

THE STONEHAVEN STAR

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To All in the Stonehaven ES community,

Welcome back! Ms. Wansbrough and I are happy to welcome new and returning students and families to the Stonehaven ES community. Teachers and support staff are excited to be with your children and introduce respective curriculum in respective grades. We are excited to announce that we have some new staff members to the Stonehaven Elementary School: Ms. Sawatsky (FDK), Ms. Sita (FDK), Ms. Valerio (Gr 4/5), Ms. Collins (French), Ms. Buckle (DECE) Ms. Ballantyne (support staff), Ms. Miller (support staff) Ms, Pearson (support staff), Ms. Malaka (support staff), Ms. Porter-Baguley (caretaking) and Ms. Martinez (Brailist).

The activities both inside and outside the classroom are ramping up. In the coming weeks, activities such as Scientists in the School, Parent Tea and Chats, Volleyball, Terry Fox Run, Cross Country and trips to Sibbald's point make September a very busy month.

Please note that we are continuing to monitor numbers closely in all classes to ensure Ministry of Education compliance. If any changes are to be made to our school model, communication between the school and parents will be ensured throughout the process.

As always, we are here to ensure your child(ren) receive an education that addresses the mind, body and well-being respectively.

A Reminder that our first School Council meeting is on October 2nd at 6:30pm. Our first Tea and Chat is on October 4th at 9:00 am and the topic is Dynamic Schools. Our office is always open to address any questions or concerns.

P. Oabel
Principal

S. Wansbrough
Vice-Principal

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Please visit our website frequently for updates:

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

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NEWS FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new and returning Stonehaven ES families!

The role of School Council is to provide information and advice on school matters and to help strengthen the important relationships among school staff, parents/guardians, school community members and the greater Newmarket community. All members of the school community are encouraged to attend School Council meetings. By getting involved, you'll have an opportunity to be part of a team working to ensure a high quality of education for all of our students.

Stonehaven School Council will also continue to fundraise in order to support curriculum-based initiatives, technological needs, music programs, literacy programs, sports programs, grade 8 graduation, our in-school Angel Fund and community outreach programs. We are very proud of our 20-year history of accomplishments, contributions and community spirit!

Here are some important upcoming dates:

Friday, September 22nd

Wednesday, September 27th @ 5:30-7 PM

Monday, October 2nd @ 6:30-8 PM

Wednesday, October 4th

Tuesday, October 31st

Pizza/Pasta lunches start

Meet the Staff BBQ

School Council meeting in school library

Popcorn Wednesdays start

Fall Dance

Here are a few reminders:

pizza/pasta lunch program orders must be placed through www.HealthyHunger.ca

you can reach School Council through info@stonehavencouncil.com

checkout our School Council website at www.stonehavencouncil.com

Best wishes for a fantastic school year! Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with suggestions, offers of help and any questions regarding School Council events.

Mark your calendar,
Meet the Teacher
School BBQ
Wednesday, September 27th
5:30-7:00pm



Library News



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>

Scholastic book Fair is September 26-29th!

***Parent volunteers are needed to help in the Library. If you are available, please contact the school. Thank you!

Message from our Trustee Mr. Martin Van Beek

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families. This is an exciting time of year and I hope you are starting this new school year as trustees are - with optimism and a commitment to working together to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

An important part of that commitment is working together with staff members, families and communities to ensure our schools provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. This takes on increasing importance given recent local and global events. We take pride in the diversity of our communities and will continue striving to uphold the values of equity and inclusivity in our system.

Trustees have had a busy summer, welcoming our [new Human Rights Commissioner](#) and beginning the [process for selecting a new Director of Education](#) as we continue to move forward implementing the [Minister's Directions](#). An important part of the director selection process includes collecting input from students, staff, families and community members - input that will be used to shape the job description, interview questions and more. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts through the [survey](#) available in September. We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses. Our schools are stronger when we work in collaboration with families and communities. Partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving the goals we have for our students, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get engaged with the school and your child's learning this year.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

Medication

If your child needs to take medication during school hours, please obtain the necessary forms for the administration of medication, from the office. For legal and safety reasons, written permission is required for ALL medication, including

Inhalers, Benadryl, Advil and Tylenol.

We request that medication be kept in the office. Please ensure that the medication is brought directly to the office. We strongly advise that you do not send medication to school with younger students.

**Cross Country**

Cross Country will be starting soon! The Area meet will be held at the George Richardson Park in Newmarket on

October 11th.

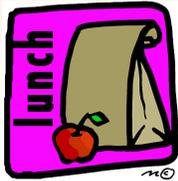
**Mark your Calendar**

Oct. 2nd- School Council @6:30pm

Oct. 4th- Tea and Chat @9:00am

Topic is Dynamic Schools

Oct. 13th— is Picture Day!



Our School Lunch Programs will be starting soon! More information will be sent out next week.

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, please do not park in the roadways.** 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.



Safe Arrival

Please remember to call the school at **(905) 898-2077** when your child is absent. The answering machine can be used to leave a message at any time. 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 that we are to call the Police.

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.

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 sanitizer, or deodorant please make sure it is **unscented**. Thank you for your consideration.

Donations for Kindergarten Please

The Kindergarten classes are looking for donations of Kinder size rain boots (size 10-3) and splash pants (sizes 4-8). If you have any rain gear (in good condition) that you would like to donate, please drop it off at the office. Please make sure the size is visible, or rewrite it in permanent marker. Do not dictate the items as boys or girls, as we explain to the children regularly, things do not have a gender, boys can wear pink, and girls love picking up worms! Thanks so much for your contributions; warm legs and dry feet!



Volunteers in at Stonehaven Elementary School

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.

Steps:

1. Ask the office for a volunteer letter from the school—you will need to show this during the application process.

2. 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.

3. Pay \$30 for a PVSC to volunteer.

4. Bring your PVSC to Stonehaven E.S. We will keep a photocopy on file (Original must be shown).

5. Sign a confidentiality agreement.

6. Each following school year, you will be required to sign an Annual Offence Declaration- available from the school office.

PVSC can also be done in person at the following location:

Richmond Hill Station
10720 Yonge St. (at Elgin Mills Rd.)
905 830-0303 Ext. 7655





Character Matters!

The Character Trait for September is Respect

We respect ourselves and treat others with courtesy, dignity, and positive regard. We honour the rights of others. We respect their belongings, the environment and the world around us.

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School Lunch Programs are Starting Soon.



Picture Day is Friday, October 13th

Tea and Chat with Mr. Oabel and Ms. Wansbrough is October 4th @ 9:00am

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5	6	7	8
11	12	13 Gr. 2 to Sibbald Point 	14 Gr. 2 to Sibbald Point 	15 Gr. 4 to Sibbald Point
18 Gr. 4 to Sibbald Point 	19	20	21	22 Pizza/Pasta Lunch
25 P.A. Day School is: 	26 Library Book Fair Sept. 26-29	27 Meet the Staff BBQ 5:30-7:00pm 	28 Terry Fox Walk/Run	29 Pizza/Pasta Lunch