

THE STONEHAVEN STAR

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A Message From Mr. Oabel and Ms. Wansbrough

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The first week in May always coincides with Education Week and the first week our students experienced many wonderful events throughout the grades:

This is what happened during the first week in May:

Our grade sevens just returned from Camp Muskoka where they camped, explored, built structures and learned about important environmental issues in beautiful Muskoka. It was a great success and the Muskoka Woods staff complimented our students on their exemplary behavior.

TRIPLE P (positive parenting programming) came in for our Tea and Chat on May 2, 2018. Parent participants learned about strategies to assist with their children on how to create positive family environments. We are pleased to announce that TRIPLE P will return for a follow up presentation in June. Date TBD.

Our Badminton team went out to Armitage Village P.S. and represented Stonehaven ES proudly. Congratulations to Mr. Farr and the team on an effort well done.

On May 3rd all 5 kindergarten classes, with teachers, support staff and parents went to explore the Science Centre. Thanks to all for participating in this tremendous endeavor with over 100 kindergarten students.

Finally, May 4th was our Wellness Day where students were introduced to the benefits of taking care of their mind, body and energy needs. Many topics were explored through various workshops throughout the day. Thanks to School Council for assisting on this event that will benefit our community greatly.

Class Placements

Planning for the new school year has already begun! One of the most important tasks that will begin in May is the placement of students into new classes for September. Current homeroom teachers, in consultation with appropriate support staff and school administration, devote much discussion time to the generation of classes that strive to best meet the needs of all of our students. Class placement is a complex process that takes many hours of thought and deliberation. Decisions are made following careful consideration of a number of criteria: balance of student abilities; interests and talents; gender balance; class size (consistent with Board and Ministry guidelines); learning style; learning partners and social factors. While friendship issues can play a role in the comfort level of some students, at particular developmental stages some friends learn best in separate classes.

Often parents have new and/or important information to share about their child which can assist with class placement decisions. Recent medical diagnoses, significant negative peer relationships that exist outside the school's awareness or significant individual/family issues that may impact learning are items of information which are appreciated prior to the placement process.

Parent input will be considered and shared. Please send all requests in writing and addressed to Mr. Oabel or Ms. Wansbrough by **May 31**. Families are asked **NOT to name a specific teacher**. There are too many variables and pitfalls in doing this and staffing can vary greatly between now and the start of the school year.

Please be advised that while such input is valued (and at the option of the family to provide), it cannot be the only information that drives class placement since school-wide limitations and a variety of other factors will, at times, take precedence. Final decisions regarding student placements remain the responsibility of the Principal and the school staff.

Thank you for partnering with us in this very important task.

Enjoy the warm weather and the May Sunshine!

Sincerely,

P. Oabel, Principal

S. Wansbrough, Vice Principal

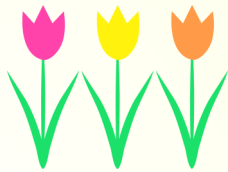
Message from School Council...

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On **Monday, May 7th** from 6:30 to 8 PM, we will hold our final **School Council Meeting** for this school year in the library. Everyone is welcome!

Update on fundraising initiatives...

Our fourth annual **Cake Walk and Artisan Market** allowed us to have a whole day and evening of fun. Thank you to all who supported these initiatives. Special thanks go to Chris Perrella and Cathy Miles for ordering and picking up cakes from local bakeries, Kym Sloggett and Wendy Ferguson for planning and coordinating all details for the Artisan Market, and the many parent and student volunteers who helped with set-up, ticket sales, phone calls, and clean-up. Our efforts and time helped us to raise over \$3,000, which we will allocate to school programs for all students.



Our **spring plants/flowers** fundraiser raised \$1,250. Our teacher librarian, Ms. Hulse, will put these funds to good use by purchasing new furniture for the hub. Thank you to Cathy Miles, Vice-Chair of School Council, who coordinated this fundraising initiative.

A few reminders...

