

THE STONEHAVEN STAR

Inspire Learning!

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April 1, 2015

A Message From Mr. Gunathunge and Ms. Flohil

As we enter into the Spring months, we encourage all of our students to set new goals. We encourage our students to think about academic and social goals that they would like to work towards as we enter the last several months of this school year. Please take some time with your child to set one or two goals and think of a way to track each goal.

At school, we continue to focus on providing students with opportunities to engage in higher order thinking, particularly as it relates to mathematics. Our focus as a school is to teach students how to solve inquiry based problems/questions and to be able to explain their thinking in math and other areas of the curriculum.

At Stonehaven E.S., we are beginning to plan for the 2015-2016 school year. We are looking at the organization of classes and possible timetabling scenarios. Should you have a particular request for your child for the coming year we ask that you put your request in writing and address it to Mr. Gunathunge by May 1st, 2015. If you know of any students in the area who qualify for kindergarten, please ask them to register at the school as soon as possible. Also, if you are moving, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Late Arrivals

The cold, snowy weather is hopefully behind us and the morning routines are becoming a little quicker. We would like to remind our families that the morning entry bell is at **8:25 am**. Our O'Canada anthem will begin playing promptly at **8:35am**.

Students arriving during or after O'Canada are considered late and must check in with the office to get a Late Slip.

Thank you for your co-operation

From the Library

Forest of Reading®: Please encourage your child to be reading the wonderful Canadian literature that has been nominated. Voting takes place on Tuesday, April 21. Students need to read a **total of 6 books** in their category in order to vote and go on the Forest of Reading trip in May. Happy Reading!

If you are interested in volunteering for the Forest of Reading® Harbourfront trip on Wednesday, May 13 please email Mrs. Safaric (janice.safaric@yrdsb.ca) or call the school. Parent Council have kindly purchased the tickets for the volunteers so there is no cost to you! These positions will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Overdue or Lost Library Books: Students are asked to please read and return all overdue library books including the Forest of Reading selections. Other students are anxiously waiting to read these books. Thank you.

York Region District School Board Student Surveys

In order to provide information for Board and School planning, York Region District School Board students in Grades 5 to 12 will be invited to participate in a school survey. The survey, which is anonymous and confidential, will be conducted from **April 7 to May 15, 2015** and will take place at school. The information from this survey will be used to identify areas to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. Aligned with Board priorities, the survey will address topics including equity and inclusion, school safety, learning environment, student well-being and other priorities. If you have questions, please contact the school office.

Message from School Council

April is going to be a busy month! **On April 17th**, using funds raised through the February Dance-a-Thon, a few Grade 8 students and parent volunteers will be preparing and serving a community meal at ***Inn from the Cold***. **On April 22nd**, we are hosting a **Cake Walk & Artisan Market** in the school gym. Info forms for this joint initiative were sent home with all students this week. Info can also be found on our School Council website anytime at www.stonehavencouncil.com. We are accepting donations of cakes and cupcakes for the Cake Walk – please donate generously! All Stonehaven families and community members are also invited to join us at the Artisan Market from 3 to 7 p.m. There will be 20 local vendors with fantastic items for sale, just in time for Mother’s Day!

In mid-April, please look for permission forms and details for the **Aussie X** sports program, which will be at our school from May 4th through 7th. Students must have a signed permission form in order to participate in this exciting program.

Just a reminder...for **lunch programs**, please login at www.healthyhunger.ca to order meals. We offer chicken shawarma, burritos/quesadillas/cheese roll, as well as pizza/pasta. For **snack programs**, we have smoothies and popcorn each week. Forms can be found on our website anytime at www.stonehavencouncil.com. As usual, all the money raised goes directly toward programs and activities for our students. We are currently saving up for a water bottle filling station for the first floor of the school as well as new gear and jerseys for our athletic programs. Thanks for your ongoing support!

Please remember that School Council initiatives are successful only with the help of **volunteers**. It’s a great way to get involved and to get to know our wonderful school community. If you are available to help out for any of our lunch and snack programs, please contact Shameela Shakeel at chair@stonehavencouncil.com.

