

THE STONEHAVEN STAR

Inspire Learning!

Stonehaven Elementary School,
875 Stonehaven Avenue,
Newmarket, ON L3X 2K3
Phone: (905) 898-2077 Fax: (905) 898-3762



Principal: Mr. Paul Oabel Vice-Principal: Ms. Susan Wansbrough

February 2, 2016

A Message from Mr. Oabel and Ms. Wansbrough

Dear Families,

It is report card time again and this is an opportunity for you to discuss with your child the progress they have made so far this year, and set goals for Term 2. The Term 1 Reports will be going home on February 19th with your child. You are encouraged to stay informed by referring to teachers' newsletters, websites, twitter, student work/and tests that are sent home.

There are many events planned as we move forward in the final term. The boys and girls basketball teams continue practising for their upcoming tournament. The chess club, lego club, colouring club, Equity club, drumming club and Hour of Code run weekly and continue to grow in numbers. We continue to work on self regulation with students in the classroom and in the school yard.

Some of the events that will be taking place this month include a Dance-A-Thon on February 13 and a Book Fair in the Library from February 9-13. Please feel free to come by the school if you are picking up your child and have a look around at the books. All funds raised go towards purchasing new books for the library. Funds raised from the Dance-A-Thon will be used to purchase technology (e.g., computers and iPads), Jungle Gym and pinnies for our sports teams.

We look forward to a wonderful Term 2, celebrating academic and social achievements.

The Character Trait for February is Initiative

Character Matters!

We act without being prompted by others. We are eager to do what needs to be done without having to be told to do it. We take the first step towards the achievement of a goal.

Getting to School on-time.

We are noticing a good percentage of students are arriving 5-15 minutes past the morning bell.

Please note that school begins at 8:25am. Once a student/family accumulates a number of lates, a letter is sent home and a possible recommendation to social work may commence. Remember, some methods of getting to school earlier can be:

Planning your morning routine a bit earlier by preparing the night before (e.g. making lunches) and setting your alarm clock at an appropriate time.

Having your child walk or walking with your child rather than driving. This also avoids vehicle congestion in our parking lot.

Avoid technology in the morning.

Having a family plan to make it a goal to be punctual at school.

Remember if your child is late 5 minutes every day for school, he/she has missed an equivalent of 3 full schools days. It adds up quickly. So remember, being punctual is a life skill that will help students along their respective learning journey.

Additional Elementary and Secondary P.A. Day's

As a result of provincial labour negotiations, a **P.A. Day has been added for all York Region District School Board elementary schools on Friday, May 6, 2016 and secondary schools on Friday, June 3, 2016.** You can see the full updated school year calendars on YRDSB's [website](#).

These additional P.A. Days are mandated by the Ministry of Education. On these dates, teachers will be taking part in professional development on provincial education priorities identified by the Ministry of Education.

Trustee: Martin VanBeek: (905) 830-6776

Superintendent: Drew McNaughton: (905) 895-5155

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.

Grade 8 Course Selection

Gr. 9 course selection has begun for our grade 8 students. Families should be getting information coming home and should call the homeroom teachers if they have any questions.

The due date for the final copy course selection sheet is Feb. 19.

Lunch Programs

TUESDAY/THURSDAY: Lunch Lady

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

WEDNESDAY: Popcorn / Made in Mexico

FRIDAY: Pizza/Pasta

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

****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.

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 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.

Lunch Assistants Needed

If you are available from 12:15 to 1:15 to supervise students during the lunch hour, please contact the school office at 905 898-2077. This is a paid position.

Stonehaven E.S. is now online!

Follow us on Twitter @ StonehavenES



Voices For Africa 10 will be March 2nd at Newmarket Theatre. Show begins at 6:15pm.

Tickets can be ordered at www.newtix.ca to see the show. Tickets go on sale Feb. 2nd.

Library News



Scholastic Book Fair: On February 8 until Feb 12 we will be having a book fair. Our goal is to raise monies to purchase more books for our library while fostering a love of reading. The book fair will be open to purchase books Monday through Thursday during periods 1, 4, 7 and at recess time. Friday it will be open period 1 only.

Forest of Reading®: The Forest of Reading® program is continuing at Stonehaven! Please encourage your child to be reading the wonderful Canadian literature that has been nominated. Voting takes place in April and students need to read a **total of 5 books** in their category in order to vote. Happy Reading!

PERFUMES/SCENTS

Please remember that we have several people who suffer asthma attacks from exposure to certain fragrances. If sending products to school with your child, i.e. hand sanitizer, or deodorant please make sure it is **unscented**. Thank you for your consideration.

