

THE STONEHAVEN STAR

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A Message From Mr. Oabel and Ms. Wansbrough

Stonehaven ES Class Placements 2015-16

It is the time of the year when our school team begins to plan for the next school year. As we begin organizing for the 2016-17 school year, our staff will use student data and professional judgment through a collaborative process to make decisions when creating classroom learning communities. Parents are welcome to provide information in writing that you feel may be valuable in supporting the appropriate placement for your child. Please note that specific classroom teachers or requests for straight grade classes will not be considered. All written requests from parents regarding class placements should be submitted to the Principal, Mr. Oabel in writing by May 2, 2016.

The Ministry of Education has mandated a hard cap of 20 students in each of the primary (K-3) classes. Since this is a hard cap and there is little flexibility to increase the limit above 20, it is highly likely that there will be combined classes throughout Kindergarten to Grade 8.

In September and October, when the Ministry audits class sizes, there will be a need to closely monitor the enrolment. For this reason, a reorganization of classes may occur in September, given that we may have many new students moving in and out of our community. As well, we will not be putting the name of next year's teacher on the report cards in June, since adjustments may need to occur before school starts in September. We would like to assure you that when class placement discussions take place, the teachers and administration work together to ensure that the best interests of all the children are taken into account.

Arriving on Time and Parking Lot at Stonehaven ES

We know that families are making every effort to come on time at Stonehaven ES. Remember school begins at 8:25am and kids begin their learning at that time. The morning announcements and singing of the national anthem has been moved to just before recess. As well, the parking lot in the morning is extremely busy. As a consideration to everyone, if you are driving your children to school, drive up to the crossing area in front of the school to let your kids out the passenger side. This will ease traffic congestion in the parking lot and allow our school buses to come through as well. Any questions please contact the office.

Please visit our website frequently for updates: www.stonehaven.es.yrdsb.ca

Message from School Council

April is going to be another busy month!

On **Wednesday, April 13th from 7 to 8 PM**, please join us at Rogers Public School to enjoy our final speaker in our speaker series. **Gary Direnfeld** is a social worker who will talk to us and provide strategies for raising resilient children. He's a fantastic speaker! Free babysitting will be provided. Please RSVP through www.eventbrite.com.

On **Wednesday, April 27th**, we will host our second annual **Cake Walk and Artisan Market** in the school gym. The Cake Walk will take place from 9 AM to 6 PM in the school gym and the Artisan Market will take place from 3 to 7 PM. Families as well as local bakeries and grocery stores will be asked to donate cakes and cupcakes for this event. Please lookout for the information page this month and try to help us out! The kids absolutely love walking around the gym to see all of the beautiful and yummy treats and, of course, they are thrilled when they have the opportunity to WIN one of the cakes! For the artisan market, we will have over 20 vendors selling items that we're sure you'll love. We hope to see all of you there! Please also tell your family, friends and neighbours to stop by! You can find more information on the event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1019328164796554/> or on our School Council website at www.stonehavencouncil.com.

Stonehaven School Council will be coordinating a **spring fundraiser!** Please lookout for order forms for a wonderful selection of **flowers, herbs and planters**. Order forms will be due by April 25th and items ordered will be ready for pickup at the school on May 4th and 5th...just in time for Mother's Day! Order forms will also be available on our School Council website at www.stonehavencouncil.com.

For **popcorn** on April 6th and 13th, we will have make-up days for two recent snow days. If your child was on the list on February 24th and/or March 2nd, they will receive their popcorn on April 6th and/or 13th. Please look for new popcorn order forms to cover the last 10 weeks, from April 20th through June 22nd. You can also find the order form on the School Council website at www.stonehavencouncil.com. Join anytime by completing the form and submitting payment to the school.

For **pizza and pasta** on Fridays, please login at www.healthyhunger.ca to order meals. As usual, all the money raised goes directly toward programs and activities for our students.

On **Tuesday, May 17th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM** in the school library, please join us at the last **School Council meeting** for this school year. The agenda will focus on planning for the next school year. Hope to see you there!

