



# Stoneybrook Public School

## October 2018 Newsletter

### **A note from the Office...**

It has been an exciting and busy start up to our new school year. Staff and students all look forward to the sensational year to come. Our Meet the Teacher event was a HUGE success. We had approximately 475 individuals attend our delicious catered meal by Clarke Road S.S. It was great to see so many families out for this evening and we are very grateful to School Council for supplementing the cost of the meal so that we could make this such a successful community event.

Our grade 7/8 classes spent the day at Spencer Lodge building class cohesiveness through teambuilding activities and leadership initiatives. In order to compliment the development of these skills the Spirit Squad has started to meet and plan initiatives that will bring us together as a school community. We look forward to seeing what they have planned beginning with the kickoff assembly in a few weeks!

As always, we are fortunate to have many different teams and clubs being supervised by our amazing staff. We have already celebrated our soccer season, thank you to Mr. Boughner and Mrs. Brosnan for making this happen in a very quick time frame. Our cross country season is up and running. A team of 90 students attended Gibbons Park this week for the Regional Meet. All students gave their best and demonstrated a very positive Stoneybrook attitude! Thank you to Mrs. Brosnan, Mrs. Muir, Mrs. Ottaway, Mrs. Mathias, Mrs. Allegretti and Mr. Eastman for their dedication to this large team. Thank you to the staff that have been organizing drop in volleyball sessions to work on skill development, prior to the season beginning. Our primary students have had the opportunity to participate in kickball that has been organized and run by Mrs. Ledingham and Mr. Rochford during lunch hours. As well, our Grade 7/8 band has begun practices and our Jr./Int. choir is getting ready to warm up their singing voices. We look forward to both of these debuting at the Remembrance Day Service.

As a reminder to students and parents, the playground area is closed before school as there is no staff supervision in that area. For the safety of everyone we have asked that students not be playing games like catch or wall ball on the tarmac before school. We have also asked students to walk their skateboards, scooters, rollerblades, and bicycles on the yard. Parents that are driving please remember that you cannot park in the kiss and ride zone, this is a drop off zone only for the safety of all our students.

Each year we are required to have 6 fire drills, a lock down drill and high wind drill. As a school, it is important for us to practice these procedures so that in the case of an emergency our students and staff are kept as safe as possible.

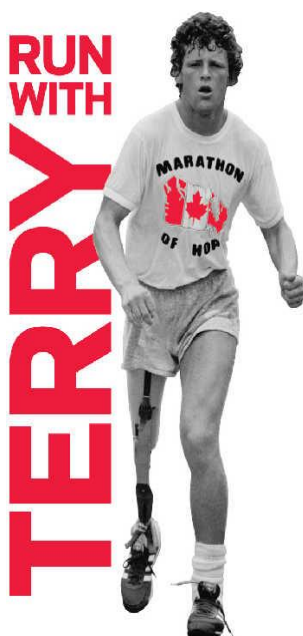
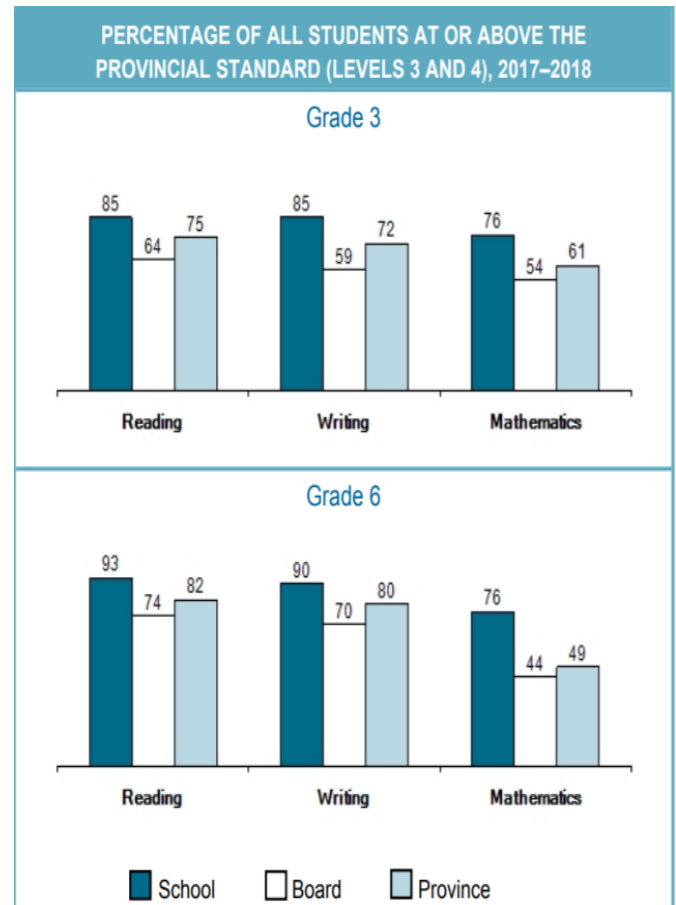
As we approach this long weekend we hope you all can take time to give thanks for something in your lives, Happy Thanksgiving.

