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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

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A Message from the Administration

It has been a busy fall here at Stonebridge Public School. As a school, we have been involved in a variety of activities including International Walk to School Day, the Terry Fox Run and 8 members of the Me2We club were excited to attend We Day at the ACC in Toronto. Classes have enjoyed enhancements to their curriculum including swimming lessons, a field trip to the Royal Ontario Museum and a visit from Scientists in the School. Our grade 7s are at Kinark Outdoor Center this week participating in leadership and team building activities. In classes, students are hard at work on their grade level curricular expectations working individually or in small groups to go deeper with their knowledge and understanding of a topic, apply this understanding and use this knowledge to analyze and evaluate information. They are engaging in purposeful talk to share their thinking, develop their ideas and expand on each other's thinking.

On November 22nd, Stonebridge students will bring home their Progress Report Cards. Progress Reports are an opportunity for teachers to share the development of learning skills and work habits, as well as general progress in the subject areas with families, at this point in time. It gives families, teachers and students the opportunity to review their progress so far and to set goals for growth to ensure a successful term. Final marks for all subject areas will be recorded on the Term 1 Report Card which will go home February 19th. This year, all of our classes from SK to grade 8 will participate in Parent Teacher Interviews on the evening of Thursday, November 24th and the morning of Friday, November 25th.

Parent Teacher Interviews are one of the ways for you to participate in partnering with your child's teacher to support their learning. Before the interview, you may wish to review the progress report card and talk to your child about their learning experiences so far this year. Please see a Tips Sheet for Parent Teacher Interviews included in this newsletter. Parents and guardians of JK students will be invited to their child's classroom for a classroom observation. These observations will take place later in November.

We look forward to your involvement in this process and know that you will take the opportunity to recognize and celebrate your child's positive accomplishments from the first couple of months of school and help your child to set goals for the remainder of the term.

Stonebridge School Council News

STONEBRIDGE SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Greetings from the Stonebridge School Council.

The Stonebridge School Council is comprised of volunteer parents, as well as community members and observers who participate in fundraising activities, assist with the planning of school events and provide advice and input to the administration on specific issues. The members of a School Council are accountable to the parents they represent and must:

- Maintain a school-wide perspective on issues;
- Regularly attend school council meetings;
- Participate on sub-committees and assist with the tasks of the school council information and training programs;
- Act as a link between the school council, the community, and the school admin;
- Encourage the participation of all parents within the school community

Upcoming Events

- On going Pizza Day this year
- The School Council is planning to organize our first Annual fun Fair. Look for more information in the New Year.
- As well, a series of workshops will be presented on the topics of Math, Modern Learning and Mental Health - Stay tuned,

School Council meeting dates for the 2016-17 school year are as follows:

November 7th, January 16th, February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd and June 5th

Meetings take place on Mondays from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm in the Staff Room. We look forward to seeing you there. As always, the council can be contacted via our email address stone-bridge.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Cold Weather

Winter is coming and the weather is getting colder. All of our students go outside for 30 minutes for morning recess and 40 minutes at lunchtime. Please make sure your children dress comfortably for the upcoming cold weather. Warm boots, socks, pants, sweaters, coats, hats, mittens and scarves tucked inside the coat are very important for children of all ages to wear. We do monitor the weather and keep our students in when the Environment Canada Wind Chill Chart indicates a risk for frostbite.

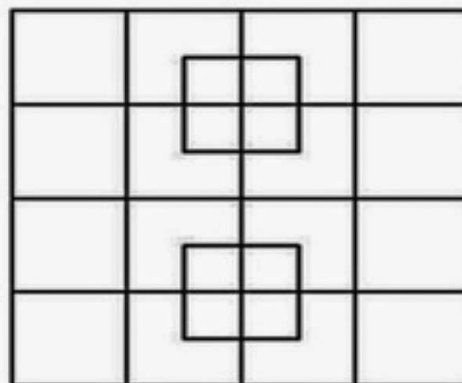


Math Moment

Here is a puzzle to enjoy some math fun as a family.

How many squares can you see?

Which member of your family can find the greatest number of squares?



Secondary School—Grade 8 Information Night

Secondary School—Grade 8—Information Night For September 2017 enrolment

Pierre E. Trudeau HS

December 01, 2016 at 7:00pm

Bur Oak SS

December 01, 2016 at 6:30pm



We Day Event



On Wednesday October 19th, a few students and teachers from the Me to We Committee at Stonebridge PS went to the “We Day” event (day and evening shows) in Toronto. They were especially touched and moved by Gord (and Mike) Downie's presentation.

They learned about Chanie Wenjack, a 12 year-old boy who died trying to escape the Residential school he was at, while trying to walk home over 400 miles away. His story is being remembered (and hopefully many others as a result) through Gord Downie's work (poetry, music, a graphic novel and video).

Downie's music and Lemire's illustrations have inspired *The Secret Path*, an animated film that was broadcasted by the CBC in an hour-long commercial-free television special on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 9:00pm.


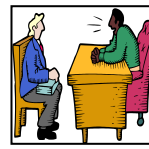
Stonebridge Team at the Regional Cross Country Meet

On October 19, five of our athletes went to Bruce's Mill Conservation Area to run in the York Region Cross Country finals. Our students represented Stonebridge incredibly well as they ran with grit, and showed remarkable sportsmanship.

