

THE STONEHAVEN STAR

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Administrator's Message from Mr. Oabel and Ms. Wansbrough

Welcome to Ms. Ceolin

We welcome Ms. Ceolin to our Primary/Junior Student Support Centre. Ms. Ceolin was our Grade 7/8 teacher since the beginning of the year and currently will be supporting our students in the Primary/Junior SSC until the end of June.

Tea and Chat

The topic for our next Tea and Chat on March 1st will be Healthy Eating and Living and its affects on learning. Please join us in the library at 9:00am for an interactive information session. Mark your calendars.

The Benefits of Walking to School:

Did you know that walking to school has many benefits for your child (ren). Consider the following:

- **Walking is known to improve academic performance:** Children arrive brighter and more alert for their first morning class. Walking reduces stress and increases creativity, both of which will help a child's performance at school.
- **Walking Gives children good life experience:** It's an opportunity for them to be independent, think responsibly and make decisions for themselves. Some children feel less anxiety about being at school when they know how to get home. It improves relationships with friends and siblings on that walk as discussion and oral communication is important on a daily basis and walks provide that.
- **Walking Gets Children outdoors:** Children are not spending enough time outdoors these days. Walking to school provides that brief opportunity. Children pay attention to and revel in their surroundings in a way adults do not.
- **Walking provides daily exercise for children:** Obesity rates have skyrocketed in North America, so incorporating physical activity into a child's daily routine is a good place to start. As physical fitness improves, so does academic performance.

Source: Treehugger.com

Consider these points as part of your family's daily routine as school continues till the end of June. Walking to school is a simple activity that will improve your child's and family's well being in bunches by committing to it on a consistent basis. It will also improve your child's academic performance.

P. Oabel, Principal and S. Wansbrough, Vice Principal

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NEWS FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to all families who joined us for our **movie night** in January. Thank you also to our dedicated volunteers (Barb, Rhegan, Caroline and Melinda) for making popcorn. We raised \$224, which will go towards **buddy benches** in our school yard. These benches will be part of our ongoing efforts to create an inclusive school climate for all students. Children will use the benches to "make a friend and be a friend." It's a win-win idea for all!



On **Tuesday, February 14th**, we will host our annual **Friendship Dance** in the school gym. Students will attend the dance with their classes. Parent volunteers will be selling treats such as cookies for \$1.50, chips for \$1 and sour keys for 50¢ so please feel free to send a small amount of money with students. All funds raised will go towards buddy benches.

All parents/guardians in our school community are invited to join us for our exciting Speaker Series. This year, we have 8 Newmarket schools plus Bully Free Community Alliance collaborating and pooling our Parent Reaching Out (PRO) grants to host some fantastic speakers. **Details for all 5 events are attached to this newsletter.**

Here's some info for our February speaker. On **Monday, February 27th at 7 PM**, Newmarket High School will host **Jordan Axani**, mental health and belonging researcher. Jordan helps students share their unspoken fears, struggles and hopes with their peers - driving performance, engagement and happiness at school. He calls this building "cultures of belonging." Please join other parents for this keynote, which will serve as a spark to continue to build a stigma-free culture of openness and vulnerability for our students. Let's help our children by encouraging peer support, empathy and inclusivity. Please RSVP at www.eventbrite.com for free tickets and free babysitting for school-aged children. Hope to see you there!

School Council Meetings: March 6 and May 1. Everyone welcome!

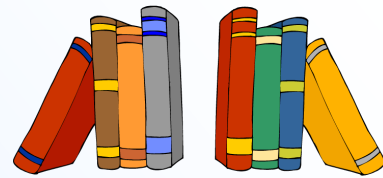
Subway (Mondays) and **Il Bistro** pizza/pasta (Fridays) lunch orders must be placed through www.HealthyHunger.ca. We do not always have enough pizza to sell to students on Fridays so please pre-order online.



Popcorn orders must be placed through www.SchoolCashOnline.com. We will sell a limited number of bags of popcorn to students in grades 1 through 8. Please **do not** send money with Kindergarten students on pizza days or popcorn days.

Please join us at School Council meetings, volunteer for ongoing initiatives and events, and keep communicating with us. Feel free to contact Shameela at chair@stonehavencouncil.com and check-out our School Council website at www.stonehavencouncil.com.