# EQAO 2017/2018

Each spring students across Ontario participate in EQAO. We have received our school results from this past spring and will be sending home individual student results this week.

As a school we will look at factors that have influenced these results and continue to build on our strengths while addressing ways we can improve our results on next year's assessments. We will continue to focus on improving achievement in mathematics for all of our students. Mathematics will be the main focus of our school goal as well as our PD Day work and professional learning sessions throughout the year. We will continue to do this through our 2018/2019 school goal where **students and educators will develop a deeper understanding of number relationships within additive and multiplicative reasoning.**

As in past years, the public can access all Ontario school results at the EQAO website [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).



In September 18<sup>th</sup> we had our kickoff assembly for Terry Fox. We were very fortunate to have a representative from the Terry Fox Foundation come and speak to our school. Not only did she share some very interesting information about Terry, but she showed such enthusiasm and dedication to preserving Terry's memory and legacy.

On Friday, Oct. 5 we will hold our school Terry Fox run. Our goal is to raise \$3500 to donate to Cancer research.

The Terry Fox Foundation has a great reputation with 82 cents of every dollar going directly to cancer research. Help us reach our goal by donating at <http://www.terryfox.ca/StoneybrookPSLondon>

# School Council Update

**Our new council executive for 2018/2019**

**Michelle Bacon - Chair**

**Ranulf Glanville – Treasurer**

**Alex Ward - Secretary**

**Nada Matsumara and Joe Zhou – Communications**

Thank you to those of you that came to the first meeting and indicated your intent to be a part of the council for this year, a reminder that anyone can come to a meeting and we welcome new participants our next meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7-8:30.

Thank you to all the families who came and participated in our Meet the Teacher Night Dinner. Clarke Road Culinary School did a terrific job and the council was happy to sponsor this as a community event. Parent Council paid the balance of the dinner fees and hope to do something similar next year.

If you haven't had a chance to order **hot lunch** on Tuesdays, log into [stoneybrook.hotlunches.net](http://stoneybrook.hotlunches.net) and the password is on the home page #1sharks. In addition to being a convenience for families, this is a fund raiser to support the parent council initiatives. The QSP magazine orders are available online at [qsp.ca](http://qsp.ca). The school code is: 3710159. Any magazines that you order or renew online will give a percentage back to the school.



**Movie Night is back and we are looking forward to using the new sound system in the gym. Keep your eyes open for more information to come for October 25th.**

## Scare Away Hunger

In keeping with our Stoneybrook giving tradition the Spirit Squad will be collecting non-perishable food items for the London Food Bank. The campaign will run from Oct. 15-25. Thank you for your support.

Together we can make a difference and “scare away hunger.”

## October is International Walk to School Month

Join students and families across Canada to celebrate International Walk to School Month in October.

