

THE STONEHAVEN STAR

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December, 2015

A Message from Mr. Oabel and Ms. Wansbrough

Happy December! Progress Report Cards will be going home on Friday December 11th. The Progress Report Card focuses on the six Learning Skills (Responsibility, Organization, Independent Work, Collaboration, Initiative and Self-Regulation.) By focusing on these learning skills, students gain valuable skills that help them cope in many day to day activities in an appropriate manner. It is our goal that all students will become more engaged in their learning and will be able to articulate their goals and their next steps for academic achievement.

We have had a busy month at Stonehaven, two Remembrances Day Assemblies, one at school for our primary and junior students, and one at the Newmarket Cemetery for our intermediate students to commemorate the men and women who have, and are fighting in wars. The girls and boys volleyball team are having a successful season, chess club is offered every Wednesday for everyone interested, the games room, intramurals and the computer lab are also open for students.

We also would like to thank School Council for their support throughout the term to support all our students here at Stonehaven E.S. School Council presented Errol Lee to grades 1-8, and orchestrated a parent evening on the theme of respect and responsibility. The Chapters Fund-raiser Evening was also a wonderful success; it was great to see our families out listening to the staff reading various stories.

Thank you to all parents who have generously supported the food bank and toy drive. We will be donating all items on December 11th.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to our Lunch Supervisors as they work extremely hard to keep our students safe.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our families a happy and safe winter holiday. The holidays are from Monday December 21 - December 31, 2015. School starts January 4, 2016.

Enjoy the holidays.

Mr. Oabel & Ms. Wansbrough

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 15, 2016

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 15, 2016 for the 2016-17 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who are born in 2011 or 2012, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

Stonehaven Gift of Giving Food and Toy Drive Monday, November 16th to Friday, December 11th

With the holiday season approaching, it is important, now more than ever, to think about those in our Newmarket community who are struggling to eat, keep warm and have shelter. This season, we are asking that you please help us fill our giving "train" and tree with non-perishable food items, new hats and mittens and new unwrapped toys to assist the *Newmarket Food Pantry, Children's Aid Society and The Blue Door*.

Needed items:

- baby food
- diapers
- new hats
- mittens
- scarves
- powdered/condensed milk
- canned meats
- canned fruit
- canned soup
- beans
- pasta
- toiletries: toothpaste, shampoo, brushes, soap
- new unwrapped toys



Please send in your donations by *Friday, December 11th*. We are also accepting monetary donations to help with the purchase of turkeys and other needed food items.

Trustee: Martin VanBeek: (905) 830-6776

Superintendent: Drew McNaughton: (905) 895-5155

Volleyball News

Mr. Farr would like to recognize the grade 7 and 8 students from the intermediate volleyball teams for such an exceptional season that came to an end this week at the area tournaments. Both groups played exceptionally well at Newmarket High to make it to the semifinals from their respective pools. The boys' team fought and moved with great skill to end of their championship run with a 4th place finish. The girls' team battled through some amazing rallies and finished off with a very close second place finish. It was truly fantastic to see how well all the players have developed this year, and they should be commended for their success! Special thanks to Ms. Allen for helping to co-coach both teams this year!



Congratulations to:

David, Josh , Matthew I. , Max, Anhtuan , Matthew P., Lucas, and Daniel

And congratulations to:

Britney, Annie T., Lauren, Annie A., Sydney, Victoria, Jessica, Ameena

Paige, Camryn, Macey, Rhegan, Lynden , Emma, Sarah and Kennedy

Upcoming Events

December

- 1&2 Candy Grams on sale \$1.00 each
- 1-12 Gift of Giving– Hat/Mitten Tree and Toy/Food Drive
- 3 Grade 8 Information Session at Newmarket High at 6:30pm
- 7– 11 - gr. 3's writing the Gifted Screening test this week
- Candy Grams delivered
- 10 Grades 3A, 3B & 3/4A to Pioneer Village
- 11 White Elephant Sale
- 11 Progress Reports go home
- 18 Red and Green Day

January

- 4 Welcome Back
- 11 School Council meeting 6:30 Library
- 14 French Immersion Information Evening at Mazo de le Roche
- 15 Kindergarten and French Immersion Registration begins
- 21&22 JK,SK,2,6,8 Dental Screening
- 22 Pajama Day

Library

Forest of Reading®: The Forest of Reading® program will begin shortly. It is Canada's largest recreational reading program and it is designed to encourage a love of reading in people of all ages. The Forest® helps celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors and illustrators.

Happy reading during the Winter Holidays!

Order Your Yearbook Now!

Order form and information on how to order online for a discounted price is on page 7 of this Newsletter.



Healthy Hunger Lunch Program

Please visit www.HealthyHunger to view and order our Lunch Program for Wednesday and Friday lunches online. Once you register it's easy to see upcoming lunch dates and to place your order.

Stonehaven Snack/Lunch Programs

- Tuesday and Thursday - Lunch Lady
- Thursday – Tuck Shop (Milk & Cookies \$1 each)
- Wednesday -Popcorn /Made in Mexico
- Friday– Pizza/Pasta/Frozen Yogurt

******Reminder ******

When buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, all lunch programs will also be cancelled for that day. Remember to send a lunch with your child.



Message From Our Trustee—Mr. Martin VanBeek

It is that time of year when our schools brim with energy and excitement for the many diverse celebrations taking place across our region. I am always happy to join the festivities happening in our schools and appreciate the efforts of our students, staff and community members to bring the holiday season alive.