If you have any **questions** and to **volunteer** for any of our fun events and fundraisers, please feel free to contact Shameela Shakeel at chair@stonehavencouncil.com.

Welcome to Kindergarten

On Thursday, April 28th from 5:45pm-7:00pm, Stonehaven welcomes new JK students and their parents to an information session.

A second session will be held on Thursday, May 5th from 8:30am-10:00am. Please pack a snack for your child and wait outside the kindergarten yard on this day.

Library News



Forest of Reading®: Please encourage your child to be reading the wonderful Canadian literature that has been nominated. Voting takes place on Tuesday, April 12. Students need to read a **total of 5 books** in their category in order to vote. Happy Reading!

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.

Please Don't Forget...

You can renew and purchase your favourite magazine subscriptions on-line and help our school.

It's easy to help our school...

Go to www.QSP.ca and go shopping.

Our school code is 3725645.

*Support Our School And Our Children's Education!
All Profits From On-Line Purchases Go Directly To Our School!*



If you ever have a question regarding your order, please call QSP Customer Service at 1-800-667-2536.

Mark your Calendar!

The Stonehaven Drama Club will be hosting a **Variety Show on Thursday, April 7th at 7:00pm**. Tickets are \$2. Please purchase tickets in advance as only a limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Performers should be dropped off to the library at 6:30pm.



Board Policies and Procedures

Policies and procedures govern the operation of the Board and our school. To ensure they remain current, the Board reviews policies and procedures on a regular cycle. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process.

All policies available for comment are sent to school council chairs, and are posted on the [Board website](#) along with information about how to provide feedback. The policies currently available for comment include:

- Student Accommodation Review (comments due by April 25)
- Anaphylactic Reactions (comments due by August 25)
- Respectful Workplace and Learning Environment (comments due by August 25)
- Environmental Responsibility (comments due by January 2, 2017)
- Appointment of Community Members to Board Committees (comments due by January 2, 2017)

To learn more, visit www.yrdsb.ca/aboutus/policy/.

Grade 8 Graduation

Graduation will occur on Monday, June 27th at the Newmarket H.S. Theatre. A dance will follow at the Police Shed (corner of Stonehaven and Bayview).

*****Grade 8 Photo Day is Tuesday, April 5th *****



Parking Lot Safety

We are trying to keep the community safe here at Stonehaven, especially during pick up and drop off times. In order to ensure the safety of everyone we are asking that you drop off your child/ren on the north side of the parking lot and then continue moving. This is not an area where anyone should be parked. If you need to get out of your car, please find a parking space (in our lot or on Best Circle) and walk your child to the appropriate area. You are allowed to drop off your child on the north side of the parking lot, but you cannot wait in this area. Also, PLEASE keep moving forward once you have dropped off your child/ren, and do not back up. If you have a kindergarten student to drop off please pull up to the south end of the school and we will assist your child to the Kindergarten gate. Thank you to all parents for helping us make sure all students are safe. Mr. Oabel and Ms. Wansbrough will be out supporting this safety.

Lunch/Snack Programs

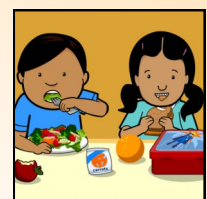
TUESDAY/THURSDAY: Lunch Lady

THURSDAY: Tuck Shop (Milk & Cookies \$1 each)

WEDNESDAY: Popcorn

FRIDAY: Pizza/Pasta/Frozen Yogurt or Ice-Cream

Please check out www.HealthyHunger to register for Friday lunches.





Grade 7 & 8 Summer School

February 22, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Once again this summer, the York Region District School Board is offering a summer school program for **current year Grade 7 and Grade 8 students**. Under the YRDSB Summer Learning Strategy, this program is designed to provide students with a dynamic and engaging learning experience. Through an inquiry based model, students will be given an opportunity to develop their literacy and math skills. Students must be committed to achieving their best, modeling good behaviour and attending for the entire length of the program.