Kindergarten

We are looking for some additions to our Kindergarten playground. If you have any small climbers (Little Tykes, Step2...) that your family is no longer using, but are still in very good shape, we would be happy to take them off your hands. If getting these to school is a problem, please contact us and we can arrange for their transportation. At this time we are not seeking out any other materials. We thank you in advance for your gently used equipment.

Fire Route Parking and Kiss and Ride

We continue to need to remind parents **NOT** to park their cars in the designated Fire Route, or in front of the garbage bins. As well as putting the safety of our students at risk, this offence can result in a fine from the Town of Newmarket. Please remember that the Kiss and Ride is a drop off zone **ONLY**. Let’s help keep all of our kids safe. People have also been failing to stop at the stop signs before our crosswalks. Please take extra care and caution when driving on our school property. We need everyone to be patient and exercise a high level of caution.

The best way to teach our children to follow rules is to lead by example.



Earth Day – April 22, 2014

Please check out the link below to learn more about how you can celebrate Earth Day and help the planet at the same time.

<http://www.earthday.ca/pub/>



Growth Mindset in Math

In general, a growth mindset is the belief that intelligence and ‘smartness’ can also be learned and that the brain grows from experience and effort. The opposite, a fixed mindset, is the idea that you are smart, or you are not. In math, that translates into “some people are good at math, and some are not.” Did you know that praising efforts rather than intelligence or results can impact your child’s ability to persevere in challenges?! The goal is to have children thrive on challenges and see failures, not as a sign of low intelligence, but as a learning opportunity. Brain research tells us that making mistakes actually wires more connections into the brain! When a person has a growth mindset, they accept challenges, see their efforts as worthwhile, and are open to learning from mistakes. Students with a growth mindset achieve at higher levels than those with fixed mindsets. How can you help? Some simple ways:

- Adding “yet” when they claim they are “not good at this” (Respond: “You are not good at this yet.”)
- Ask questions that focus on their effort and choices and get them to reflect on satisfaction of that effort (e.g. *What did you learn today? What mistake did you make that taught you something? What did you try hard at today?*)
- Model this yourself as you share about your day

Communicating with Children Using Math Language

Sorting, Matching and Making Patterns – Video Podcast

Just by looking at everyday objects around the house, children can learn about the similarities, the differences and the relationships between them. This helps them build their vocabulary and math abilities. Watch Tobias explore a variety of objects by sorting, classifying and creating patterns. Describing what he sees and does with the objects helps him to build a richer vocabulary. <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/podcast/sortingMatchingPod.html>

Talking About Math:

Talking about mathematics with your child – whatever his or her age – helps strengthen his or her mathematical reasoning and understanding. Some ways to keep the talk engaged and focused while you support your child include:

1. *Revoice* - Repeat what you heard your child say, then ask for clarification (e.g., “So you are saying it’s an odd number?”).
2. *Repeat/Restate* – Ask your child to restate your reasoning (e.g., “Can you repeat what I said in your own words?”).
3. *Reason* – Ask your child to apply his or her own reasoning to someone else’s reasoning (e.g., “Do you agree or disagree? Tell me why.”).
4. *Adding On* – Prompt your child to participate further (e.g., “What more would you add to that?”).

Think Time – Wait several seconds (try five) to give your child time to think (e.g., “Take some time to think.”). You may be surprised by how hard it is to stay silent in that time!

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

So that your child is marked correctly in attendance, when calling to report their absence, please make sure to indicate if they are off for a religious holiday. Students are **excused** from school on their respective religious holidays and **are not marked as an absence on their report cards**, if we know.

MUDDY DAYS LOOM AHEAD...

During spring some areas of our yard become wet and/or very muddy. All students will still be outside every day (weather permitting). A change of clothes for children of all ages, may prove helpful.



NEEDED LUNCH ASSISTANTS!

