用具和支援等。

On Friday May 3rd we had our kick off for our Active Travel Program where our students made a commitment to the community to make a difference by walking, riding, taking a scooter or the bus (if you are eligible) to school. Members of our team from YRDSB, the York Catholic Board and the City of Markham joined us on a rainy [Friday morning](#). The rain did not keep our students and families from walking to school. Way to go Stonebridge! Keep active getting to and from school to start off the day right and make a difference in our community. Watch our YouTube video to learn more about the program:五月三日，我们已经开展一项活跃社区计划，就是学生要选择投入一项特别的户外活动，例如步行回校，踏单车或踩小輪单踏車，或坐校车（如在巴士线上）当天早上虽然下雨，但不能阻止我们进行这计划，并得到约克区教育局及天主教教育局，万锦市职员一起参加。石桥学校，真棒！保持在早上或下午能保持活力，并散发这美丽的社区！有关情况请上载这连线观看：

<https://twitter.com/StonebridgePS/status/1120803617022173186>

If you have a child who is entering Junior Kindergarten next year, please join us [on Thursday May 16th from 6:30-7:30pm](#) to learn about what you can expect in our Kindergarten classes, and to give us a chance to meet your child. If you have friends or neighbours that have not registered for JK next year, please let them know that we are happy to accept new registrations.如果您有孩子在九月新学年开始上幼儿园第一年，请在五月十六日晚上六时三十分至七时三十分让大家见过面，如果您有朋友或邻居有孩子在今年满四岁但又登记。学校仍在收生。

We have a committee of student leaders who are looking for parent volunteers to help gather and publish pages for our Stonebridge Year Book. If you are interested please let the office know by e-mailing stonebridge.ps@yrdsb.ca expressing your interest. This team would be needing to meet over a 6 week period from early May until the middle of June. Thank you for your support of our student leaders!我校成立了学生领袖委员会。他们在找家长义工以协助学生编制石桥学校的年报。如果您有兴趣，请电邮我们办公室以表达您的兴趣。这团队会需要在五月初至六月中六个周内会面，以商讨有关编制事项。谢谢你们对学生领袖的支持！

Your partners in您的教育伙伴 education,

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

School Council Meeting

At Stonebridge Public School, we welcome and encourage parent engagement and participation in school initiatives, committees and events. Participation in School Council is one way to be involved in your child's education. During School Council meetings, important topics relating to school are discussed. Members determine ways in which they can enhance the schooling experience for all students at Stonebridge PS. For example, School Council may become involved with fundraising efforts which in turn help to provide additional technology to enhance student's learning experience. If you are interested in being part of the School Council, please join us at next School Council Meeting. Translation services will be available.

School Council Meeting Date:

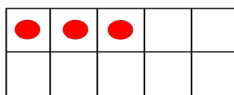
May 6 @ 6:30—8:30pm

Visual Math

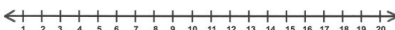
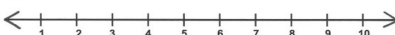
Mathematics is highly visual. Using visual representations will help enhance your child's understanding of quantity, build fluency and flexibility with numbers and support the development of both spatial and algebraic reasoning.

Mathematical models can help support your child to think about numbers visually - improving both their understanding of quantity, promoting automaticity and flexibility with numbers.

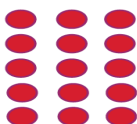
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Number line



Array Model



For more information on these models, please check out....

Activities:
Primary/Junior



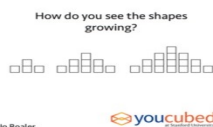
Taken from <https://www.youcubed.org/tasks/youcubed-my-heart/>

Intermediate

What would the 100th term look like?

How many squares are in the 100th case?

How many squares are in the nth case?



Other ways to promote spatial reasoning:

In addition, parents can encourage children to think about objects and space visually. Asking your child to think about the space inside a suitcase before it is packed is an example of a simple task to do at home to promote visualization.

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](#)

**Tamil Genocide:
A Seminar Marking the 10th Anniversary
of the Mullivaikal Massacre**

Screening of Documentary:

Channel 4: No Fire Zone

Panel Discussion:

Historical and Political Context: Legislated Discrimination and Legitimate Resistance

War Crimes and Genocide: Remembering the Victims

Migration and Mobilization: The State and the Role of the Diaspora

Q and A

Join us on:

Monday, May 13, 2019

4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Middlefield Collegiate Institute

525 Highglen Avenue, Markham, L3S 3L5

In collaboration with:

Inclusive School and Community Services, Tamil Canadian Centre for Civic Action

People for Equality and Relief in Lanka, Educators for Tamil Student Success

Educators for Students of South Asian Heritage, Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students

Please confirm your attendance by registering.

