

OCTOBER  
2017



- **PRINCIPAL**  
Yvonne Chan
- **VICE-PRINCIPAL**  
Padmini Padiachy
- **SUPERINTENDENT**  
Camille Logan
- **TRUSTEE**  
Billy Pang

#### 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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*Intelligence plus Character, that is the Goal of True Education...*

.....Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

## A Message from the Administration

The first few weeks of school were exciting for students and staff as everyone settled into the routines of the new school year. Staff and students worked on establishing expectations for learning, collaborating and team-building with their classes and students explored opportunities to work with new classmates. Towards the end of September, minor changes took place and a few students transitioned into new classes, while some teachers changed teaching assignments. As a result, Ms. Seal's K/Gr. 1 class became a Gr.1; Ms. Tam's Gr. 1/2 class became a Gr. 2 and Mrs. Goring's Gr. 7/8 became a Gr. 7.

These changes were beneficial to students and staff since our class sizes were compliant to Ministry of Education expectations. We thank all staff, students and families for their patience and support as these transitions took place to foster optimal learning environments where every student can be successful.

On Thursday, September 28th, we hosted Curriculum Night. Many families and community members attended the presentations in their children's classrooms. Parent Engagement facilitates student achievement and success. Parent Engagement increases student well-being and motivates learners. We encourage parent participation, collaboration and engagement to build a positive school climate at Stonebridge.

Stonebridge School Council meetings are an opportunity for parents to learn about the important role of School Council. School Council works collaboratively with the Administration and Staff to achieve school goals for improvement. We look forward to meeting you at our next meeting!

We had our first Fire Drill, Lock-Down Drill and Hold and Secure Drill this month to ensure that everyone knows what to do in the event of an emergency. Students also learned about bicycle and road safety. In October, all students will be participating in School Bus Evacuation Training to further their understanding of emergency procedures.

With Fall's brilliant color and cooler weather, please make sure your child / children are dressed appropriately for the changing conditions. The Stonebridge staff would like to wish all families and community members a Happy Thanksgiving. We would also like to extend special wishes to those families celebrating Diwali.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Chan & Padmini Padiachy

# A Message from the Stonebridge School Council

The School Council meeting was held on Monday September 11th, and Monday October 2nd, 2017. The new elected School Council for 2017/18 school year are:

Co-Chairs: Ingrid Lambie & Garth Morris

Treasurer: Wendy Wei Sun

## Upcoming Events

- ♦ The School Council will be running the Pizza Days this year starting in October.
- ♦ The Direct Donation Fund-Raiser to raise funds for school resources will be starting soon.
- ♦ A “**S T E A M**” (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math event is being considered.
- ♦ Look for more **S T E A M** information in upcoming communication.
- ♦ The **PARENT REACHING OUT GRANT** Sessions are being planned.
- ♦ The focus on Well-Being will be explored through special presentations for our school community.

School Council meeting dates for the 2017-18 school year are as follows:

Sept. 11th Oct. 2nd Nov. 6th Dec. 4th Jan 15th Feb. 5th Mar. 5th Apr. 9th May 7th June 11th

Meetings take place on Mondays from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm in the Staff Lounge. We look forward to seeing you there.