We are very proud of our regional team, made up of one grade 4 student, one grade 6 student and three grade 7 students. A big thank you goes to our Cross Country coaches, Ms, Hamilton,



News from the Learning Commons

	<p align="center">Book Fair Coming Middle of November 2016! Just in time for Progress Report Interview Dates!</p>	
<p align="center">] Be sure to drop into our book fair before or after your parent/teacher interview! J</p>		

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Stonebridge P.S. in time for Parent Interview Night. Books will be on sale from November 16-, November 25, 2016!.

Hours of the Book Fair:

Wed. Nov. 16 – Thurs. Nov. 24

9:00am to 3:45 pm

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★★★ALSO OPEN ★★★

in the evening of Thurs. Nov. 24

4:30pm to 8:30 pm



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in the morning of Fri. Nov. 25

8:30 am to 12:00 pm

. Shop early for the holiday season!

NB: Sorry, the Book Fair is closed daily at lunch time from 12:45-1:45 .

	<p align="center">Attention Parents and Grand Parents! The Stonebridge Book Fair Needs YOU! Set Your Own Hours! No Experience Necessary!</p>	
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Parents and grandparents, **STONEBRIDGE NEEDS YOU** in order to make our Book Fair successful!

Duties include:

Setting up book fair	Helping write kindergartener's wish lists
Bagging merchandise at the cash	Counting money

If you have a few hours to spare weekdays between Wednesday Nov. 16 – Thurs. Nov. 24, 2016 please call Mrs. Miyata at (905-887-2427 X 307. She will happily create a schedule that suits you!

Chess Club



This year's sign up for the chess club is closed. Club members will meet and practice after school on Fridays. Parents who are picking up their children should wait in front of the main entrance at 4:30 p.m. One of our coaches will walk the students down to meet you.

In December, we will be selecting members for the Stonebridge chess team that will be representing our school at tournaments starting early spring.

For the chess enthusiasts, you can always enjoy a game of chess at: www.chess.com

Eco Book Swap

Do you have some used books at home that you don't need anymore? Would you like to trade them for a (used) book to read? Bring your gently used books in for a book swap!

Brought to you by the Stonebridge Eco Club.

For every 4 used books brought to school in November, you will get 1 ticket to pick a gently used book in December.

When: Nov 7-25 (Bring in your books)

See you then!! Thanks for helping the environment!



Grade 7s at Kinark Outdoor Center



Volunteers Needed for Healthy Schools

Stonebridge is looking for volunteers to support our Healthy Schools Committee and a snack program for students.

A volunteer for our Healthy Schools Committee would work with students once a week or every other week on initiatives that would support our Healthy Schools Plan. We would work together; parent volunteers, staff members and students to promote a life style that supports learning for our students.

A volunteer for our Snack Program would help us to prepare and hand out snacks to our students.

If you are able to volunteer and interested in supporting our Healthy Schools Plan, please call Ms. Jones at 905-887-2427 or email at shelley.jones@yrdsb.ca.



Halloween candy... a sticky topic for parents!

Parents are often left wondering how to help their children manage their Halloween treats as part of a healthy diet. The key is to provide structure. Here are some guidelines:

1. After trick or treating, let your children empty their candy bag, sort it and eat as much of it as they want. Let them do the same the next day.
2. On the third day, have them put the candy away and only allow a couple of pieces to be eaten during meals and/or snacks.
3. Schedule meals and snacks at regular times. Keep the routine of letting your child have Halloween candy only at these times. This way, the candy will not spoil your child's diet.
4. Offer milk, fruit or vegetables with the candy to offer some nutrition.



Adapted from Your Child's Weight Helping without Harming Birth through Adolescence. Ellyn Satter, 2005

For more information about how you can help your child's school create a healthy school nutrition environment, visit www.nutritiontoolsforschools.ca



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Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher-interviews are held two or three times a year at the end of each term when report cards are sent home. They are opportunities for parents and teachers to talk together about how to help each child succeed in school. They are very short – usually 10 or 15 minutes. It's important to prepare before the interview to make the best use of that short time. If you need more time, schedule another appointment.

1. Prepare

Read your child's report card.

Make notes about your questions and concerns.

Talk to your child about the report.

What do you want to ask the teacher? Make a list.

2. Ask Questions

Arrive on time. Bring your list of questions.

The teacher will review your child's report card or show you samples of his or her work.

Tell the teacher what your child likes and dislikes about school. Let the teacher know if you think there is too much or too little homework.

Parent-teacher interviews are strictly confidential. Share personal information that might be affecting your child's progress or behaviour at school (e.g., family illness, job search). This information will help the teacher understand your child better.

- ♦ What does my child do well?
- ♦ What skills does she or he still need to develop?
- ♦ Is my child getting extra help? In what subjects?
- ♦ What is your homework policy?
- ♦ How much time should my child be spending on homework?
- ♦ How does my child get along with the other students?
- ♦ How can I help my child at home?
- ♦ What is the best way to contact you if I have more questions?

Take notes so that you can share the comments with your child.

3. Follow Up

Talk to your child. Stress the positive things the teacher said. Talk about how you and the teacher are going to help with the things that need to be improved.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		----- Grade 7s at Kinark -----				
6	7	8 	9	10 <i>Photo Retake</i>  	11 <i>Remembrance- Day</i> <i>Assembly at 10:45am</i>	12
13	14	15 	16	17  	18	19
				<i>Skills Ontario Presentations Grades 7 & 8</i>		
20	21 <i>Skills Ontario Presentations Grades 7 & 8</i>	22 	23	24  	25 PA DAY	26
		Dental Screening for Grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6 & 8				
				Bus Safety Parent –Teacher Interviews an-		
27	28 Bus Safety	29 	30 Grade 8s at Second City			