

OCTOBER,
2018



- **PRINCIPAL**
Kevin Merkley
- **VICE-PRINCIPAL**
Nada Aoudeh
- **SUPERINTENDENT**
Camille Logan
- **TRUSTEE**
Ada Yeung (Interim)

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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A Message from the Administration

As the final hours of September creep by, fall is making its presence known to us in the crisp air of the morning arrival and first crumpled leaves to dance across the field at recess. The last month has been one of many changes. After just a few short weeks we have said goodbye to some of our teachers and welcomed new staff, we have built new communities as classrooms have been reorganized, and we have grown our relationships as families and teachers came together for meet our families/ curriculum night. Thank you to our incredible students and staff as they have stepped forward, held steady, and charted the forthcoming path together. Thank you to our families for your partnership, open stance, and support along the journey of our year ahead.

As an administrator team we are committed to ensuring Stonebridge PS is an equitable and inclusive school where learners see themselves reflected in the learning environment and in the content and process of their classroom experiences. Student voice is the catalyst for transformation, and we will continue the work with staff to foster spaces for these voices to not only be heard, but also to lead the way for responsive and relevant education that centres student identity, interest, and vision. We also seek your partnership and direction on ensuring that the school sits in the heart of the community and is not only a place of learning but also a place of belonging. We want to learn from you what you envision to be the wellbeing of your children and how their identities have shaped their experience within and beyond the school. Please stay tuned as invitations for community town halls are forthcoming.

To this end, you will have also received notification of the Every Student Counts Survey which is coming up in November. For students in grades K- 6, parents will be completing the survey on behalf of the child, while students in grades 7-12 will be provided with time in school to complete the survey. It is essential that every student/family complete this survey. Advocacy for data collection of this type has been ongoing and is supported by the Ministry of Education through Ontario's Education Equity Action Plan. Please have your voice counted by completing the survey for your K-6 child. The survey will be available in a number of languages, please notify the office if you require the survey in a language other than English or if you require an ability-based accommodation. Further information can be found here <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/equity/Pages/Every-Student-Counts-Survey.aspx>

IEPs (Individual Education Plans): For some of our students IEPs will be going home this month. This outlines the goals for some of our students for term one that our staff, students and parents will work towards to achieve the goals set out for them.

ESL letters: All teachers support English language learning of children acquiring English as an additional language. These supports and scaffolds are integrated across the day and in all subjects. For learners working with an ESL teacher alongside the classroom teacher, letters will be sent home by the end of October sharing the nature of the support, goals the learner is working towards in their language learning, and some strategies that have been helpful across the day. Please engage with your child's teacher to learn more about how we are supporting the success of their language and academic learning.

Message from the Stonebridge School Council

The School Council meeting was held on Monday September 17th, 2018. The new elected School Council for 2018/19 school year are :

Co-Chairs: Garth Morris and Ingrid Lambie

Co-Treasurers: Alice Lee and Johar Alibhai

Secretary: Daisy Li

Upcoming Events:

- The School Council will be running the Pizza Days this year from Oct 2018.
- The Direct Donation Fund Raiser will start end of October to raise funds for school resources, athletics, arts, books and technology. Look for an information letter and donation form going home with the students.
- As well, a series of workshops will be presented. They will be related to the Parent Reaching Out Grant .
- The school council will also run a Fun Fair again this year.

School Council meeting dates for the 2018-19 school year are as follows:

October 15th, November (no meeting), December (no meeting), January 14th, February 4th, April 1st, May 6th, June 5th Meetings take place on Mondays from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm in the Staff Lounge.

We look forward to seeing you there. As always, the council can be contacted via our email address

stonebridge.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

Looking forward to a great year!!

School Council

Every Student Counts Survey

In November 2018, York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the **Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS)**. The purpose of this census survey is to better understand YRDSB's diverse student population as well as students' experiences in school and outside of school. Families with a child in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be invited to complete the survey online with their child at home. Students in Grades 7-12 will be invited to complete the survey online during class time. If you are a parent/guardian of child(ren) in Grades 7-12 and do **not** want them to participate in the survey, please contact CCI Research at 1-866-450-4907 **no later than October 9, 2018**.

The surveys are voluntary and confidential. Information about the surveys and the process is available at www.yrdsb.ca/escs. This important initiative will help us work together to create equitable and inclusive school environments.

Stonebridge Picture Day



Bring your smiles!!

