

January 2021

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“One kind word can warm three winter months” ~ Japanese Proverb

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We hope that you and your family had an enjoyable winter break and are transitioning well into the new year.

As students returned to their studies, our in-person classrooms shifted to an online platform. During this time, we saw teachers quickly work through challenges with poise, compassion and positivity; we saw students embrace the new medium with perseverance and commitment; we saw a seamless rollout of technology to those in need; and we saw parents support their children while balancing other commitments. It might not have been easy, but these efforts are worthwhile. Thanks for supporting the children so they can learn.

As social distancing measures continue to be in place, School Council is planning safe activities for your family during the pandemic. The "Snowman Building Contest" is on right now, and at the end of the month we will host a virtual movie night. The following month will be our virtual storytelling and Read-A-Thon.

Please remember to share this month's jokes, titled "Snowman Sillies," with your children. They just might get a good chuckle. If you have jokes, please send them to School Council for next month's newsletter.

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## SNOWMAN SILLIES

Q: Where does a snowman keep his money?  
A: In a snow bank

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?  
A: Frosted Flakes

Q: What do you call a snowman in the summer?  
A: A puddle

Q: What is a snowman's favourite drink?  
A: Iced tea



Join Stonehaven School Council in a  
**Snowman Building Contest**

*Calling all families with children young and old,  
to put on their gear and head into the cold.*

*When the snow is just right, you're encouraged to build,  
a snowman that showcases your talented skills.*

*I wonder how yours will look when it's done,  
but remember the most important thing is to have FUN!*

*Whatever you build, we would like to see,  
so we can share it with the Stonehaven ES community.*

*Together we'll vote on your creations,  
awarding each one a special designation!*



Send photos of your creations to [stonehaven.es@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:stonehaven.es@sc.yrdsb.ca)

The last day to submit an entry is **February 5, 2021**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

Keep an eye on your email inbox for more information about these upcoming events from School Council.



### END OF JANUARY

Join us for a family-friendly movie night from the comfort of your own home!

Using Netflix teleparty app, you'll get to watch the same movie, at the same time, as your friends from school.

You will need a Netflix account to participate in this event. For families who do not subscribe to this service, Netflix offers a free, one-month trial program which would allow you to participate in this event.

Full details about the date, time, movie and app requirements will be shared closer to the event date. Pre-registration with the school will be required for this event.



### FEBRUARY

School Council is excited to partner with our Stonehaven teachers and students in a school-wide Read-A-thon!

This engaging fundraising event involves books, prizes and a virtual storytelling program with some very special readers!

Students will have their own Read-A-Thon sponsorship page where they can track their reading and share their successes with family and friends.

Full details about the start date, sponsorship opportunities, login details and VIRTUAL STORYTELLING NIGHT will be shared via email next month.



Parents for Children's  
Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

During these challenging times, parents may be looking for additional support and direction to help their child with anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders or behavioral challenges.

The York Region chapter of Parents for Children's Mental Health (PCMH) offers free, virtual seminars the third Monday of every month. This month's topic is "Mental Health during Covid-19."

For more information about this resource, or to attend the seminar, please view their promotional flyer [HERE](#).

Next PCMH virtual seminar...

Date: Monday, January 18, 2021  
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Place: Virtual (see flyer link)  
Topic: Mental Health during Covid-19



## HOW TO CONTACT SCHOOL COUNCIL

Do you have a joke to share for our newsletter, a great picture of your child studying, an idea for a future event or questions about our activities? School Council would like to hear from you!

Please direct your questions, ideas and submissions to the School Council email account which is: [stonehaven.es@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto: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. Meeting dates are on our council [website](#).

Kindest regards,  
Cathy Miles  
Chair, on behalf of School Council