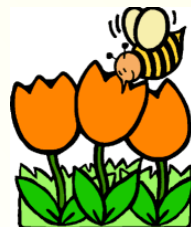
Lunch orders for **Pita Pit** (Mondays), **Subway** (Wednesdays) and **Il Bistro** pizza/pasta (Fridays) must be placed through www.HealthyHunger.ca.



Popcorn orders can no longer be placed through www.SchoolCashOnline.com for the last two months of the school year. Students can bring \$1 for a bag of popcorn every Wednesday morning.

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

www.stonehavencouncil.com.



News From the Hub

Our Scholastic Book Fair is this week, May 7-11.

Students will visit the Fair during the week with their classes. Parents are welcome to visit the Book Fair every morning until 10:25am and Thursday evening until 5:30pm. Please sign in at the office. Thank you !



Stonehaven's Library is ON 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>

Safe Arrival



that we are to call the Police.

Please remember to call the school (905) 898-2077 when your child will be late or absent from school. The answering machine is on after school hours so you can leave an attendance message at anytime during the evening. Safe School Policy states that we have to account for every child every day. We will attempt to contact you if you have forgotten to call the school, but in the event that we cannot get hold of you, Safe School Policy states

Please visit our website frequently for updates:

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



Follow us on Twitter @stonehaves

Yard Supervision

Outside yard supervision of students begins at 8:10 am daily.

Please **do NOT** send your children to arrive at school **before** this time.



EQAO

All grade 3 and 6 students in publicly funded schools throughout Ontario will be participating in Language and Mathematics assessment activities during the last week of May and the first week of June. We have planned the following dates for Stonehaven students:

Grade 3 - Tuesday, May 22 to Friday, May 25

Grade 6 - Monday, May 28 to Friday, June 1

If you have a child in grade 3 or 6, please do not schedule appointments during those dates. By writing during the scheduled times and with the available support, your child is ensured optimum opportunities to perform to the best of his/her ability. Full attendance will also assist us to administer the test in a standardized fashion and within the time-lines we have been given. Students are required to make up any tests missed due to an absence. EQAO has prepared a bulletin to help parents understand what their children can expect during the administration of the Grade 3 and Grade 6 assessments. You can access the bulletin on the "Parent Resources" section of the Web site, www.eqao.com.

**Grade 8 Graduation**

Graduation is on Monday, June 25 2018.

This year's theme is:

***** A Night at the ***
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Please make a note of the following timelines listed below:

5:00pm - Students to arrive at Newmarket High

5:15pm - Group picture in the Newmarket High Atrium. Each Graduate will receive a picture.

5:45-6:45pm - Ceremony at Newmarket Theatre

7:00-10:00pm - Dinner/Dance at the Police Shed, (corner of Stonehaven and Bayview).

Parents are responsible for drop off and pick up. (Please arrive promptly at 10:00pm)

The grade 7 parents and our staff will be chaperones for the evening.

More information coming soon.





Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC)

Call for Membership Applications

Online Applications Begin: May 1, 2018

Online Applications Close: June 15, 2018

Available Positions

A. York Region District School Board (YRDSB) invites parents/guardians of students attending schools in the following areas:

- Central – ONE Elementary Position
- North – ONE Elementary Position
- West – ONE Elementary Position and ONE Secondary Position
- East – ONE Elementary Position

Membership is available for one-year or two-years on the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) to commence in November 2018. The Board will approve membership terms, as required. There are currently five (5) positions available. (To check the respective areas that schools are in use our [school locator](#).)

B. York Region District School Board invites one (1) community member from any part of the region to participate as an advisor for a term of up to four (4) years.