Stonebridge Picture Day

Thursday & Friday, October 25th &
26th, 2018

Picture Re-Take Day

Wednesday, November 21st

October Celebration



October is a month of diverse celebrations and holidays. Amongst those is Halloween, which falls on October 31st. If you would like your child to dress up that day, you are welcome to do so. Please keep in mind that this is not required or expected. Please remember that if you do wear a costume, that you can not bring items that look like weapons.

Please do not send candy or treats to school, as they will not be distributed. We know that not all families celebrate Halloween for a variety of reasons, and we respect this. If your family attends to a celebration or holiday that you would like us to know of, please notify your child's teacher or the administrator team.

Orange Shirt Day

The Orange Shirt Day movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century. The colour of the shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973.



Six-years old at the time, Phyllis went to her first day of school wearing a new bright orange shirt. New clothes were a rare thing for the young girl, who was being raised by her grandmother. However, upon arriving at the school, the nuns stripped her of the shirt, forcing her to wear the school's institutional uniform.

Webstad has felt the impact of that event long after it occurred, "that feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first

day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years. Even now, when I know nothing could be further than the truth, I still sometimes feel that I don't matter."

The shirt has since gone on to become a symbol of a national movement that recognizes the suffering of Indigenous children at residential schools across the country and to show a renewed commitment to ensure that every child matters.

Learn more by watching- Namwayut: we are all one. (Video, 4 minutes, 14 seconds). CBC. Dec. 18, 2017. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zuRQmwaREY&feature=youtu.be>

Volunteers Needed for Mr. Greek, Mr. Sub & Pasta Lunches

We are in need of volunteers to help organize the distribution of Mr. Greek (Wednesday, Oct. 24), Mr. Sub (Monday, Oct. 29) and Pasta Lunches (Wednesday, Oct. 31). Mr. Greek and Pasta Lunches will run on alternate Wednesdays and Mr. Sub on Mondays. If you are would like to help, please contact the school office.

October is IWALK Month

Make a Commitment to Walk This October

IWALK month starts **October 3, 2018**. International Walk to School Month (IWALK) is an annual mass celebration of active transportation taking place around the world every October.

The benefits of walking include:

- Helps prepare children for learning
- Keeps students physically and mentally fit
- Builds friendships
- Improves air quality and the environment
- Creates safer neighbourhoods

Join the movement! We encourage all our students to Walk or Wheel for the month of October.

Pizza Day is back at Stonebridge

We are ready to begin our first round of pizza orders on October 4th. All of the food and drinks served will meet the requirements outlined within the Ministry's Healthy Schools Initiative and are peanut/nut free. Your child's order will include cheese, gluten-free cheese or vegetarian (mushroom, green peppers & tomatoes) pizza made with a whole-wheat crust, a nutritious snack and an apple juice box from MY LITTLE PIZZERIA.

The School Council will not be able to accept late orders.

Pizza at Stonebridge P.S. is a School Council initiated fundraiser.

Students have brought home order forms with further details.

Orders and payments were due on Friday, September 21, 2018.

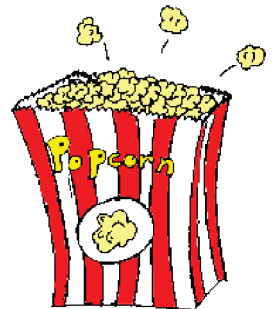


Popcorn Sale Starts October 16th \$1.00 a bag



Popcorn sales are back! Popcorn will be sold every Tuesday and Thursday at morning recess. Popcorn can also be ordered on school cash online by

October 5.



October 2018

Sun

Mon














Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3 Rescheduled Cross Country	4 	5  World Teachers' Day	6
7	8 No School Happy Thanksgiving 	9	10 Bus Evacuation (Dress Warm)	11  Bus Evacuation (Dress Warm)	12	13
14	15 School Council Meeting 6:30 pm	16  Cross Country Regionals	17	18  K-C & K-D to Willougrove Farm, Gr. 1D to MSH 	19 K-A & K-B to Willougrove Farm,	20
21	22 P.A. Day No School	23  Mr. Greek Lunch	24	25  Gr. 1C to MSH Picture Day 	26  Picture Day	27
28	29 Mr. Sub Lunch	30  Pasta Lunch Happy Halloween 	31  Pasta Lunch Happy Halloween 	1 Gr. 1B to MSH		