

STONEHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

October 2020

“I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.” » L.M. Montgomery

How quickly time flies! We will soon be entering the third month of school and we hope that students, families and staff have settled in well to the new year.

On behalf of School Council, we would like to commend YOU (staff, students and families) for your exemplary efforts as we transitioned to a new way of schooling. Whether studying in person or virtually, it was an adjustment and we are proud of how well everyone embraced the situation.

As the crisp autumn air blows in and a painter's pallet of colour floats to the ground, this is also a time of transition for School Council as we say farewell to last year's members and extend a warm welcome to this year's members.

Our first virtual meeting of the year was held on October 1, 2020. With more council candidates than positions to fill, we held our first ever online election during the meeting. We thank all of the candidates who applied and wish to congratulate the following members.

IN THIS ISSUE

Welcome Message

Upcoming Fundraisers and Events
- Mabel's Labels
- Chapter's Gift Cards

Volunteer Opportunities

A "Snap Shot" of the Year Ahead

2020-2021 School Council Members

Cathy Miles (Chair), Jennifer Strong (Secretary), Shameela Hoosen-Shakeel (Treasurer), Melissa Boulet (Staff Rep), Karin Larkan-Hill, Evelyn Morgan, Rafaela Abraham, Jennifer Ley, Cindy Persaud, Kara Bilo, Catherine Cao, Alex Li, Lindsay McLeod, Peter Wright, Julia Beykun, Julie Brenner-King, Cynthia Yang



MABEL'S LABELS

ON-GOING (OPEN NOW)

Thank you to our parent volunteers, Lorna Coulter and Michelle DeBoer, for running our Mabel's Labels fundraising campaign.

Help keep your child's belongings out of the "Lost and Found" and help stop the spread of germs by labelling all of their gear!

Visit [Mabel's Labels](#) and enter Stonehaven Elementary School in the "support a fundraiser" box and School Council will receive 20% of your order to use towards school initiatives.



INDIGO GIFT CARDS

ON-GOING (OPEN NOW)

Do you like to read? So do we! That's why we are excited to launch our online Indigo fundraiser!

Every purchase you make through our fundraising page will help benefit Stonehaven students!

Twenty per cent from Indigo e-gift cards and up to 5% from online purchases will be donated back to our school.

Gift cards are delivered instantly to your email and are available in various denominations. Products purchased through the online store are delivered to your home.

E-cards are excellent teacher's gifts, birthday gifts, thank you gifts and nice gifts for yourself, too!

Visit our [fundraising site](#) for more information.



VOLUNTEERING WITH SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council strives to enhance the academic experiences for all students at Stonehaven Elementary School.

The Council functions as a bridge – connecting parents, staff and students – in an effort to promote collaboration while celebrating diversity.

You can help by:

- joining a committee and sharing your ideas
- participating in events
- attending meetings
- lending a hand as a volunteer

JOINING A SUB-COMMITTEE

School Council has three active sub-committees with space for a few more volunteers on those committees.

If you are the type of person who likes to meet new people, share ideas and help bring them to life, then this might be a good fit for you.

INCLUSIVITY SUB-COMMITTEE

- plans events and activities that increase community involvement and help students/families/staff understand how valuable they are to our school

FUNDRAISING SUB-COMMITTEE

- plans School Council fundraising initiatives

VOLUNTEER SUB-COMMITTEE

- recruits, retains and shows appreciation for our volunteers

Please send an email to stonehaven.es@sc.yrdsb.ca for more information about these roles.



SNAP SHOTS FROM SCHOOL

Whether you are learning at home or learning in school, School Council would like to share your learning story with the school community!

Parents and teachers, please send pictures of your daily learning activities to stonehaven.es@sc.yrdsb.ca and we will select a few to include in our newsletter.

Student **photo release forms** must be signed at the office for your child to participate.



HOW TO CONTACT SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council would like to hear from you. If you have ideas for future activities or questions about current initiatives, you may reach me at stonehaven.es@sc.yrdsb.ca

You may also visit our [webpage](#) for additional resources, information and updates from council.

Please note that additions to the meeting agenda must be received two weeks prior to the council meeting date.

Kindest regards,
Cathy Miles (*Chair, on behalf of Stonehaven School Council*)