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Asian/South Asian Heritage Month

The South Asian Heritage Act of 2001 established the foundation upon which South Asians, whose origins are or can be traced to the Indian subcontinent, can see themselves reflected in the fabric of Ontario and our schools.

In May 2002, the Government of Canada signed an official declaration to designate May as Asian Heritage Month. This acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian Canadians from East Asia, Southern Asia, Western and Southeast Asia and their contributions to Canada. It also provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect and celebrate the contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage towards the growth and prosperity of Canada.

As we enter the month of May staff and students are encouraged to join Ontarians and Canadians who will be coming together to celebrate the rich and vibrant heritage of people of Asian and South Asian descent. We invite your contributions to help recognize, honour, and celebrate the Asian/South Asian experiences. Please share student created artefacts that reflect the history of Asian Canadians, heritage and importance of Asian/South Asian identity in Canada.

Ramadan

York Region District School Board (YRDSB) values the uniqueness and diversity of its students and communities and understands that people from diverse faith communities need to work and study in safe, inclusive and respectful environments. This is reflected in our Equity and Inclusivity Policy and Procedures #261 and specifically in our Religious Accommodations Procedure #261.8. Working collaboratively with faith leaders, YRDSB has developed recommendations for schools to consider in anticipation of Ramadan.

Students observing Ramadan and who are fasting will have access to alternative spaces during lunch break and recess. As always, there is a quiet room/ prayer space for students and staff. We will work collaboratively so that students are supported in physical education classes, field trips, EQAO, and other school events. Although the recommendations provided through the Inclusive Schools unit assist us in being responsive to your child, we welcome your input and feedback.



Junior Girls' Basketball

The junior girls' basketball team had a very successful season this year. They started off the year going undefeated in several exhibition games, and in a fun tournament at Bill Crothers. The girls worked hard learning new plays and practice old ones in preparation for the area championships being held at our school on April 24th . They worked together, and showed strong teamwork skills winning their round robin games, and beat Little Rouge P.S. in the semi-finals. They faced Castlemore in the finals, and were tied after regulation time. They demonstrated true heart and perseverance by winning the area championships in overtime. On Tuesday April 30th, they competed in the York Region Championships at Wellington P.S. They were defeated in two close games, before winning their final game of the season. Congratulations Simone, Yan, Elaine, Jacklyn, Sakthy, Janice, Rashida, Sophia, Carol, and Sarah!!



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。

Upcoming Events:

MAY

Junior/Intermediate Spring Concert: May 2 @ 7pm

Willowgrove Farm (JK/SK): May 23

Gr.3 EQAO: May 22-24

Gr. 6 EQAO: May 27-29

JUNE

McMichael Art Gallery (Gr. 5) - June 12

Stouffville Treetop Trekking (Gr. 8) - June 10 & 18

Kinark Trip (Gr. 7): June 12-14

Second City Downtown (Gr. 8) - June 21

Grade 8 Graduation: June 26

Stonebridge Fun Fair



We are pleased to announce the Stonebridge's annual Fun Fair will be taking place on Thursday, June 20 @6-8pm. We are excited about the opportunity to enjoy an evening of family fun with bouncy castles, face painting, raffles, food and much more.

We continue to require volunteers for our Fun Fair. If you are able to volunteer a few hours to support this exciting event, please contact the office and we will inform the organizing team.

The council would like to thank everyone that contributed to the Fund Raisers this year.

May 2019

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Mon



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			<i>1</i> <i>Firefighter visit</i> <i>Mr. Greek</i>	<i>2</i>  <i>Junior / Intermediate Spring Concert @ 7pm</i> 	<i>3</i> <i>Active School Travel</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>School Council Meeting @6:30pm</i> <i>Mr. Sub</i>		<i>8</i> <i>Pasta lunch</i>	<i>9</i>  <i>Community Gathering #2 @11:45am</i> <i>Community Sports Night @ 6pm</i> 	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Mr. Sub</i>		<i>15</i> <i>Track and Field (2nd date TBD)</i> <i>Mr. Greek</i>	<i>16</i>  <i>Welcome to Kindergarten 6:30-7:30pm</i> 	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Victoria Day</i>		<i>22</i> <i>Gr.3 EQAO</i> <i>Pasta lunch</i>	<i>23</i>  <i>Gr.3 EQAO</i> <i>Willowgrove Farms (JK/SK)</i> 	<i>24</i> <i>Gr.3 EQAO</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Gr.6 EQAO</i> <i>Mr. Sub</i>		<i>29</i> <i>Gr.6 EQAO</i> <i>Mr. Greek</i>	<i>30</i>  	<i>31</i>	