

THE STONEHAVEN STAR

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

Greetings Parents/Guardians:

Stonehaven is Growing! As we welcome the month of March, planning for next year has already begun. Student enrolment is growing at Stonehaven and at this time we are projected for 600 students for next year. Our growth is coming from the new construction at the Dillman Subdivision and new families moving into the Stonehaven Catchment areas such as Copper Hills, Wyndham Ridge and Stonehaven proper. We are excited to welcome this growth as Stonehaven is one of the few schools in the region with growing numbers.

Carnival Celebration!

Last Friday, March 2, 2018, we celebrated Carnival at Stonehaven ES from grades 4-8. Activities such as face painting, relay races, capturing Bonhomme, maple syrup tasting, bake shops and escape rooms were just some of the activities that our students were able to experience last Friday. We were very happy about how the whole day operated, the way the students approached these activities and the cooperation of our school staff. Thanks to Ms. Kritikos for organizing a wonderful event!

Purdy's Fundraiser to Modernize the HUB!

We are continuing to enhance and make our HUB (library) an area of Modern Learning. To date we have purchased electronics, new technology and updated resources. We are also looking to purchase new furniture for the HUB. In order to offset cost, Stonehaven ES will be participating in a chocolate fundraiser with Purdy's chocolate this spring. Stay tuned!

On behalf of the office staff and the school, we wish everyone in the Stonehaven community a relaxing, refreshing and a restful March Break. School resumes March 19, 2018.

P. Oabel
Principal

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Vice Principal

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NEWS FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please save the dates...

On **Monday, April 9th** from 6:30 to 8 PM, we will hold our next **School Council Meeting** in the library. Everyone is welcome!

On **Tuesday, April 17th** from 7 to 8:30 PM, you will have the fantastic opportunity to listen to **Barbara Coloroso**, who is an internationally recognized speaker and best-selling author in the areas of parenting, teaching, school discipline, bullying, conflict resolution, and reconciliatory justice. Our Ministry of Education PRO Grant will support this event and we hope that you can join our school community that evening at Dr. John M. Denison Secondary School in Newmarket. Parents from the 8 schools in our network will have first right to FREE tickets for this event so please RSVP through Eventbrite when you receive the email message regarding registration. Free babysitting for school-age children will also be provided that evening.

On **Wednesday, April 25th**, we will host our fourth annual **Cake Walk (9 AM to 6 PM)** and **Artisan Market (3 to 7 PM)** in the school gym. Donations of cakes and cupcakes will be appreciated from families and local bakeries. Raffle tickets will be sold for everyone to try to win the cakes and cupcakes! More details will be sent home in early April.



Upcoming fundraising initiatives...



Do something *sweet* for our Stonehaven ES learning hub (and your families!). All students have access to books, technology and activities in the learning hub, which has become a very dynamic and vibrant learning space. We are fundraising specifically for new furniture to make the hub more accessible and easier to navigate. It's going to be amazing! Please support our fundraising efforts by purchasing **Purdys chocolates**, crafted in Vancouver from only 100% sustainable cocoa. There will be a great selection of classic chocolates and Easter bunny and egg-shaped chocolates - great for gifting too! Families will be able to place orders and pay online by March 15th. Chocolates will be ready for pickup around March 23rd. Prizes will be awarded for the top three students who sell the most chocolate as well as the top three classes. Stay tuned for more info soon. Thank you in advance for your support!

At the end of March, we will also be launching our very popular annual **spring plants/flowers** fundraiser. Orders will be placed through School Cash Online and products will be delivered in early May, in time for Mother's Day. Stay tuned for more info soon.

A few reminders...

Lunch orders for **Pita Pit** (Mondays), **Subway** (Wednesdays) and **Il Bistro** pizza/pasta (Fridays) must be placed through www.HealthyHunger.ca.

Popcorn orders must be placed through www.SchoolCashOnline.com. After the March Break, look for an email to order popcorn for another 10 weeks from April 11th through June 20th.

Please keep communicating with us. We welcome your help and suggestions. Feel free to contact Shameela at chair@stonehavencouncil.com and checkout www.schoolcouncil.com.

Best wishes for a safe and fun March Break!