Yearbook

Reminder to order your school yearbook now. Price goes up in March. Please see the link below to order on-line.

www.jostens.com/yearbooks



BUS SERVICE IN INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of school bus cancellations due to inclement weather, we will have an alert message on our school phone system. You can also tune into the following radio/TV stations for news on school bus cancellations:

AM	640	CKDX	88.5 FM
NEWS	680 AM	SRC	90.3 FM
CJBC	860 AM	CHAY	93.1 FM
CFRB	1010 AM	CJEZ	97.3 FM
CHUM	1050 AM	CHFI	98.1 FM
CJCL	590 AM	CKFM	99.9 FM
CHIN	1540 AM	CHUM	104.5 FM
CBC	740 AM		

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.

When buses are cancelled in the morning due to stormy weather, they are cancelled for the day. Students who would normally be bused, may be taken to school by their parents; however, parents must make their own arrangements to pick up their children at the end of the day. It is important for everyone to realize that on the days in which school buses are cancelled, schools are open.

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. cancelled for that day.**

****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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

On **Friday, February 12th**, our exciting **Much Music Video Dance-a-Thon** will return to Stonehaven ES!!! A Much Music VJ will play age-appropriate music and videos on a large screen in the gym. Each class will take turns throughout the day to enjoy the dance. A schedule will be posted in the school the week before the dance. Parent and student volunteers are working hard to make this event **FUN** for all students. Info sheets and pledge forms will be distributed soon, so please help your child to collect pledges from family and friends. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$25 or more. We will also have daily draws for prizes for all students who raise at least \$50. Please send money with your child if he/she would like to buy any treats (chocolate, chips, candy and cookies), glow-in-the-dark bracelets, and “shout-outs” to their friends and teachers. Items will range in price from \$1 to \$2. Our Dance-a-Thon goal for this school year is **\$5,000**, which will help to cover the cost of the Much Music VJ, help to fund Junglesport programs for all students in early May, help to build up our inventory of technological devices at the school, and help to cover the cost of new school jerseys for our sports teams. For more information, please visit the School Council website at www.stonehavenschoolcouncil.com. Thank you in advance for your support!

If you are available to **volunteer** at the Dance-a-Thon and/or for any of our lunch and snack programs, please contact Shameela Shakeel at chair@stonehavencouncil.com.

For school **lunch programs**, 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 January 20th, many of us enjoyed our first speaker in our speaker series for parents. **Dr. Karyn Gordon** talked to a crowd of 150 parents about learning styles, ways to motivate our children and teens, as well as resources available for parents. It was a great event with useful information for all of us. Here is the list of upcoming speakers:

Monday, February 29th ~ **Alyson Schafer**, Therapist and Author, at Bogart PS

Topic: The Joys and Fears of the Pre-Teen and Teen Years

Wednesday, March 23rd ~ **Michelle Cassidy**, YRDSB Mental Health Lead, at Armitage Village PS

Topic: Mindfulness Techniques for Children & Teens

Wednesday, April 13th ~ **Gary Direnfeld**, Social Worker and Therapist, at Rogers PS

Topic: Raising Resilient Children & Teens

We promise that you will enjoy each speaker and walk away with some useful advice to help you navigate through the challenges of parenting! It's never too early or too late to get some parenting strategies that actually work. Babysitting will be provided. All attendees are asked to RSVP at www.eventbrite.ca.

Looking ahead...our next **School Council Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, March 9th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM** in the school library. Hope to see you there! Also, on **Wednesday, April 27th** we will host our second annual **Cake Walk and Artisan Market**. 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. More details will follow in the March and April newsletters.



FEBRUARY 2016

Character Matters! **Initiative**
 We act without being prompted by others. We are eager to do what needs to be done without having to be told to do it. We take the first step towards the achievement of a goal.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY: Lunch Lady
THURSDAY: Tuck Shop (Milk & Cookies \$1 each)
WEDNESDAY: Popcorn / Made in Mexico
FRIDAY: Pizza/Pasta / Frozen Yogurt

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1</p> <p>P.A. Day</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Jr. Co-Ed Volleyball Area Tournament</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Gr. 6 V.I.P. @ 1:30pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Gr.7 Stress & Anxiety workshop @ 8:45am</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Much Music Video Dance</p> <p>Red and Pink Day</p>
←		<p>Scholastic Book Fair</p>	→	
<p>15</p> <p>Family Day</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Gr. 8 Surviving High School workshop @ 1:30pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Earth Rangers Assembly</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Report Cards go home</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Int. Boys B.B. Area Tournament</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Int. Girls B.B. Area Tournament</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Alyson Schafer @ Bogart Public School 7-8pm</p>				