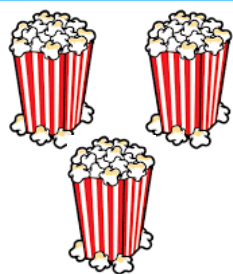
Thursday, October 12th 2017

Stonebridge P.S. Picture Day

Picture Re-Take Day

Thursday, November 9th 2017

**POPCORN SALES STARTS October 17th \$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.





## Stonebridge Curriculum Night Showcasing Learning



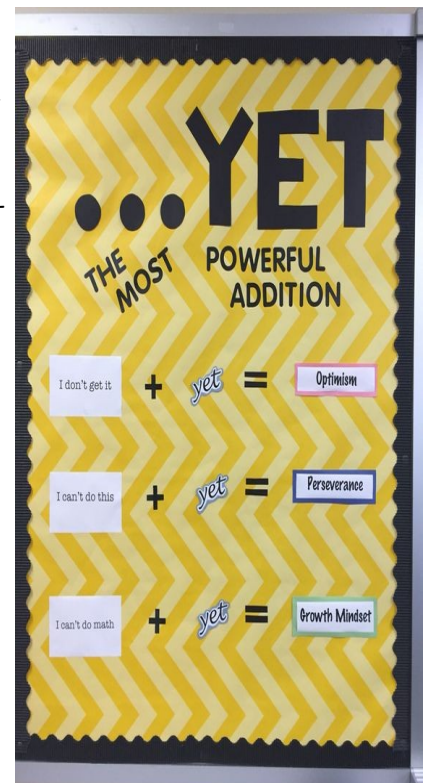
### Math Mindset

***Yet** is a powerful word to build resilient, optimistic learners.*

*Students understand that learning is a process, which requires many different approaches and problem solving strategies.*

One often hears “I’m not good at this.” “I can’t do it.” “I don’t understand this”. “I’m not a math person.” Whenever we hear statements like these, we need to help our children add that very important word: **yet**. “I’m not good at this...yet.” “I don’t understand this....yet.” This is the first step to building a positive mathematical mindset. How we talk about math and think of ourselves as mathematicians is very impactful. Encourage your children to think about ways to change their words in order to encourage a positive and open mindset when they face challenges!

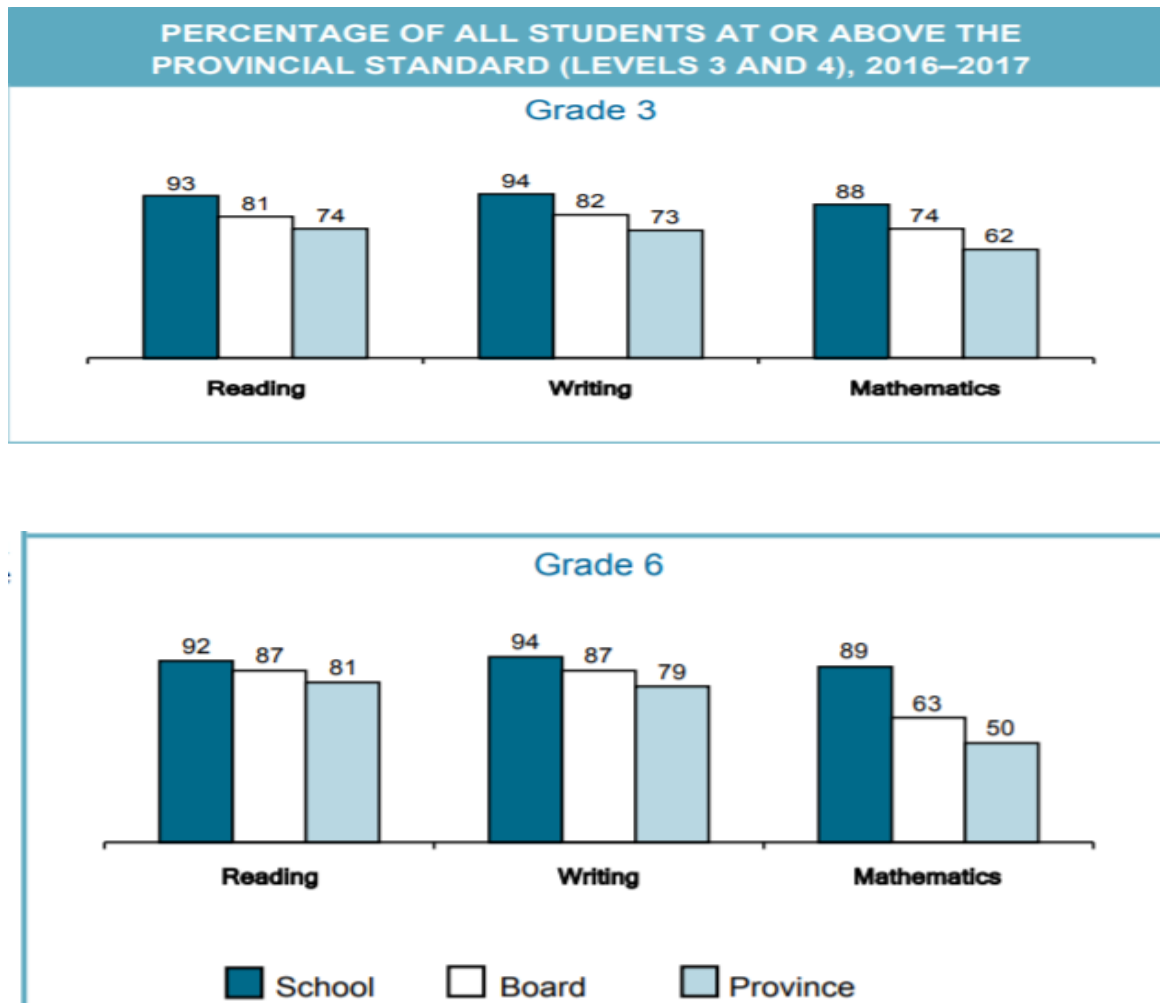
Check out <https://www.youcubed.org/think-it-up/believe-brain-operates-differently/> to learn more about how our mindset impacts learning.