Learning Commons



Learning Commons News

Author Visits:

On Tuesday, March 7 Rob Laidlaw is coming to Stonehaven and will be presenting to grade k-4 students. He is a Canadian author who has written books about animals and the issues and challenges the animals face. His most recent book *Elephant Journey* is a Silver Birch Non-fiction Award Winner.

On Tuesday, April 4 Kevin Sylvester will be here to present to grades 5 through 8. Kevin is also a Canadian author who has written many books including the *Neil Flambe* series and his most recent young adult novels *Minrs* (Red Maple Award Winner) and *Minrs2*.

Both authors have books selected in the 2016 Forest of Reading books that our Stonehaven students are reading!

Book Recycle: We hope your child enjoyed our first Book Recycle at Stonehaven. This is a great way to get books for your child at a great price! We will be having another one in the spring. Information to follow.

Forest of Reading®: The Forest of Reading® program is continuing at Stonehaven until mid April. 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!



Please visit our website frequently for updates:
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/stonehaven.es/Pages/default.aspx>

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Speaker Series for Parents

We are very excited to present 6 fantastic speakers, with funding provided by the Ministry of Education's PRO grants to 8 schools and Bully Free Community Alliance. All talks and childcare for school age children are FREE, but please RSVP at www.eventbrite.com. Stay connected with Newmarket Parent Network's Facebook page about these events and other parent resources. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Alyson Schafer, Therapist

Date: Wednesday, January 18th from 7 to 8 PM
 School: Crossland PS, 255 Brimson Dr., Newmarket
 Topic: Empowering Independence in our Children



Jordan Axani, Mental Health Researcher

Date: Monday, February 27th from 7 to 8 PM
 School: Newmarket High School, 505 Pickering Cres.
 Topic: What's Your Big Lie? (Mental Health Program)



Chris Vollum, Social Media Expert

Date: Wednesday, March 22nd from 7 to 8 PM
 School: Stonehaven ES, 875 Stonehaven Ave., Newmarket
 Topic: Social Media Fitness for Parents



Tad Milmine, Bullying Ends Here & Una Wright, YouthSpeak

Date: Tuesday, April 18th from 7 to 8:30 PM
 School: Rogers PS, 256 Rogers Road, Newmarket
 Topic: Overcoming Bullying and Life's Challenges



Jennifer Kolari, Connected Parenting

Date: Monday, May 8th from 7 to 8:30 PM
 School: Glen Cedar PS, 915 Wayne Dr., Newmarket
 Topics: Saying "NO" when the World says "YES and Practical Strategies for Dealing with Anxiety

Buses are Cancelled, but the School is 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 even on snow days. 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.**



When School buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, Please note:

- There are no Lunch Lady, Pasta, Pizza or Subway Lunches
- There are no Special Events or Field Trips.
- There may be a modified Program in your child's class due to numbers of students attending and/or absences of some teachers.
- **Please send a lunch with your child.**

School Bus Cancellation Notice

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **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.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and re-scheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.

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 @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 20, 2017 for the 2017-18 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children born in 2012 or 2013, 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 on May 24th, 5:45pm to 7:00pm. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.



French Immersion Information for Students Entering Grade 1 in September 2017

FI registration for Grade 1 students starting in September will begin January 20, 2017 at the Mazo de la Roche school office.

In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2017, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call their **child's current 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 Mazo de la Roche to register between January 20 and February 10, 2017. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

Registration for students attending the following schools will be accepted at Mazo de la Roche PS: Armitage Village PS, Bogart PS, Glen Cedar PS, J.L.R. Bell PS, Meadowbrook PS, Robert Munsch PS, Prince Charles PS, Rogers PS, Stonehaven PS, Stuart Scott PS.

Volunteers in our School

At Stonehaven E.S. we are very appreciative of our volunteers. In June 2012, YRDSB developed a policy for school volunteers. In order to volunteer in a school or attend field trips, the York Region District School Board requires all volunteers to have a Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) prior to commencing a volunteer position (must state YRDSB under reason for the request). This procedure will ensure the safety of all of our students.