Walk to school and support:

- Improved health related to physical activity
- Improved air quality due to fewer cars on the road
- Safer streets with less traffic near school zones.

Walk or Wheel to School

#walktoschool@CanadaWalks

[www.saferoutestoschool.ca](http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca)

***Wednesday, Oct. 10 will be our Walk to School  
Wednesday here at Stoneybrook.***



#Walk2School

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Fresh from the Farm, Healthy Fundraising for Ontario Schools is the only school fundraiser, eligible to over 4000, publicly-funded schools. Fruit and vegetable products are supplied by growers throughout various regions of Ontario. Whenever possible, produce is sourced from growers in each region. Since 2013, almost 300 Ontario schools have successfully piloted Fresh from the Farm. In total, they collectively distributed almost 744,000 lbs. of fresh, Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables to Ontario families. Fresh from the Farm is a collaborative initiative between the Ontario Ministry of Education, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association, and Dietitians of Canada.

***STONEYBROOK will be offering this healthy initiative again this year, we use the funds raised to help supply our healthy snack program! Order forms are due back by Oct. 10. The delivery date will be in early November and families will be contacted with a pick up time.***

**Two 'Bundles' of Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables are offered for sale:**

priced at \$14, **Bundle A** - 3 lb. Carrots, 3 lb. Onions, 5 lb. Potatoes, and 3 lb. Sweet Potatoes; priced at \$15, **Bundle B** - 8 lb. box of Apples.

## Important Dates to Remember:

Oct. 8 Thanksgiving Monday

Oct. 10 – Walk to School Day, School Council Meeting 7-8:30

Oct. 15-25 – Scare Away Hunger Campaign

Oct. 17 – Kindergarten trip

Oct. 18 – Grade 5 Trip

Oct. 19 – Hometown Hockey Assembly

Oct. 23 – Grade 1 Trip

Oct. 22 – Election

Oct. 25 – Photo Retakes, Grade 4 Can Bike, Grade 1 trip

Oct. 25 – Primary Movie Night

Oct. 26 – PD Day

Oct. 31 – Orange and Black Day

## Home Connections in Mathematics

### Productive Struggle in Mathematics

We, as parents, want our children to succeed in school. We feel uncomfortable when our children struggle and often want to make the work easier to help them (and us) escape the discomfort.



While helping and making challenging material easier for our children may feel like the right thing to do, research shows us how being *less helpful* is more supportive of learning – permanent change in understanding. **Learning is greatest when children are given challenging tasks requiring thinking and reasoning. This active thinking is where sense-making, deep understanding, and self-confidence grows.**

**Productive struggle** in mathematics is the sweet spot we all experience when we have just enough support and prior knowledge to engage with a challenging problem. There is no learning without struggle. Doing the thinking for a child by explaining what must be done or providing a formula ensures there is zero thinking and, thus, no learning.

There are two important aspects to this idea:

- 1) *Productive*: children need support in the form of math tools (like coins or counters) and gentle guidance. E.g., “I wonder if a picture might help you understand this problem?”
- 2) *Struggle*: the task can't be immediately obvious to the child

If a supported child struggles to the point of nearing frustration, it is appropriate to change the task to avoid unnecessary upset.

### Messages our children need to hear:

- “I would love to help you with your homework. Before I do, I'm really interested in how you thought about this problem.”
- “Problem solving is *what we do* when we don't know what to do!”
- “You worked really hard on that problem to find a solution. That is impressive.”
- “How does it feel to know that you wrestled with that tough problem and figured it out?”
- “I'm glad you made that mistake. Your brain grew at that moment. When you realized you had made a mistake, your brain grew even more!”
- “Doing mathematics is about being challenged. This is hard. This is fun!”

### Links to Support You at Home



- <https://www.youcubed.org/>
- <https://www.mathplayground.com/thinking-blocks.html>
- <https://solveme.edc.org/mobiles/>
- <https://mathies.ca/>

So, let's value and celebrate the struggle our children experience and forget the “*that was easy*” button.