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The Stonebridge Story

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Ada Yeung

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

A Message from the Administration

Thank you for your warm and generous welcome of us as the new administrator team of Stonebridge PS. It is an honour and privilege to serve the children and families of this community. We look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming months. The 2018-2019 school year promises to be one of exciting opportunities. We continue to be committed to creating a safe, inclusive and equitable learning environment for all of our students.

Thank you to our amazing caretaking team, Rob Galbriath, Matt Hinchley and Jesse Thamer for ensuring that the school is a clean and welcoming space and to our office staff, Sharon Fernandez, Sheila Lau, Susana Shum for assisting families in registering their children and getting us all organized for our launch into the new year. Welcome back to the fabulous educator team and to our new staff members:

Roger Chin (Youth and Child Worker)

Stephanie Choi (Grade 1 and Prep)

Charmaine Hoo (Grade 7)

Ryan Jones (Grade 6/7)

Inderjit Lahill (Grade 7/8)

Janet Leung (Grade 8)

Allison Skillen (Music and Prep)

Sze Yin (Connie) Yeung (DECE in Kindergarten)

Erin Watson (Grade 3)

Mohaddisa Champsy (French)

Grace Kim (Grade 7/Music)

You will have the opportunity to meet your child's educators on Curriculum Night September 27, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Further details to follow. As we began the year together, we asked staff to share their philosophies for working and serving the community. To the questions of "Why do you do what you do? What drives you as an educator?" the Stonebridge staff shared their 6 Word Philosophy. These are posted outside of every classroom and are an invitation to students to share what motivates and drives them as learners. You can see (and hear) the 6 Word Philosophies at this link:

<https://youtu.be/NUB5XmL2cpg>

Your voice matters to us, so please consider joining the council or attending the meetings to share your thoughts. We would like to invite you to our first School Council meeting on September 17 at 6:30 pm. Translation services will be available. Should you require child care, please contact the office by Sept. 12. We will also be organizing town hall meetings this year to elicit your input. Stay tuned for further details.

Information will continually be shared through the Edsby digital platform. Families with email addresses on file will have received an invitation to join Edsby. Please sign up as it will be an important way to get updates and new information items from the school. If you have not received an email invitation please contact Ms. Lau or Ms. Shum in the office.

Finally, a note with regard to parking. As you may have noticed, we had the good fortune to renovate the parking lot this summer, which included a repainting of the kiss and ride loop. We thank you for following the signs and ensuring a safe and smooth arrival and departure for your child. A gentle reminder, that parking on Wilfred Murison and Stonebridge Avenues is prohibited and may result in a parking violation ticket.

On behalf of the entire staff at Stonebridge PS, we look forward to working with our community and a successful and rewarding 2018-2019 school year.

Stonebridge PS Staff for the 2018-2019 School Year

Classroom Teachers

K	Anastasia Niarchos & Sze Yin Yeung
K	Sarah Desanti & Lisa Caceres
K	Charlene Komar & Julie Yu
K	Olivia Lam & Damian Kong
Grade 1	Helen Tam
Grade 1	Charlene Hosseini-Ara
Grade 1	Rebecca Richards
Grade 1	Wendy Seal & Stephanie Choi
Grade 2	Michael Neve
Grade 2	Donna Holmesshaw
Grade 2	Carolyn Nemni
Grade 2/3	Allen Ng
Grade 3	Erin Watson
Grade 3	Kester Hassanali
Grade 3 /4	Peter Liew
Grade 3/4	Michelle Fong
Grade 4	Maria Haron
Grade 4 /5	Susan Hislop
Grade 4/5	Cindy Leong
Grade 5	Shauna Heath
Grade 5 /6	Michael Krech
Grade 5/6	Raj Ishwarakumar
Grade 6	Dana Chow
Grade 6 /7	Ryan Jones
Grade 7	Charmaine Hoo
Grade 7	Grace Kim
Grade 7 /8	Inderjit Lahill
Grade 8	Alison Tonks
Grade 8	Cathy Toszegi
Grade 8	Janet Leung
Community Class	Chenelle McGill

