Hello to the Stonehaven E.S. Community!

My name is Paul Oabel and I’m excited to be your principal at Stonehaven E.S. Over the past week, I have worked diligently to meet and get acquainted with the students, staff and community stakeholders of the school. In working with Ms. Wansbrough, your vice principal, we are committed to creating an educational environment that respects all learning styles, challenges students’ mindsets, and is inclusive for everyone to learn and work in. My door is always open for conversation and dialogue about the successes and challenges we face as a school. I am looking forward to meeting you over the next couple of months and continuing to work with you for the betterment of our students.

We have had a successful start to the school year thanks to our students, staff and parents. The students at Stonehaven have been involved in numerous activities over the past month. We have practised Lock Down and Fire Drills, including one organized with the Fire Department. All students have also participated in School Bus Safety ensuring everyone follows appropriate bus protocol. Creating a safe and supportive learning environment is our priority.

We have been fortunate to have Errol Lee provide innovative and creative concerts to our primary, junior and intermediate students. These concerts were specifically designed to teach character education through sing along songs, dancing to the music, reading along with the stories, and learning ASL hand signs to communicate caring. Our students participated and were engaged.

Terry Fox day was a beautiful sunny day which had all our students, staff and many parents partake in. The walk/ run took place on our school property and was a great success. Thanks to all the supporters.

The Remembrance Day Assembly will be held in our gym for our primary and junior students on November 11th at 10:45 am to commemorate the men and women who have, and are fighting in wars. Our intermediate students will be going to the Newmarket Cemetery to participate in the Remembrance Day Service. It is important that we recognize the men and women who are presently serving today. We will observe the two minutes of silence to remember the men and women who have fought in wars. We will also be welcoming a war Veteran to visit some Intermediate classes. While we welcome the school community to attend our Remembrance Day Assembly, seating is limited.

Mr. Oabel and Ms. Wansbrough

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.

Chess Club is starting November 4th and will run every Wednesday at lunch recess. We welcome our instructor, Chessmaster, Tibi Andronache to our school.

Library News

Forest of Reading®: The Forest of Reading® program is coming soon to Stonehaven. It is Canada's largest recreational reading program! This initiative of the Ontario Library Association (OLA) will offer three reading programs this year Blue Spruce™ (Jk-2), Silver Birch®(gr 3-6), and Red Maple™(gr 7/8). These programs are designed to encourage a love of reading in people of all ages. The Forest® helps celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors and illustrators. We are thrilled to be a part of this wonderful reading program this year and we encourage all students to participate in it! The Forest of Reading® invites children and young adults to read and vote on their favourite nominated Canadian books. Our goal is to improve literacy while fostering the love of reading throughout our wonderful school. Thank you to our School Council for supporting this program.
**CROSS COUNTRY**

Cross-country Regional Championships were held at Bruce’s Mill, on October 15, 2015. We were lucky to enjoy sunny weather and the most colourful fall setting imaginable. Stonehaven sent 9 athletes to the event and they did very well. Our athletes competed against the very best from across the entire York region. We would like to congratulate them all on their wonderful courage, hard work and endurance! The participants were: Logan B., Jameson S., Paige O., Sydney S., Caroline R., Annie A., Jessica S., Britney L., and Owen J.

**VOLLEY BALL**

On October 27 after school, 2 championship teams came together to play some absolutely amazing volleyball. The girls on the intermediate volleyball team squared off to face the boys for the Stonehaven championship title for the 2015/16 season. It all came down to the final tie breaking third game, where the girls managed a 12 to 10 victory to dramatically finish the season.

Mr. Farr and Ms. Allen would like to thank all of the players involved, for their sportsmanship, athletic ability, teamwork, commitment, and willingness to improve.

**Terry Fox**

A very special thank you goes out to the Stonehaven community for their support regarding Our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk, which was held on October 5.
Message from School Council

On behalf of Stonehaven School Council, we welcome our new principal, Mr. Paul Oabel. We look forward to working with Mr. Oabel and VP Ms. Wansbrough, in addition to all school staff, to provide support for many school activities and events. We encourage all parents to attend the School Council meetings this school year. Meetings will be held in the school library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the following dates: Wednesday, November 4th; Monday, January 11th; Wednesday, March 9th and Tuesday, May 17th.

On October 6th, our students enjoyed concerts by Errol Lee, an award-winning singer, dancer, songwriter, children’s author and motivational speaker. He provided a powerful reminder to always be kind and to treat others with respect. We are hoping to bring Errol back to Stonehaven for an evening concert in November. Details are being finalized and we will keep you informed once a date has been set.

On October 30th, our students had fun at our annual Halloween Dance with a DJ in the school gym. Thank you to all parent volunteers who helped to make this event a huge success!