We are in need of a few more lunch assistants for May and June to help supervise inside and outside during the lunch hour. This is a paid position for 1 hour per day. If you are interested, please call the office at 905-898-2077.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbooks are still on sale for \$35 (on-line orders). Don't miss out. Order yours as soon as possible to avoid disappointment! Place your order online at www.jostens.com/yearbooks. Click on "Buy your Yearbook" or "Find My School's Store" and enter Stonehaven Elementary School. You will receive an online receipt and order number for tracking purposes.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2015

- 2 Wear blue in support of Autism
- 3 Good Friday (no school)
- 4 Easter Monday (no school)
- 8 Duffle Bag Theatre Presentations
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 Jump Rope for Heart assembly
- 24 Neon Day
- 24 Together We're Better Conference
- 29 JK/SK Spring Concert-
Marleau & O'Doherty-6:30pm
- 30 JK/SK Spring Concert-
Juffs & Dunn - 6:30pm

May 2015

- 14 Drama Club Performances 1:15 and 6:30pm
- 20-22 Grade 8 trip to Ottawa
- 27-29 Grade 7 trip to Camp Arowhon



Lunch Program

MONDAY: Smoothies/Nick's Shawarmas
TUESDAY/THURSDAY: Lunch Lady
WEDNESDAY: Popcorn / Quesada Mexican
FRIDAY: Pizza and Pasta



Maple Leaf Summer Institute

Ride the summer adventure with us!

AVAILABLE AT THIS SITE

- apply here
- space will be limited so apply early!

During the literacy block, students are engaged in fun and enriching learning experiences that address reading, writing, media and oral communication expectations from the Ministry of Education curriculum documents under the supervision of YRDSB Teachers and Administrators.

During the activity block, students are engaged in purposeful, intentional learning which is embedded

- Archery
- Ball Hockey
- Dance
- Digital Photography
- Drums
- Field Invaders
- Fine Arts
- Glee
- Guitar Stars
- Model Building
- Mountain Biking
- Naturally Curious
- Net Sports
- Passion for Pinterest
- Racquet Sports
- Ready, Set, Cook
- Robotics
- Scrapbooking
- Sew Crafty
- Skatezone
- Stomp
- Tech World
- Tournament of Champions
- Video Filming
- Wacky Science World
- Wet & Wild Water Fun



Contact Information:

Maple Leaf Public School

Phone: (905) 884-2046 ext. 240 (before June 30)

Phone: (905) 895-9681 (after June 30)

Email: maple.leaf_si@yrdsb.ca

Cost for YRDSB students:

**\$100 to
\$115 per
week**



Leaders of Tomorrow

Program for Grades 8 & 9
with an overnight excursion



Please join the York Region District School Board Psychological Services Department for:

An Evening Presentation for PARENTS
with *Dr. Debra Pepler*
Promoting Resiliency Through Healthy Relationships

The symposium will be of interest to parents/guardians in promoting caring and supportive relationships within their family.

Healthy relationships are critical for the development of resiliency in children and youth.

These relationships start at home and then extend to school, peers and the community.

Recent research is showing that the quality of children's relationships is important for many outcomes: healthy DNA and the expression of genes in cells, brain development, behaviour, learning and physical, mental, and social health.

This workshop will:

- Provide a deeper understanding of how healthy development depends on healthy relationships, which sets the groundwork for developing resiliency and well-being;
- Focus on strategies to support children and youth's healthy development;
- Focus on strategies to support the development of resilience; and
- Describe the work being done within PREVNET (Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network) to promote healthy relationships in all places that children and youth live, learn and play.

When: Wednesday, May 6, 2015
Where: Riviera Parque Convention Centre
2800 Hwy. #7 West
(Hwy. #7 & Creditstone Road/ between Keele and Jane, North Side)
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$10.00 per person **or** \$15.00 per Family *(parents or guardians of student(s))*
(no refund if unable to attend)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU VIA YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED

Name(s): _____ Contact Phone #: _____
(Please print clearly, name or names of each Parent/Guardian attending)

E-mail: _____ Number Attending: _____ Amt. Attached: \$ _____

Please **return this portion** of the flyer with your **CHEQUE only** **(ABSOLUTELY NO CASH)**
made payable to York Region District School Board by April 30, 2015

By Mail: Elizabeth Iarocci, Psychological Services, York Region District School Board,
300 Harry Walker Parkway South, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 8E2

By YRDSB Board Courier: Attn.: Elizabeth Iarocci - Psychological Services - C.L.L. - Newmarket
A confirmation of registration will be sent to you on receipt of payment.