## Stonebridge's Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics

During the 2016-2017 school year, Grade 3 and 6 students from across Ontario participated in a provincial assessment of reading, writing, and mathematics. This assessment was conducted by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency whose mandate is to ensure greater accountability and help improve the quality of education by providing clear and timely information about student achievement in Ontario schools.

Here are the results of the EQAO Assessment for the 2016-2017 school year.



## STONEBRIDGE CROSS COUNTRY

The Stonebridge Cross Country Team trained 4 times/week for several weeks.

Our team of athletes showed incredible dedication and Stonebridge spirit!

On Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, our Cross Country athletes travelled to Milliken Mills Park to compete in the Area Meet. All of our runners did an incredible job. They showed perseverance, grit and remarkable sportsmanship!

The top runners will be moving on to the Regional Cross Country Meet later this month.

Ms. Hall-Kemp & Ms. Hamilton are very proud of the entire team! Congratulations on a short, yet successful season!

## Terry Fox Walk

Wednesday, October 4th

We thank you for your valuable contributions

**In support of Canadian Cancer Research.**

... dreams are  
made possible  
if you try.



### **BIRTHDAYS at STONEBRIDGE P.S.**



To best ensure the safety of students and staff members who may suffer from life-threatening food allergies, and to support the religious and cultural values of many of our families, we continue to ask that parents **DO NOT** send food to school to celebrate your child's birthday.

For the reasons mentioned above, many students are unable to eat various foods and therefore, too often, food that arrives at school is unable to be shared. We do believe that a birthday is a special day in a child's life, so if you do wish to send something to school on your child's birthday, then please consider some alternatives to food.

Colorful and decorative pencils, erasers, bookmarks and stickers are always well received by children, as are small loot bags containing a few dollar store items. If you are going to send something to be handed out in school, please include one item for each student in your child's class.

Please feel free to contact the main office if you have any questions.

### **Pizza Day at Stonebridge**

Our first round of pizza orders from MY LITTLE PIZZERIA will begin in October.

All of the food and drinks served will meet the requirements outlined within the Ministry's Healthy Schools Initiative and are peanut/nut free. All orders will include cheese or vegetarian (mushroom, green peppers & tomatoes) pizza made with a whole wheat crust, a nutritious snack and an apple juice. **Pizza at Stonebridge P.S. is a School Council initiated fund-raiser.**

**We thank you for your support!**

Oct: 5, 12, 19, 26      Nov: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30      Dec: 7, 14, 21

Jan: 11, 18, 25      Feb: 1, 8





# October 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 <i>School Council Meeting</i> 6:30-8:30pm	3	4 <i>Terry Fox Walk</i> 	5  <i>World Teachers' Day</i> <i>Terry Fox Walk</i> <i>Rain Date</i>	6	7
8	9 <i>No School</i> <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	10	11	12 <i>Picture Day</i> 	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>P.A. Day</i> <i>No School</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31  <i>Happy Halloween</i> 				