As we wind down 2015, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and guardians for their support of our students and staff over the past few months. A school community is only as strong and welcoming as the people who make up that community. Our students, staff and community members have continued to demonstrate respect, character and commitment in their work and interactions over the last few months. As a trustee, I consider myself very fortunate to work with such supportive community and staff members.

On behalf of all of the trustees and staff of the York Region District School Board, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy holiday season.

All the best for 2016!

French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Parents of Senior Kindergarten students who are considering the French Immersion (FI) program for their child are invited to attend the information session on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Mazo de la Roche Public School, 860 Arnold Crescent, Newmarket.

Registration for Grade 1 French Immersion will begin January 15, 2016 at Mazo de la Roche P.S.

Parents of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2016, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call their child's school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the Principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location (Mazo de la Roche P.S.) to register between January 15 and February 12, 2016. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enroll. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

Safe arrival when buses are cancelled due to weather

Following our Safe School Arrivals Program, the office is required to call EVERY student who has an unexplained absence from school regardless whether they are bus students or walking students. **Please call the school and leave us a message regarding your child's absence. Our answering machine is on before and after school hours to allow you to leave a message at anytime. We thank you for helping us keep our students' safe.**

**Volunteers in our School**

If you would like to Volunteer in the classroom or on field trips we ask that you obtain a Police Vulnerable Sector Check. Please ask the office for your volunteer letter and a Confidentiality Agreement Form. Thank you for Volunteering!

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

We had a busy November here at Stonehaven! On Monday the 23rd, about 200 parents and children were treated to an evening concert by Errol Lee, singer and dancer, in the school gym. With help from his own children who were singing and dancing as well as another superstar dancer, Errol performed several songs to encourage the Stonehaven community to always be kind, caring and compassionate. Dancers from Newmarket's iDance Studio also successfully performed several dance pieces to Errol's music. THANK YOU to our generous sponsors, Dr. Karen Lederer, Dentist at K2 Dental, and Dr. David Brown, Orthodontist, who supported us and provided the funds to pay for this concert!

On Monday the 30th, Stonehaven families and school staff members joined us at the Newmarket Chapters store for our family reading and FUNdraising event! Students enjoyed book readings by some of our favourite school staff members, families and staff had an opportunity to get some holiday shopping done, and we all enjoyed socializing at Chapters. Overall, it was a great evening and we want to say THANK YOU to all families and school staff who supported this initiative. Funds raised will be used to purchase new books and resources for the school library. We also want to say a special THANK YOU to the following wonderful women who collaborated to make this event fun and successful: Ms. Jan Safaric (school librarian) who pulled together the library's "wish list" of books and coordinated all of the staff readings; Barb, Nadila, Abby and Mary Beth (school council members) who greeted families at the store entrance; and Ameena and Priscilla (grade 8 students) who helped prepare gift baskets and sold raffle tickets. Congratulations to our raffle winners!

So what's next? We have our ever-popular White Elephant Sale on Friday, December 11th. Please look for email and paper reminders to bring in your donations of garage sale type of items for us to sell to students for \$1 each. Volunteers will be needed to help with set-up, wrapping gifts and clean-up. Please contact Shameela at chair@stonehavencouncil.com and checkout our website at www.stonehavencouncil.com for more information.

Just a reminder...you can order online for hot lunches through www.healthyhunger.ca. We offer Made in Mexico lunches on Wednesdays and Il Bistro pizza and pasta on Fridays. Also, popcorn order forms can be found on our website or in the school office anytime. Paper forms will be sent home in the next couple of weeks so that students can continue to enjoy popcorn every Wednesday in the new year.

Thank you for your ongoing support of School Council initiatives!



Student Transportation Services of York Region
 320 Bloomington Road West
 Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
 905-713-2535
 FAX: 905-713-2533
 Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB and YCDSB on twitter.



Dear Parents/Guardians

Stonehaven E.S. is excited to offer this lunchtime program for our students in Grades 1-6.

Please use the Link below to register your child(ren). Program starts in January.

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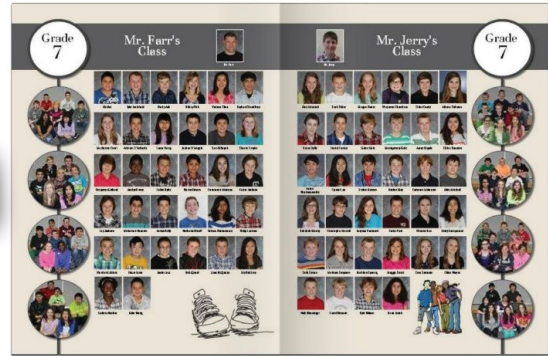
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NOTE - Yearbook availability is guaranteed until February 28, 2016. Orders received after that date will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis only, as limited overstock will be available.

Only one order form per family is required.

Student's Name	Teacher/Grade	Ordered by Dec. 18th, 2015	Ordered in Jan./Feb. 2016	Ordered Mar.01/16 or later	Amount (\$)
		Qty. @ \$37 ea.	Qty. @ \$40 ea.	Qty. @ \$45 ea.	
TOTAL:					

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Family email: _____

To order online and pay by credit card, visit our Jostens Yearbook order page: www.jostens.com/yearbooks. Click on "Buy Your Yearbook" or "Find My School's Store" and enter Stonehaven Elementary School. Note: You will receive an online receipt and order number for tracking purposes upon completion of transaction. If you have trouble accessing our order page, you can also find a direct link to it on the School Council website - www.stonehavencouncil.com.

* To order manually/traditionally, return this form with your payment to your child's teacher.
 Cheques or Money Orders are to be made payable to **STONEHAVEN ES** please.