Steps:

1. Ask the office for a volunteer letter from the school—you will need to show this during the application process.
2. Complete a VSS application form online from York Regional Police.
3. Pay \$30 for a VSS to volunteer (\$60 for a VSS paid position).
4. Bring your VSS to Stonehaven E.S. We will keep a photocopy on file (Original must be shown).
5. Sign a confidentiality agreement.
6. Each following school year, you will be required to sign an Annual Offence Declaration- available from the school office.

VSS can also be done in person at the following location:

Richmond Hill Station
10720 Yonge St. (at Elgin Mills Rd.)
905 830-0303 Ext. 7655



York Region Public Health wants to hear from you! Tell us how children are active in your family, school or community by completing this brief survey and you'll be entered to win a prize!

<http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/yorkregiones/active-play-survey/>



Message from our Trustee, Mr. Martin Van Beek

We are now halfway through the school year. This is a good time to reflect on all that your child has learned and to look at setting goals for the rest of the school year.

Our Board believes that student well-being and achievement go hand-in-hand. One of our goals set out in the [Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture of caring and learning."

The Ministry of Education has recently identified [four priorities for well-being](#): positive mental health, safe and accepting schools, healthy schools, and equity and inclusive education. As a Board of Trustees, we will continue to further work in all of these areas to support student well-being in line with these priorities.

There are many resources on the Board website to help support student well-being, including tips for [talking about mental health](#), [managing stress](#), [packing healthy lunches](#) and [addressing incidents of bullying](#).

Creating a healthy, safe and welcoming learning environment is key to helping our students reach their full potential. All of us have an important role to play in creating an environment that enables our students to thrive.

I wish you all the best for a healthy, happy and successful 2017.

Co-ed Volleyball

The Junior coed volleyball went to Newmarket High on January 25th to play in the area tournament. The athletes worked extremely well to play a nice 3 hit system. After going undefeated in the round robin, they met some amazing competition in the semis and final championship matches.



When the dust settled, there was only one team left standing, and that was Stonehaven! It truly was an amazing championship run, and now the athletes can set their sights on the Regional tournament next week.

Congratulations to: Brooklyn M., Blake K., Kiara B., Tyler A., Natalie M Kareem S., Angie N., Jasleen V., Owen D., Charlie P., Beth G., Paige O., and Jamie H.

Special thanks to Mr. Borg for all his tremendous work with the team throughout the season!

Yearbook Sales available ONLINE ONLY this year!

The 2016-17 yearbook is now on sale! Yearbooks are available to purchase **online only** this year - no manual forms will be accepted at the school. Get the **best rate now** by ordering the yearbook **online** for **\$35**.

To order online and purchase by credit card, visit www.jostens.com/yearbooks. Click on "Get started now" or "Shop yearbooks" and enter 'Stonehaven Elementary School', then select '2017 Yearbook'. You can also customize the yearbook by adding a student's name and fun icons to the front cover.

This year's yearbook will be chalk-full of colourful pictures of students in **all grades**, special events and spirit days at the school, fun field trips, teams and clubs and so much more!!

Last year the yearbook **sold out**, leaving some students disappointed. Don't miss out on this keepsake. Be sure to buy yours early!!





Character Matters!

The Character Trait for February is 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.

FEBRUARY 2017

MONDAY: Subway
TUESDAY/THURSDAY: Lunch Lady
WEDNESDAY: Popcorn \$1.00
THURSDAY: Cookies or milk \$1.00
FRIDAY: Pizza/Pasta & Frozen Yogurt

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 P.A. Day School is closed 
6 Day 4	7 Day 5 Author Visits For Kindergarten gr. 7 & 8 MADD  Les mères contre l'alcool au volant	8 Day 1 Author Visits For Kindergarten	9 Day 2	10 Day 3
13 Day 4	14 Day 5 Friendship Dance  Report Cards go Home	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17 Day 3
20 Family Day School is closed 	21 Day 4	22 Day 5 Snow Valley Trip Gr. 4-8 	23 Day 1	24 Day 2 Neon Spirit Day
27 Day 3 Speaker Series NHS 7-8:15pm	28 Day 4	1 Day 5 Tea and Chat 9am	2 Day 1 	3 Day 2