The Support Team

ESL	Deanna C.
ESL	Mini Dawar
ESL	Jennifer Simpson
ESL	Anita Singh
SERT	Monika Kolga (Grades 7 &8)
SERT	Cathy Hall-Kemp (Grades 4-6)
SERT	Avril Pinto (Grades 1-3)
French	Elena Kolluru
French	Mohaddisa Champsi
French	Janice St. Eve
Reading Recovery	Anita Singh
Reading Recovery	Diane Sooklal
Music	Allison Skillen
Librarian	Joanne Leung
EA	Jaime Fuchs
EA	Lillian Trattner-Costa
CYW	Roger Chin
Health Assistant	Laurie Roediger
Special Ed Assistant	Birgitt Vanstone
Spec Ed Assistant	Geeta Karalliyadda

The Administrative Team

Principal	Kevin Merkley
Vice Principal	Nada Aoudeh
EOAA	Sharon Fernandez
Secretary	Susana Shum
Secretary	Sheila Lau

Caretaking

Lead	Bob Galbriath
	Jesse Thamer
	Matt Hinchley
	Heather Talbot

A Message from Our Trustee Ada Yeung

I am pleased to welcome all of our students and families to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This is an exciting time of year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the months ahead.

York Region District School Board is committed to advancing student achievement and well-being. The Trustees' new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), developed based on feedback from the community, outlines four priorities that will guide this work: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, Build Collaborative Relationships and Empower Ethical Leadership. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.

Our schools are stronger when families are engaged. There are many different ways families can support their child's learning and get involved in life at the school, and I hope that you find opportunities to get engaged.

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

School Council Meeting — Monday, September 17th at 6:30 pm

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 in September. Translation services will be available. Should you require child care, please contact the office by September 12. Please see the Stonebridge Communication Board outside for information and important dates to remember.

Curriculum Night—Thursday, September 27th, from 6:30-8:00 pm



The Stonebridge staff invites all families to join us for our Curriculum Night on **Thursday, September 27th 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 meeting you on September 27th! Further details to follow.

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.



Safe Arrival Program

Stonebridge Public School

TO REPORT A STUDENT LATE/ABSENCE

CALL 905.887.2427 or

LOGIN TO yrdsb.edsby.com

Parents /Guardians are responsible for notifying the school before bell time if the child will be absent or late. We have a safe arrivals program so that we can account for the whereabouts of absent students if the absence has not been reported prior to bell time. To enhance our safe arrivals system, a new telephone system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance. The system will automatically call parents/guardians if student absences are not confirmed.

You can now report student absence or late by calling the school main phone line at 905-887-2427 and select the option "To report a student absence or late."

You can also report student absence or late by Edsby. We no longer use School-Connects for the Safe Arrival Program.

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.

LUNCHES



Kid's Kitchen will begin to provide lunch service at Stonebridge Public School starting September 10th, Monday to Friday. You may call them at 905-944-0210 or contact them online at information@kidskitchen.ca to place an order.

Walking or Cycling to School

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As we start the 2018-2019 school year, we would like to remind and encourage families to consider **walking or cycling with children to and from school**. There are many benefits to walking and cycling to school. It:

- * Improves student academic performance by making children more alert and better prepared to learn.
- * Contributes to the daily goal of 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous activity for children, improving their health and overall fitness.
- * Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones.
- * Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future.

For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice or a few days a week can still provide benefits. You can also consider parking a block away from the school and walking the



ECO-TEAM NEWS

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 2018

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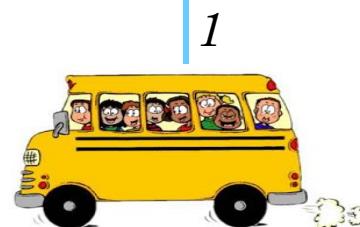
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*First Day of
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*School Council
Meeting
6:30-8:30pm*

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*P.A. Day
No School*

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**Curriculum
Night 6:30—
8:00pm**

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