

THE STONEHAVEN STAR

Inspire Learning!

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A Message From Mr. Oabel and Ms. Wansbrough

It has been a busy month of February. We began with Random Acts of Kindness that both students and staff were engaged in. Many acts were observed from giving compliments, writing sticky notes and posting them on lockers, and lending helping hands. Students also discussed these acts in the classroom and made videos on Acts of Kindness.

The intermediate girls and boys basketball teams had a great season. They played well in their tournament showing skill and sportsmanship in their games. The junior basketball teams are under way.

Given the direction that our the York Region District School is moving with the 3 “M”s – Modern Learning, Mathematics and Mental Health, we at Stonehaven ES will also be embarking on professional development that encompasses these areas of learning. During the first week of March, our staff will be incorporating the new technology and learning into a Modern Learning perspective and eventually this will benefit and enhance our students’ achievements in the classroom.

We are pleased to let the community know, that we have purchased 30 chrome books for our primary classes. Students in the primary grades now have access to this new technology to enhance their learning. We are in the midst of purchasing ipads for the kindergartens.

One of the skills that we are trying to reinforce with our students is punctuality. Currently, we are experiencing an ongoing issue with many students arriving after the instructional day has begun. Parents are encouraged to support the best learning conditions for their children by ensuring that students are present and in class when the learning begins. This is a life skill we must instill in our children if we want them to practise it as adults. Having children arrive on time reduces their disruption of learning and the learning of others in the class. Arriving on-time will also reduce unnecessary interruptions for office staff as they try to ensure that attendance and safe arrival procedures are followed for the morning.

The March Break is coming up and we would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy break!



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Message from School Council... thank you, thank you, thank you!



On February 12th, students enjoyed the Much Music Video Dance in the school gym! We surpassed our **Dance-a-Thon** goal for this school year and raised over **\$6,000** in funds. We will use the funds to support Junglesport programs for all students in early May, to build up our inventory of technological devices at the school, and to cover the cost of new school jerseys for our sports teams. “**Thank you**” for all of your pledges and support. “**Thank you**” also to our wonderful parent volunteers and school staff for all of your help.

“**Thank you**” to those families who supported our clothing drive and fundraising efforts for newly settled Syrian refugee families in Newmarket. As a school community, I am proud to say that we donated 10 large boxes filled with clothing, toys and books. We also donated over \$500 in cash and gift cards. The family truly appreciates all of it! They have expressed their gratitude and amazement that a school community has worked together so quickly to help them adjust to their new home. They feel truly blessed to be part of such a welcoming and generous community. It feels good to “pay it forward!”

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. Please note that, after the March Break, we will no longer offer Made in Mexico meals on Wednesdays. We are considering other lunch options and will post the dates on the Healthy Hunger website soon.

After March Break, please look for new **popcorn** order forms in your child’s backpack. Parent volunteers will pop and serve healthy popcorn for another 10 weeks from April through June.

Please join us at the next **School Council Meeting** on **Wednesday, March 9th** from **6:30 to 8:00 PM** in the school library. Hope to see you there!

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. You can find more information on the event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1019328164796554/> on our School Council website at www.stonehavencouncil.com.

Best wishes for a safe and fun March Break!

Lost and Found

It is hard to believe how fast our Lost and Found bins have re-filled after being emptied at the end of December. Please have your child walk by and check the Lost and Found for any misplaced items, or stop by and check it out for yourself. Any items unclaimed prior to March Break will be donated to charity. Thank you



Library News



QSP ordering:

Please visit www.QSP.ca to order magazines online and support Stonehaven E.S. Our school code is 3725645.

Scholastic Book Fair: Our February Book Fair was a huge success this year. Our goal was to raise monies to purchase more books for our library while fostering a love of reading...and we have done just that. Thank you for supporting it!

Forest of Reading®: The Forest of Reading® program is now mid way through! 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 for their favourite Canadian Book. Happy Reading!

Overdue or Lost Library Books: Students are asked to please read and return all borrowed 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.

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

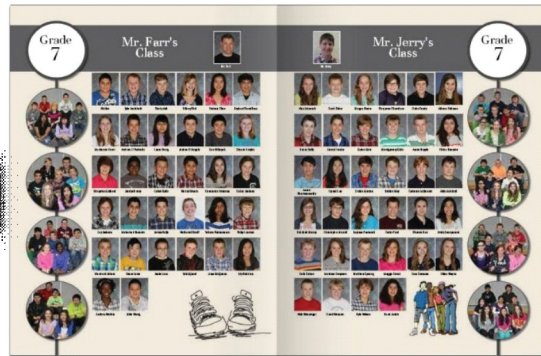


If you ever have a question regarding your order, please call QSP Customer Service at 1-800-667-2536.

YEARBOOK!

It's the biggest story of the year.

And you're in it!



2015-2016 YEARBOOK ON SALE

Enjoy a full-colour yearbook filled with photographs of students, clubs, teams, committees, events and activities that took place in 2015/2016 at Stonehaven. Don't miss out on a year of fond memories.

FOR **MANUAL*** ORDERS PLACED THROUGH SCHOOL:

- Buy before December 18, 2015 – Pay **\$37** each.
- Buy in January or February 2016 – Pay **\$40** each.
- Buy on March 1, 2016 or later - Pay **\$45** each.

NOTE - Yearbook availability is guaranteed until February 28, 2016. Orders received after that date will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis only, as limited overstock will be available.

Best Deal! Preferred Method for Ordering!

ORDER ONLINE AT ANY TIME AND PAY ONLY... \$35
See website order link and instructions below.

Only one order form per family is required.

Student's Name	Teacher/Grade	Ordered by Dec. 18th, 2015	Ordered in Jan./Feb. 2016	Ordered Mar.01/16 or later	Amount (\$)
		Qty. @ \$37 ea.	Qty. @ \$40 ea.	Qty. @ \$45 ea.	
TOTAL:					

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Family email: _____

To order online and pay by credit card, visit our Jostens Yearbook order page: www.jostens.com/yearbooks. Click on "Buy Your Yearbook" or



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.

Mark your Calendar!
The Stonehaven Drama Club will be hosting a Variety Show on **Thursday, April 7th at 7:00pm.**

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 stations for news on school bus cancellations:

AM 640	640 AM	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		

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.

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★ **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). ★
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★ *****Grade 8 Photo Day is*** ★
★ ***Thursday, April 5th ***** ★
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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 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.



MARCH 2016



This Month's Character Trait is Perseverance

We stick to a goal and work hard even in the face of obstacles and challenges. We complete all tasks and assignments.

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
	1 Lego Club Gr. 1+2	2 Voices for Africa 10 Newmarket Theatre 6:15pm	3 Camp Arowhon parent meeting 5:30pm	4
7 Lego Club Gr. 3	8 Lego Club Gr. 1+2	9 School Council at 6:30pm	10	11  Lucky Charm Day
14	15	16 March Break Holiday	17	18
21 Lego Club Gr. 3	22 Lego Club Gr. 1+2	23 Michelle Cassidy @ Armitage Village 7pm	24	25  Good Friday
28  Easter Monday	29 Grade 5's to McMichael Art Gallery Lego Club Gr. 1+2	30	31	