

THE STONEHAVEN STAR

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

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Though February is a short month, much is going on in the school.

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 14th** with your child. You are encouraged to stay informed by referring to teachers' newsletters, websites, twitter, blogs, student work/and tests that are sent home.

In support of our student mental health and well-being initiatives, Stonehaven ES received approval for two "**Buddy Benches**". A buddy bench is a safe place where students can go to and seek companionship during recess, it eliminates loneliness and fosters friendship on the playground. This is a great concept for students who may be new to the school, students who are working on social skills and it also serves staff as a tool to get acquainted with all students.

There is some pre-work to introduce the concept to our students. We will be holding class visits/division assemblies to explain how the buddy benches work and the concept behind it. We are pleased that the two benches will be around the periphery of the Rock Garden at the North End of the school. Many thanks to School Council for partnering in this initiative.

Stonehaven is Growing due to the completion of the Dilman Survey and new families moving in our catchment area. Stonehaven ES is projected to grow by about another 40 students for the year 2018-2019. This will impact our staffing, number of classrooms, classroom locations and programming as our numbers increase. As it is early in the process, we will have a firmer idea of this impact on the school as our numbers and registrations continue to come in.

Thanks for your continued support in our endeavours.



P. Oabel
Principal

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Vice Principal

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NEWS FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL



It's February already! As we start the second half of the school year, I'd like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to all of the dedicated parent volunteers who help out with pizza/pasta distribution as well as popcorn making/distribution on a weekly basis. Your time and efforts are truly appreciated! You've helped School Council raise funds that have already helped Stonehaven ES students to achieve greater success. Here's a list of initiatives that we've helped with this school year: buddy benches (coming soon!), Forest of Reading books, laptop computers, iPads and Osmo kits, robotics mat, and buses for the snow tubing trip. We will continue to raise funds for other initiatives and programs that have a positive impact on all students. Thank you all for your ongoing support!

On **Wednesday, February 14**, 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 and cupcakes, chips, chocolates and sour keys so please feel free to send a small amount of money with students.



On **Thursday, February 22** from 7 to 9 PM, please join us at Huron Heights Secondary School for a screening of the award-winning documentary, "**Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age.**" Dr. Delaney Ruston, physician and filmmaker, takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including addiction. Through poignant and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists and brain scientists, "Screenagers" reveals how tech time impacts kids'/teens' development and offers solutions for adults to empower kids/teens to best navigate the digital world and to find balance. This film screening will be followed by a question and answer period hosted by Jennifer Casa-Todd, digital citizenship expert and author of "Social LEADia: Moving Students from Digital Citizenship to Digital Leadership" as well as Bessie Vlasis and Gwyneth Anderson of Bully Free Community Alliance. This event is open to parents/guardians as well as youth ages 12+. Please RSVP through Eventbrite for free tickets and babysitting for school-aged children. Our password is NPN2018.

We have three remaining **School Council Meetings**: February 5, April 9 and May 7. Meetings run from 6:30 to 8 PM in the school library. Everyone is welcome!

Lunch orders for **Pita Pit** (Mondays), **Subway** (Wednesdays) and **Il Bistro** pizza/pasta (Fridays) 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.

Please join us at School Council meetings, volunteer for ongoing initiatives and events, and keep communicating with us. We welcome your help and suggestions. Feel free to contact Shameela at chair@stonehavencouncil.com and checkout our School Council website at www.stonehavencouncil.com.

****Lunch Assistants Needed****

Lunch assistants are needed to supervise students during the lunch hour from 12:15pm to 1:15pm. This is a paid position. Please contact the office at 905 898-2077 if you are able to help.



Milk Bag Weaving

Just a reminder— please keep sending in your milk bags for our weekly milk bag weaving club. Since the end of November, we have made 7 mattresses and 5 pillows! We plan to make many more and will be delivering them to Inn from the Cold to help our local homeless population.

Checkout our learning hub blog for pictures and more details at <https://stonehavenhub.wordpress.com>

Library



The Forest of Reading Award Programs...where children and young adults pick the winner! Stonehaven students have joined the largest recreational reading program in the country!

Stonehaven's Library is now online! We encourage families to check out all the "Happenings at the Hub" throughout the school year. In addition to posts showcasing student learning, there are also a number of useful links for both students and parents. We even have a Follow button! Find us here: <https://stonehavenhub.wordpress.com>



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

Follow us on Twitter @ stonehavenes

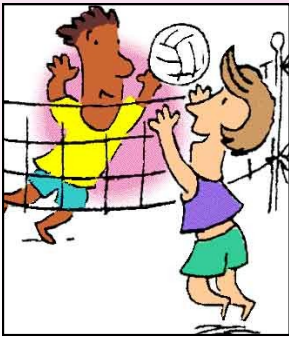
Perfumes/Scents

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 sani-tizer, or deodorant please make sure it is unscented. Thank you for your consideration.

Yard Supervision

Outside yard supervision of students **begins at 8:10 a.m. daily**. Please do **NOT** send your children to arrive at school **before** this time.





