

SEPTEMBER,  
2016



- **PRINCIPAL**  
Yvonne Chan
- **VICE-PRINCIPAL**  
Shelley Jones
- **SUPERINTENDENT**  
Erik Kilji
- **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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## A Message from the Administration

Stonebridge Public School staff would like to welcome back all of our returning families and give a special welcome to the new families who are joining our school community. We have had a tremendous start to the 2016-2017 school year.

We would like to begin by thanking everyone for ensuring our students' safety during arrival and pick up each day. We have noticed that our "Kiss and Ride Drop Off" is efficient as all families are following the procedures of staying in the right lane when dropping off and turning right as they exit the parking lot during busy times. Some families are driving their children to school, parking on the side streets following parking signs and walking their children to school and many children are walking or riding to school with a parent, or with a friend. All of our staff members have been able to find parking when they arrive at school as families are not parking in the staff parking lot. Thank you for a great start.

The 2016-2017 school year promises to be an exciting year. We as a school staff will work hard to provide a safe, challenging and fun learning environment. At our first student assembly we showed the students a video from the Paralympics called "We're the Superhumans I Rio Paralympics 2016". This short video's theme was about trying hard in adversity and this year we encourage our students to say "Yes I can!" when they encounter challenges.

As the students entered the school for the 2016-2017 year they noticed how clean and welcoming the classrooms and the school grounds were. We would like to thank our caretaking staff for making our school sparkle. We would also like to express our appreciation to our teaching staff for coming in during the last few weeks of August to prepare classrooms, meet with colleagues and to plan and prepare for the coming year. Finally, we would like to thank our office staff who met with many families to register their children, assist the teachers as they prepared their classrooms and help us to get the office organized and ready for the first weeks of school.

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to Stonebridge. Sharon Fernandez is our EA/OO, our lead secretary and you will meet her in the office. Lillian Trattner-Costa is a Child and Youth Worker joining our Community Class. We have two Long Term Occasional teachers who are joining our team for most of the year: Navjot Kahlon who is teaching grade 3 and Kathy Feng who is teaching grade 7 and Instrumental Music. We know that you will welcome them warmly to the Stonebridge community.

On behalf of the entire staff at Stonebridge PS, we look forward to working with our community and a successful and rewarding 2016-2017 school year.

*Yvonne Chan and Shelley Jones*

# Stonebridge PS Staff for the 2016-2017 School Year

## Classroom Teachers

|           |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| FDK       | Diane Sooklal and Karen Thompson |
| FDK       | Sarah Desanti and Lisa Caceres   |
| FDK       | Charlene Komar and Julie Yu      |
| FDK       | Rebecca Richards and Damian Kong |
| Grade 1   | Charlene Hosseini-Ara            |
| Grade 1   | Khusbo Karimi                    |
| Grade 1/2 | Helen Tam                        |
| Grade 1/2 | Wendy Seal                       |
| Grade 2   | Anastasia Niarchos               |
| Grade 2   | Maria Haron                      |
| Grade 2/3 | Allen Ng                         |
| Grade 2/3 | Michael Neve                     |
| Grade 3   | Navjot Kahlon                    |
| Grade 3   | Kester Hassanali                 |
| Grade 3   | Peter Liew                       |
| Grade 4   | Joanne Leung                     |
| Grade 4   | Susan Hislop                     |
| Grade 4   | Donna Holmesshaw                 |
| Grade 4   | Michelle Fong                    |
| Grade 5   | Shauna Heath                     |
| Grade 5   | Michael Krech                    |
| Grade 5   | Cindy Leong                      |
| Grade 6   | Ashley McMillan                  |
| Grade 6   | Dana Chow                        |
| Grade 6   | Raj Ishwarakumar                 |
| Grade 7   | Karen Havard                     |
| Grade 7   | Kathy Feng                       |
| Grade 7   | Melissa Dean & Stacie Gangbar    |
| Grade 8   | Alison Tonks                     |
| Grade 8   | Cathy Toszegi                    |
| Grade 8   | Andrea Archer                    |

Community Class Brooke Leon

## The Support Team

|                      |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| ELL                  | Anita Singh                  |
| ELL                  | Heather Vallee               |
| ELL                  | Queenie Wong                 |
| SERT                 | Monika Kolga (Grades 7 &8)   |
| SERT                 | Carine Hamilton (Grades 4-6) |
| SERT                 | Stacie Ganbar (Grades 1-4)   |
| SERT                 | Cathy Hall-Kemp              |
| Prep                 | Jennifer Simpson             |
| Math                 | Melissa Dean                 |
| Literacy             | Heather Vallee               |
| French               | Samiha Bushra                |
| French               | Renu Badal                   |
| French               | Janice St. Eve               |
| Reading Recovery     | Anita Singh                  |
| Reading Recovery     | Carolyn Nemni                |
| Librarian            | Joni Miyata                  |
| CYW                  | Julia Beaubien               |
| CYW                  | Jaime Segal                  |
| CYW                  | Lillian Trattner-Costa       |
| Health Assistant     | Laurie Roediger              |
| Special Ed Assistant | Birgitt Vanstone             |
| Spec Ed Assistant    | Geeta Karalliyadda           |

## The Administrative Team

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Principal      | Yvonne Chan      |
| Vice Principal | Shelley Jones    |
| EOAA           | Sharon Fernandez |
| Secretary      | Allyson Khan     |
| Secretary      | Susana Shum      |

## Caretaking

## A Message from Our Trustee Billy Pang



As we start another school year, we are very pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families. I hope you all enjoyed the hot summer months and are looking forward to the start of school.