Your child's homeroom teacher has recognized your child as someone who may benefit from attending this summer school program. Please speak to your child's teacher to assist you with the selection of one of the following three programs:

Programs	Gr. 7 Course Code	Gr. 8 Course Code
Grade 7 & 8 reinforcement program	7RegEngMth	8RegEngMth
Grade 7 & 8 program for students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP)	7IEPEngMth	8IEPEngMth
Grade 7 & 8 program for English Language Learners	7EngLang	8EngLang

The Program runs from Monday July 4 to Friday July 22, 9:00 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. (lunch break from 11:45 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.). The following schools will host the program:

- Bur Oak Secondary School (933 Bur Oak Ave., Markham)
- Emily Carr Secondary School (4901 Rutherford Rd., Woodbridge)
- Markville Secondary School (1000 Carlton Rd., Markham)
- Newmarket High School (505 Pickering Cres, Newmarket)
- Richmond Hill High School (201 Yorkland St., Richmond Hill)

Your child will attend the school that is closest to your residential area (please see "Summer Programs" at www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca for more information regarding school locations). Bussing will be provided from a selected area school. **A bus schedule will be distributed to each student in early June.**

Please note that Visa students (students from other countries attending YRDSB schools) are required to pay a fee. Please contact Community and International Education Services to make payment arrangements to the York Region District School Board in order to attend.

All registrations will be done on-line this year using Career Cruising. If you support your child's teacher's recommendation to attend summer school, please complete the registration process online. Registration deadline is June 3, 2016. If you do not have a computer at home, please speak with your school's Principal to arrange a time for your child to register on-line at school.

If you have any questions, please contact Bev Osborne at 905-884-3434 or 1-877-280-8180 or bev.osburne@yrdsb.ca.

Ramon Andrade, Coordinator, Elementary Summer School



The York Region District School Board Summer Institute is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered at in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm [Summer Institute Locations Map](#).

[YMCA Before and Aftercare Registration](#); programs available at all locations

Weekly Sessions July 4, 2016 to August 12, 2016

For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit www.vrdsb.ca and select programs and services.

Aldergrove S.I.	150 Aldergrove Drive, Unionville
Armada S.I.	11 Coppard Ave., Markham
Crosby Heights S.I.	190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill
Discovery S.I.	120 Discovery Trail, Maple
Lakeside S.I.	213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick
Lake Wilcox S.I.	80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill
Maple Leaf S.I.	155 Longford Dr., Newmarket
Milliken Mills S.I. (located at Highgate PS)	35 Highgate Dr., Markham
Oscar Peterson S.I.	850 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville
Sixteenth Avenue S.I.	400 Sixteenth Avenue, Richmond Hill
Unionville Meadows S.I.	355 South Unionville Ave., Markham
Woodbridge S.I.	60 Burwick Avenue, Woodbridge

[Summer Institute Programs Index](#)

For additional information please email performanceplus.si@vrdsb.ca or call 905-884-2046 ext. 241.



Character Matters!

The Character Trait for April is Courage

We face challenges directly. We seek help from others when necessary. We do the right thing even when it may be unpopular. We are able to recognize risks and danger and do not take unwise risks to gain approval of those around us.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Bryst Lunchtime Soccer Gr.2-4
4 EQAQO Parent Information Evening 6-7pm Lego Club gr.3	5 Grade 8 Graduation Photos	6	7 Variety Show 7:00 pm CCAA/CCSB to Magna center 9:15am-1:15pm	8 Bryst Lunchtime Soccer Gr.2-4 Gr. 3's to Safety Village @11:00am
11 Lego club gr. 4-8	12	13 Gary Direnfeld-Guest Speaker at Rogers P.S. 7pm-8pm	14	15 Bryst Lunchtime Soccer Gr.2-4
18 Lego club gr. 4-8	19	20 Gr. 8's to Camp Muskoka Wild West Day 	21	22 Bryst Lunchtime Soccer Gr.2-4 Jump Rope Assembly 1:45pm 
25 Lego club gr. 4-8	26 Gr. 6's to Ripley's Aquarium	27	28 Welcome to Kindergarten 5:45pm	29 Bryst Lunchtime Soccer Gr.2-4