Stonehaven Sports

On Feb. 21 the Intermediate Boys Basketball finished off their season at the area tournament at Mulock High School. It truly was an amazing day of competition, with some very exciting basketball. The boys played extremely well in a very challenging pool and stood a chance in every game.



This is a team full of talent that never gave up. Even better, their commitment to the game and supportive treatment to each other and staff went unparalleled. They will collectively and individually bring a host of talent and character to their next challenge. Mr. Correa, Ms. Kritikos, and Mr. Farr would like to thank all the team members for their hard work and dedication over the course of the season. Congratulations to:

Matthew M, Matheson, Sabin, Subhan, Elyas, Peter, Sarantis, Zein, Aidan, Kareem, Bill, Tyler, Nolan, Blake, and Jordan

Special thanks to Bob, for all his time and dedication to help the boys improve their skills this year!

Mr. Farr would also like to thank Tiffany for helping out with the team this year!



On Wednesday February 28th the intermediate girls' Basketball season came to a dramatic close at the area tournament. The young ladies were excellent ambassadors for Stonehaven and played extremely well all day. When the dust settled, the girls claimed the championship for the tier two, and they can all hold their heads high knowing that they all improved greatly over the course of the season.

Congratulations to: Lauren, Beth, Paige O, Shanika, Jamee, Brooklyn, Kiara, Jasleen, Katerina, Natalie, and Paige B.

Special thanks to Ms. Kritikos and Mr. Correa for all their help and support with the team this season.



Please visit our website frequently for updates:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/stonehaven.es/Pages/default.aspx>

Follow us on Twitter @ stonehavenes

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.



Donations for Kindergarten Please

The Kindergarten classes are looking for used, large dramatic play centres such as kitchens, workbenches, houses, etc. They are for outdoor use and will remain in our yard. We are hoping for plastic sets such as Little Tykes or Kids Korner. No climbers please! If you have any to donate, you can bring them to the office, or simply drop them off in the K yard. Thanks!

Learning Commons

Forest of Reading®: Please encourage your child to be reading the wonderful Canadian literature that has been nominated through the Forest of Reading® program. Students are asked to return the books when they are finished reading them so other students may enjoy them. Students are required to read a minimum of 5 books in order to vote for their favourite Canadian Forest of Reading book in mid April.

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>

Lost and found

Please remind your child to check the Lost and Found for any misplaced items. Parents/Guardians are also welcome to stop by the school and have a look. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity on March 9.

Thank you



******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.

Stonehaven Yearbooks

The 2017-18 yearbook is still on sale!

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!!



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

Summer Institute is COMING!



Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? [Summer Institute](#) offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 11 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) page on www.vrdsb.ca.

NORTH LOCATIONS:

NEWMARKET @ Maple Leaf P.S.

STOUFFVILLE @ Oscar Peterson P.S.

KESWICK @ Fairwood P.S.

Registration opens March 7. Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.

Base Registration Weekly Fees:

York Region District School Board students: **\$105 (4 day weeks) \$120 (5 day weeks)**

Non- York Region District School Board students: **\$130 (4 day weeks) \$155 (5 day weeks)**

Summer Soccer Program

“The Royal City Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 26th annual popular grassroots summer soccer day camps...#1 in Canada. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Uniquely designed to offer a soccer focus in the morning and a leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoons to all children aged 5 to 13, the program operates during all weeks in July and August. Check out the website at www.royalsoccer.com for more information or call 1-800-427-0536.”

Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

York Region District School Board is revisioning its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

Save the Date!

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6 - 8 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill





Character Matters!

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.

MARCH 2018

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Day 1	2 Day 2 Carnival Celebration gr. 4-8
5 Day 3 Grade 8 Grad Photos 	6 Day 4	7 Day 5 Voices for Africa at Newmarket Theater 7pm Lions Club Reading to our Kindergartens	8 Day 1 School teams and clubs photos	9 Day 2
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12	13	14	15	16
19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 1 Forest School Trip Ms. Sawatsky/Ahola 	23 Day 2
26 Day 3	27 Day 4	28 Day 5	29 Day 1 Forest School Trip Ms. O'Doherty/ Hansen	30 Day 2