There is a lot to look forward to in the months ahead and many ways for families to engage with their child's learning. There is a strong connection between parent and family engagement and student achievement and well-being, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get involved.

In the coming year, trustees will continue to focus on the priorities that we set out in our [Multi-Year Plan](#): student achievement and well-being; the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs; and the responsible stewardship of Board resources.

We know that partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving these goals. However you choose to get involved, know that you are making a difference to your child's learning.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

Billy Pang

## Stonebridge School Council

At Stonebridge Public School, we encourage families to become active in school activities. Participation in School Council is one way to be involved in your child's education. During School Council meetings, school issues are discussed and families discover 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 our first meeting on Monday, September 19th, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 pm in our staff room.

## Curriculum Night—Thursday, September 29 from 6:30-8:00

Please join us for our Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 29th from 6:30 –8:00pm. Classroom visits will occur throughout the night where students can introduce their family to their teacher and share their classroom routines, expectations and work that they have been engaging in.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



## Stonebridge PS is a NUT 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 . Nuttela is a nut product and must not come to school.



## Terry Fox Run



We will be holding our annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 29th in the afternoon. All students are invited to participate in the run. It is a time for our students to celebrate Terry Fox's legacy and to help keep Terry's dream of a cure for cancer alive. We ask students to bring in a toonie so that we can raise money for cancer research. Once all the money has been collected, a donation will be made on behalf of the Stonebridge Community to the Terry Fox Foundation. We thank you all for helping us to do our small part in raising funds for cancer research.

## SAFETY WEEK

This year, Safety Week is scheduled from September 23rd to September 30th. During this time, all schools in York Region engage in activities to ensure a safe and successful year for all. During the months of September and October, we will be holding fire drills to ensure that students know the procedure for evacuating the building. We will also be holding both a lock down drill and a hold and secure drill. These drills ensure that students know the procedures should an armed intruder ever enter the school grounds or the building. Our YR Community Police Officer will be in our school to remind students about safety at home and at school. We continue to strive to ensure that all students are safe at school so that they can focus on learning.

## Audit Committee Volunteers Needed

The York Region District School Board is seeking community members with financial expertise and business knowledge to serve on its audit committee for a three year term effective **January 31, 2017**.

The Audit Committee's primary role is to assist the Board of Trustees in fulfilling its duties related to governance and oversight. The committee meets at least 3 times a year, plus ad hoc meetings as required.

Applicants must be a York Region resident and have an accounting designation, as well as sufficient accounting and senior financial management expertise to understand public sector accounting and auditing standards.

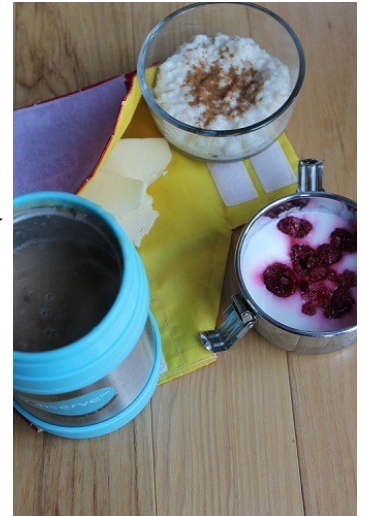
**Application deadline is Friday, September 23, 2016.** For more information and to apply, please visit the [Board website](#).

## ECO-TEAM NEWS

Stonebridge P.S. achieved a gold level certification last year for the Ontario Eco Schools program. The staff and students worked hard to improve in all areas of the 3 R's. One thing we accomplished was to reduce the garbage leaving the school by packing litterless lunches and using reusable water bottles. We are starting this school year with the theme of Litterless/Boomerang lunch.

### **WASTE FREE SNACK/ LUNCH TIPS:**

1. Use reusable lunch carriers and containers.
2. . If you use single use containers, provide a re-sealable bag for the empty containers (yogurt, apple sauce, juice boxes) to be returned home
3. Use reusable drinks bottles or thermos.
4. Use a cloth napkin and wash and re-use.
5. Use reusable utensils.
6. Get your children to help pack their snacks/lunches with healthy foods.
7. Only pack as much food as your child will eat.
8. Label all containers with an initial or special symbol.
9. Encourage your child to put their waste into a reusable container with a lid.



### **BOOMERANG LUNCH GOALS:**

- Enable parents to see what their children are actually eating during the day
- Reduce the amount of wasted food
- Reduce the amount of overall waste produced
- Encourage healthy eating
- Develop environment consciousness
- Foster “leave no trace” thinking and action
- Promote the use of re-usable containers

### **HOW IT WORKS:**

- what comes to school goes home
- uneaten food , packaging or waste material is returned home in your child's lunch bag





# September 2016

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Sat

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| 4                                                                                 | 5                                                   | 6<br><i>First Day of School</i> | 7                                                    | 8                                                                                          | 9  | 10                                                                                       |
| 11                                                                                | 12                                                  | 13                              | 14                                                   | 15                                                                                         | 16 | 17                                                                                       |
| 18                                                                                | 19<br><i>School Council Meeting<br/>6:30-8:30pm</i> | 20                              | 21<br><i>Bring in Toonies for the Terry Fox Run!</i> | 22<br> | 23 | 24                                                                                       |
| 25                                                                                | 26<br><i>Don't forget your toonies?</i>             | 27                              | 28                                                   | 29<br>Terry Fox Run<br>Curriculum Night                                                    | 30 |                                                                                          |