We are booked for another FUNdrasing/Family Reading Night at the Newmarket Chapters store on Monday, November 30th. Please note that this event will only go ahead with teachers’ participation, so we will keep you informed as labour negotiations progress.

We will have our ever-popular White Elephant Sale on Friday, December 11th. At the end of this month, please look for email reminders to bring in your donations of garage sale type of items for us to sell to students for $1 each. Volunteers will be needed to help with set-up, wrapping gifts and clean-up.

Starting this month, parent volunteers will be working with our Grade 1 students to sell milk and cookies for $1 each at Tuck Shop every Friday morning at snack recess time for students in grades 1 to 8. Please send cash with your child if they would like to buy cookies and/or milk.

Just a reminder…you can order online for hot lunches through www.healthyhunger.ca. We offer Made in Mexico lunches on Wednesdays and Il Bistro pizza and pasta on Fridays. Also, popcorn order forms can be found on our website or in the school office anytime.

We welcome parent volunteers! Please join us at School Council meetings, volunteer for lunch distribution and events, and keep communicating with us. We also welcome high school students who would like to complete volunteer hours by helping at events. Please contact Shameela at chair@stonehavencouncil.com and checkout our website at www.stonehavencouncil.com for more information. Thank you for your ongoing support of Stonehaven School Council initiatives. We strive to build even stronger school, family, and community partnerships in support of student learning and well-being.
LEARNING TO READ AND WRITE HAPPENS AT SCHOOLAND AT HOME
We encourage families to visit www.tvokids.com to help reinforce some of the skills your child is learning at school.

For our younger learners, they can click on Magic Mailbox ABC’s to hear different letter names to reinforce their knowledge of the alphabet. There is also Sign Match to learn to read environmental print around us. For learning to sequence a story, there is a game called Out of Order.

For the learners who are first learning to read and write, try Alphabet Goop to help match the beginning sounds in familiar words. In order to continue to build high frequency words, try Melvin’s Marvellous Words. (For these great games click on Ages 2-5)

As the learner is reading and writing, you may want to visit Word Hunt or Word Magic which helps with spelling familiar words. To reinforce the parts of speech, (nouns, verbs and adjectives) try Bump-a-Word or Big Escape. (For these great games click on ages 11 and under)

Finally, there is Tumbletown Reads Book Club which includes book reviews written by children for children. These reviews may spark an interest in your child and may lead them to check out some new books.

BUS SERVICE IN INCLEMENT WEATHER
Please see your child’s agenda for information about bus cancellations during inclement weather. Please remember that when the buses are cancelled in the morning due to stormy weather, they are cancelled for the day. Students who would normally be bussed, may be brought to school by their parents; however, parents must make their own arrangements to pick up their children at the end of the day.

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 make every effort to 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.

Newmarket Cares for Kids is a local non-profit organization. It provides programs, in a variety of activities, at no cost. Programs are available for children ages 3-18 whose parents would otherwise not be able to afford them.

Newmarket Cares for Kids is also a link to other support services that fund arts and recreational activities in Newmarket. In some cases, transportation through a local taxi company may be offered. Call (905) 716-1447 for more information.

BULLY AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK
The Government of Ontario has designated the third week of November as Bully Awareness and Prevention Week. During the week of November 16-20, 2015, teachers and parents are encouraged to specifically and intentionally address cyberbullying and the impact that it has on the academic and socio-emotional well being of our students.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

November
4   School Council 6:30pm
6   Vaccinations Gr 7’s and grade 8 girls
12  Picture Re-Takes
11  Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45am
16-20 Bully Awareness and Prevention Week
17  Lions Club Vision/Hearing Screening – SK”s
20  Crazy Hat/ Hair Day
27  PA Day-No School

December
3   Grade 8 Information Session at Newmarket High at 6:30pm

Stonehaven Snack/Lunch Programs
Monday - Made in Mexico
Tuesday and Thursday - Lunch Lady
Wednesday - Popcorn
Friday - Tuck Shop (Milk & Cookies $1 each) - Pizza/Pasta

****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.
PA Day and Holiday Programs

Fall + Winter 2015/16

Our programs will focus on getting you active but also allow for more relaxed activities and games to balance out the day. Activities will be run by dedicated staff in a fun and safe environment.

Each program will have access to the following facility amenities:

**Recreation Youth Centre & Sk8 Park**
- Sk8 Park
- Gym
- Lobby Games
- Lounge (TV/Video Games)

**Magna Centre**
- Swimming Pool
- Ice Skating Rinks
- Gym

$40 Per Day

Register online at newmarket.ca/register | Programs run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Extended care is available from 8 to 9 a.m. $5 per day | 4 to 5:30 p.m. $7 per day. Late pick up fees will apply ($1 per minute).

www.newmarket.ca/recreation