

STONEHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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"Life is like a mirror. Smile at it and it smiles back"

~Peace Pilgrim ~

The leaves have fallen from the trees and so, too, has snow from the sky. As the colder season approaches, our School Council subcommittee volunteers have been creatively brainstorming an exciting calendar of events for your children this coming year.

Each month School Council will announce a new theme, along with virtual activities and events that you may participate in as a family. The events will be FREE to everyone in our school community. Many months, we will also run a fundraiser that relates to the theme. Participation in fundraisers and activities is optional.

This month's theme is KINDNESS and we are encouraging students to do good deeds to help spread joy to others. We are also running a technology fundraiser drive in hopes of purchasing technology for our school. You will find more details about these campaigns on pages 2 and 3.

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Ms. Prentice and her students for planning four very fun spirit days for our school! The first spirit day is Friday, November 27th and the theme is "Crazy Hair and Hat Day!" Feel free to send School Council pictures of your children's crazy creations for next month's newsletter. Remember to mark your calendar with these other important dates and themes.

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SPIRIT DAYS

Friday, November 27, 2020

Crazy Hair/Hat Day

Friday, December 4, 2020

Jersey Day

Friday, December 11, 2020

Tie-Dye Day

Friday, December 18, 2020

Pyjama Day

(No stuffed animals please)

Random Acts of Kindness

*Join the movement. Be kind.
Share joy. Spread love.*

Did you know that kindness promotes gratitude, empathy and compassion? It is an easy way to bring joy to both others and ourselves.

When we do something kind for someone, it releases good chemicals in our body like oxytocin and dopamine which make us feel happy.

This month we are encouraging students to do good deeds for others and then share their stories for a chance to WIN an Indigo gift card!

What is a good deed?

A good deed is any random act or gesture that will help bring joy, happiness and good will to another person.

Who can participate?

EVERYONE! Whether you are studying at home or in-school, there are plenty of opportunities to do something kind for your family and friends.

We can't wait to hear your stories!



How to Participate?

**Earning a ballot for the Indigo gift card draw is easy as
1, 2, 3!**

1. Do a good deed
2. Submit your story online using this form (bit.ly/SESKindness)
3. Wait until early December to find out if you won!

You may submit an entry every time you do a new random act of kindness so start spreading the joy today!

The last day to submit your entries is December 1, 2020.

Good luck!

Enter to win an Indigo gift card at bit.ly/SESKindness

Technology Fund Drive

With your help, School Council was able to raise over \$14,000 last year, with \$5,000 going towards the purchase of technology for our school.

When the world changed this past March and students started studying from home, our school was able to provide 112 computers to students to facilitate remote learning, and that was in part because of your help. Thank you!

Technology is an essential part of today's life and we believe it is important to teach kids to use it correctly and responsibly. Today's technology provides many opportunities for students to be more creative and engaged in learning at school.

With our computers being shared between our virtual and in-school students, we have a shortage of devices in the classrooms so we are trying to raise \$2,500 for technology purchases by the end of this school year, including \$500 by the end of December.

Donations can be made through the School Cash online. Options include \$2, \$5, \$10, \$25 and \$50.



STONEHAVEN SCHOOL COUNCIL
TECHNOLOGY FUND DRIVE

**TECHNOLOGY HELPS OUR
CHILDREN LEARN.**

**LET'S HELP GIVE THEM THE
TOOLS THEY NEED.**

OUR GOAL...

\$500 by the end of December
\$2,500 by the end of the year



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THIS CAUSE,
PLEASE VISIT SCHOOL CASH ONLINE
TO MAKE A DONATION

To support this cause, visit: <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

SAVE THE DATE

School Council is pleased to announce that chef, TV personality and successful food blogger, Mary Tang, will do a live, interactive virtual cooking demonstration for our school community on December 11, 2020.

When: Friday, December 11, 2020, evening
What: Interactive Asian cuisine cooking class
Where: Online

Pre-registration is required for you to participate so watch for an email about this event in early December.



X MOVEMENT CLASSROOM

Thank you to School Council for the recent purchase of a one-year subscription to X Movement Classroom for both in-class and home access for our students and staff.

X Movement Classroom is an online health and wellness platform that uses short videos to promote and support learning in growth mindset, diversity and inclusion, self-regulation and conflict resolution.

Instructions on how to login will be sent to teachers and parents via email.

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

Thank you for your support and participation with our events and activities.

We hope that your children are enjoying their academic journey, and that we are able to provide some additional happy memories for them along the way.

Our next virtual council meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2020. If you would like to attend, please send an email to the office before December 1, 2020.



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