Please note: **THE E-MAIL CONFIRMATION IS YOUR TICKET FOR ENTRANCE TO THE SESSION.**



FREE TRIPLE P

Triple P stands for Positive Parenting Program

Join us for a Triple P discussion about

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Learn about:

- What causes ADHD and how it affects your child
- Parenting tips to help your child can reach their potential
- Resources in the community to support you and your child

Thursday, April 9th, 2015

6 - 8 pm

Meadowbrook Public School

233 Patterson Street, Newmarket, ON L3Y 3L5

Dinner and drinks will be served!

Free child-minding available

Triple P offers strategies that encourage positive behaviour in children. Everyone can help, whether you are a parent, coach, teacher or family member by using the same positive messages with children and youth.

Please register by Monday, April 6th, 2015

For more information and registration call 905-895-3081



DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING
INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2015-2016

Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for Grade 8's?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a Level 1 YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 13 languages at 4 high schools.

Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
		MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S.
CANTONESE	LKC BD	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD			Saturday	
GREEK	LBG BD		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED AP	Grade 12 Course Only	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	Saturday			

SCHOOL LOCATION	ADDRESS	SUBMIT REGISTRATION FIRST CLASS OF CLASS
MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	525 Highglen Ave. <i>South of 14th Ave., East of McCowan Rd.</i>	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
RICHMOND HILL H.S.	201 Yorkland St. <i>East of Yonge, North of Elgin Mills Road</i>	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
THORNLEA S.S.	8075 Bayview Ave. <i>South of Highway #7</i>	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
UNIONVILLE H.S.	201 Town Centre Blvd. <i>Warden Ave. & Highway #7</i>	September 22, 2015 5:45 pm to 9:30 pm

Register online via *Career Cruising* commencing May 4th, 2015.

- See attached *Career Cruising Tip Sheet* for registration instructions
- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course schedules will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class



Career Cruising On-line Grade 8 International Languages Credit Continuing Education - Quick Tip Sheet

For York Region Grade 8 students, you must use the Career Cruising Course Planner to register for International Languages Credit Program offered at Saturday School or Tuesday Night School. Career Cruising can be accessed wherever you have Internet access.

How to access and register for Continuing Education courses:

1. Go to www2.careercruising.com/default/cnloginYORK
2. Login in by entering your username (YORK-XXXXXXXX where XXXXXXXXX is your 9-digit student number). When logging in for the first time, the password will be the student's birth date using the format mmddyyyy. The system will prompt the student for a new password after successfully logging in the first time.
3. To retrieve a lost password, click on the words "Forgot my username and/or password" found under the login box. On the next page, enter the email address that you originally entered when you first logged in to the portfolio home page.
4. To register for the Continuing Education Summer School course you wish to take, on the left hand side of the screen under click on

5. On the right hand side under the heading click the following
6. Choose the "Continuing Education Type" from the drop down menu – **International Languages Credit Program**
7. Choose the Discipline from drop down menu.
8. Using the drop down menu under "Discipline", Select - **Classical and International Languages** next select the course you wish to take and click on it. (All the Courses which are available will listed by Code course and Languages Name.

Course / School	Credit	Types	Classes
<input type="checkbox"/> LD00019 - UNDEP50, LEVEL 1 Middlefield International Languages Night School	1	Advanced Placement	none
<input type="checkbox"/> LD00019 - Depende Middlefield International Languages Night School	1	Advanced Placement	none
<input type="checkbox"/> LD00019 - Depende, Level 4 Middlefield International Languages Night School	1	University Credit	none

9. Choose this will submit your course request.
10. The Coned course will now appear listed in the column before **Year 9** – called **Previous**.
11. Once you have registered you must click on the button on the course planner to print the sign off sheet and get your parent to sign for parental approval. Return sign off sheet on first day of class to the Credit International Languages location.