- Regional – ONE Position – Not required to have child/ren in school

PEAC supports encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. PEAC does this by providing information and advice on parent engagement to the Board, communicating with and supporting school councils and undertaking activities to help parents support their children's learning. The Committee's mandate is to:

- a) develop strategies and initiatives that the Board and the Board's Director of Education could use to effectively communicate with parents/guardians and to effectively engage parents/guardians in improving student achievement and well-being.
- b) advise the Board and the Director of Education on ways to use the strategies and initiatives referred to above.
- c) communicate information from the Ministry to school councils of schools of the Board and to parents/guardians of pupils of the Board.
- d) work with school councils of schools of the Board and, through the Board's Director of Education, with employees of the Board to;

Continuation of the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC)

- i. share effective practices to help engage parents/guardians, especially parents/guardians who may find engagement challenging, in their children's learning.
- ii. identify and reduce barriers to parent engagement.
- iii. help ensure that schools of the Board create a welcoming environment for parents/guardians of its pupils.
- iv. develop skills and acquire knowledge that will assist the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee and school councils of the Board with their work.

e) determine, in consultation with the Board's Director of Education and in keeping with the Board's policies and procedures, how funding, if any, provided under the Education Act for parent involvement is reported.

The Parent, Family and Community Engagement Committee (PEAC) is established according to Ministry legislation and members must be prepared to attend each meeting. PEAC meetings are generally scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month. Members are required to attend a minimum of six meetings and will have opportunities to participate in other workshops and events. The first meeting date for the new membership is November 13, 2018.

PEAC is composed of:

- 12 parents/guardians (2 Elementary and 1 Secondary for each Community Education Center)
- 1 Director of Education or Designate
- 1 Trustee and 1 alternate
- 1 Special Education Advisory Committee member
- 1 Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee member
- 1 Community Member at Large
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Members are selected based on principles of representation that include diversity in all its manifestations, a variety of skills, experiences, location and knowledge. The contents of the Membership Applications are kept strictly confidential.

Two references are required, one of whom should be any YRDSB staff member. Parents/guardians who are also employees of the Board are asked to self-identify when applying. References are kept strictly confidential.

Further information about the role of PEAC may be found at the Ontario Ministry of Education website [School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees](#). Parents/guardians interested in serving as a member of PEAC are asked to submit an electronic application between **May 1, 2018** and **June 15, 2018** (final deadline) using the on-line [Application Form](#) or calling Education and Community Services at 905 727-0022 ext 2242 to submit a paper application.

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)**



May 2017

Character Matters!

The Character Trait for May is Courage

We face challenges directly. We seek help from others when necessary. We do the right thing even when it may be unpopular. We are able to recognize risks and danger and do not take unwise risks to gain approval of those around us.



MONDAY: Pita Pit
TUESDAY/THURSDAY: Lunch Lady
WEDNESDAY: SubwayPopcorn
THURSDAY: Cookies \$1 each
FRIDAY: Pizza/Pasta/Frozen Yogurt \$1.50



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 Day 1 Grade 7's to Camp Muskoka	1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4 	4 Day 5
7 Day 1 School Council Meeting 6:30pm Stonehaven Book Fair	8 Day 2	9 Day 3 Spring fundraising flowers are ready for pickup in the gym	10 Day 4 Forest School-Sawatsky/Ahola	11 Day 5 Jump Rope for Heart MADD presentation Grades 7 & 8
14 Day 1 Evolve Skate Boarding Gr.'s 1-3 	15 Day 2 Evolve Skate Boarding Gr.'s 1-3	16 Day 3 Evolve Skate Boarding Gr.'s 1-3 Grade 8 Trip to Brock University	17 Day 4 Forest School-O'Doherty/Hansen 	18 Day 5 Vaccinations for Grade 7 students
21 School is 	22 Day 1 EQAO Gr. 3's 	23 Day 2 EQAO Gr. 3's Welcome to Kindergarten 5:45pm Track and Field gr. 4-8	24 Day 3 EQAO Gr. 3's 	25 Day 4 EQAO Gr. 3's Forest School-Sawatsky/Ahola
28 Day 5 EQAO Gr. 6's 	29 Day 1 EQAO Gr. 6's	30 Day 2 EQAO Gr. 6's	31 Day 3 EQAO Gr. 6's Forest School-O'Doherty/Hansen	1 Day 4 EQAO Gr. 6's