Stonehaven Sports

On Friday January 26th the Junior coed volleyball players' season came to an exciting finish! The team played extremely well at Newmarket High School for the area tournament. There really was some tremendous volleyball as three of the big teams ended up in the same pool for the round robin play. Mr. Farr would like to Congratulate:

Owen, James, Marcus, Ameen, Ben, Clare, Logan, Tatiana, Ava, Paige, Caitlyn, and Dina

Voices for Africa

Stonehaven ES will be participating in this year's Voices For Africa 12 event at Newmarket Theatre. The "Stand Up and Drum" Arts-Integrated Equity Club will sing and drum on the evening of March 7th, 2018. The event raises awareness of the continuing pandemic and its impacts on so many living with Aids/HIV in Africa.



The funds raised from t-shirt sales and theatre seats go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation/ Grandmothers for Grandmothers to support their work to improve the lives of those affected by the disease. The event is always meaningful and fun for the staff and students. Tickets for the event will be on sale soon. T-shirt orders are being taken now for performers and the community. Details about the event are coming soon. The students are looking forward to performing with intermediates from 5 other schools in York Region. Our performance celebrates inclusivity and delivers a message based on some deeper learning the students have done in our meetings.

"Stand Up and Drum" students,

Volunteering at Stonehaven E.S.

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

Police Vulnerable Sector Check (PVSC) 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.

You can complete a PVSC application form online from York Regional Police.

<https://www.yrp.ca/en/services/Online-Police-Background-Checks.asp>

(The reason for the request must state: York Region District School Board).





This is a reminder that tickets for the Voices For Africa Concert are now on sale at www.newtix.ca or by calling 905-953-5122.

The concert will be taking place on March 7, 2018, beginning at 6:20 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 each, and all proceeds go to support the efforts of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. www.stephenlewisfoundation.org

This year there are 6 schools involved in the concert including; **Alexander Muir P.S.**, **Bogart P.S.**, **Hartman P.S.**, **Lester B. Pearson P.S.**, **Mazo de la Roche P.S.** and **Stonehaven E.S.**

We are also excited to announce that **Glenn Marais**, Juno nominated singer-songwriter will also be a guest at the event.

We are looking forward to an entertaining, evening full of music and fun!

Be sure to order your tickets as they are sold on a first come, first served basis!

See you there!

Safe Arrival When Buses are Cancelled Due to Weather

- If your child is a bus student and is staying home because of bus cancellation, you do not need to call the school to report your child(ren)'s absence.
- If your child is not a bus student, please call the school to report your child's absence.



Our answering machine is on before and after school hours to allow you to leave a message at anytime.

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.

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.

- [If buses are cancelled in the morning then buses are cancelled in the afternoon. Please make arrangements to pick up your child\(ren\) at 2:55pm.](#)
- [All school Lunch programs are cancelled on Snow-Days. Please remember to send a lunch with your child.](#)

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.
- **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 rescheduled.
- 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 or the **yrdsb website**.

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

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CP24
CTV Toronto GLOBAL NEWS

Message From Our Trustee- Mr. Martin Van Beek

With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.

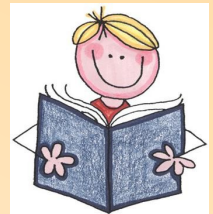
Yearbooks Are Still Available for Purchase

The 2017-18 yearbook is now on sale! Yearbooks are available to purchase **online only** this year - no manual forms will be accepted at the school.

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 '2018 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!!



Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 19, 2017

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 19, 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children born in 2013 or 2014, 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 23 from 5:45pm-7:00pm. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.



French Immersion Registration for Students Entering Grade 1 in September

FI registration for Grade 1 students starting in September will begin January 19, 2018 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 2018, 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 19 and February 9, 2018. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

Grade 1 French Immersion 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.















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 2018

MONDAY: Pita Pit
TUESDAY/THURSDAY: Lunch Lady
WEDNESDAY: Subway & Popcorn \$1.00
THURSDAY: Cookies 1.00 each
FRIDAY: Pizza/Pasta & Frozen Yogurt \$1.50

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Ms. Burton's class to STEM Minds - Aurora	2 P.A. Day School is 
5 STEM- lunchtime School Council Meeting at 6:30pm	6 Milk bag Weaving 	7 Chess Club 	8 Yoga - Lunchtime 	9 Olympic Opening Ceremonies Kick off Assembly
12 STEM- lunchtime 	13 Milk bag Weaving	14  FRIENDSHIP DANCE Report Cards Home Chess Club	15 Yoga - Lunchtime Forest School -Am O'Doherty /Sawatsky 	16 
19 Family Day School is 	20 Milk bag Weaving Grade 4-8 Snowtubing 	21 Chess Club Tea and Chat- Topic is Equity 9-10am Parent Information - Grade 7 trip to Camp Muskoka 6:30pm	22 Yoga - Lunchtime Speaker Series at Huron Heights S.S. 7pm "Screenagers"	23
26 STEM- lunchtime 	27 Milk bag Weaving Grade 3 to Heritage School House Parent Information- Grade 8 trip to Brock University 6:30pm	28 Chess Club Grade 3 to Heritage School House	1 Yoga - Lunchtime 	2 