



# Stoneybrook Public School

## Welcome Back Newsletter

Welcome to a new school year! We are excited to welcome all our returning students back as well as all our new students and staff who have come to an amazing school community! The school looks fantastic, thanks to Mr. Smith and Mr. Lawton who have worked hard to get the school ready over the summer.

As a school, we strive to ensure that each child is getting what they need in order to be successful in their learning. We have worked very hard over the past few years to increase our pedagogical knowledge and practice as a staff and will continue to do so to meet the needs of our 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. Our school goal this year has been refined and will dive deeper into the practices we have seen to benefit our students. *“Students and educators will develop a deeper understanding of number relationships within additive and multiplicative reasoning.”*

Communication between home and school is vital. We will do our best to provide you information in a timely manner, and work to ensure it is thorough. Each month, we will create a school newsletter which will include information for the upcoming month, events, and key dates. This newsletter will be sent out in the **new** E-NEWS (which is now ready to access). It will also be posted to our school website under “Newsletters”. As mentioned, we have a new website this year, so check us out and be sure to sign up to receive important information! Please “bookmark” our website, and check it regularly as there is useful information posted there.

In addition to any information the teachers may send home this week you can expect to see a school calendar, a planner for students in Grade 1-8 (a cost of \$5), on-going curricular & co-instructional field trip form, an interschool athletic participation form (grade 3-8), as well as information regarding school council. If you are interested in purchasing student insurance you can log on to [kidsplus.ca/resources](http://kidsplus.ca/resources). As a parent you will still need to log on to the parent portal and complete the necessary student information, including the new portion that focuses on medical needs. **It is essential that you access the portal as soon as possible to ensure all information is up to date.**

Last week we had approximately 30 new registrations. Please remember that the current school organization is based on our enrolment from May 2018. September is always a time of adjustment and I thank you in advance if we need to make some class changes these first few weeks in order to meet Ministry requirements. We will be sure to keep you informed. We already have had one of our new portables arrive and are still waiting patiently for the other one which will be here this Fall.

Please remember that you need to report any student absences through the School Messenger either by downloading the app or calling 1-844-305-3756.

Finally, as we begin a new school year I would like to remind you that we are all working to keep our children safe. Please remember that the area around the school gets very busy before and after school. The parking lot is for staff only; if you choose to drive your child to school you will need to park on one of the neighboring streets. The “Kiss and Ride” area is located at the back of the bus zone and is intended to be used to pull up and let your child hop out. Please be aware it is not a parking area. It is safer if you have your child sit on the passenger side of the car and get out on that side. Finally, we have worked very hard with the Active and Safe Routes to School project to implement the Pedestrian Crossover. Please ensure that when your child is crossing Stoneybrook Crescent that they are utilizing this and that they are following the safety precautions which can be viewed here (for pedestrians and drivers) <http://activesaferoutes.ca/resources/pedestrian-crossovers/#Videos>.

We are looking forward to another very successful year.

Ms. Curran & Mrs. Sweeney

## 2018/2019 Stoneybrook Staff

Staff	Assignments
Ms. Plahe/ Mrs. Hall	<i>Kindergarten</i>
Mrs. Mace/Ms. Paisley	<i>Kindergarten</i>
Ms. Allegretti/ Ms. Madzela	<i>Kindergarten</i>
Ms. Faulkner/ Ms. Thomas	<i>Kindergarten</i>
Mr. Rochford	<i>Grade 1</i>
Mrs. Havaris	<i>Grade 1</i>
Ms. Alward	<i>Grade 1/2</i>
Mrs. Ottaway	<i>Grade 2</i>
Mr. Eastman	<i>Grade 2</i>
Ms. Morgan	<i>Grade 2</i>
Mrs. Ledingham	<i>Grade 3</i>
Mrs. Moore/Mr. Gayle	<i>Grade 3</i>
Mrs. Oliver	<i>Grade 3</i>
Mrs. Griffith	<i>Grade 4</i>
Mrs. Johnson	<i>Grade 4</i>
Mrs. Stacy	<i>Grade 5</i>
Mrs. Colquhoun	<i>Grade 5</i>
Mr. Kozachuk	<i>Grade 5/6</i>
Mrs. Friday	<i>Grade 6</i>
Mrs. Nolan	<i>Grade 6</i>
Ms. Skelton	<i>Grade 7/8</i>
Mrs. Brosnan	<i>Grade 7/8</i>
Mr. Boughner	<i>Grade 7/8 &amp; Guidance</i>
Mrs. Simpson	<i>7/8 (.1) and Prep</i>
Ms. Bak	<i>Kindergarten Specialist &amp; LST</i>
Mrs. Muir	<i>Phys-Ed</i>
Mr. Mazi	<i>Music</i>
Ms. Mote	<i>French &amp; Prep</i>
Mrs. Lewis	<i>Teacher Librarian &amp; Prep</i>
Mrs. Mathais	<i>LST</i>
Mrs. Brummell/Ms. Efstratidakis	<i>ESL</i>
<b><i>Educational Assistant Team:</i></b> Ms. Parker, Ms. Renaud, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Craig, Ms. Mather, Mrs. Wiredu	
<b><i>Custodial Team:</i></b> Mr. Smith, Mr. Lawton	
<b><i>Administrative Assistant Team:</i></b> Mrs. Panhius, Mrs. Vanderveken	
Mrs. Sweeney	<i>Vice Principal &amp; Prep Teacher</i>
Ms. Curran	<i>Principal</i>

# Keeping All Our Students Safe – Medical Needs

It is the TVDSB policy to provide a safe environment for children who are susceptible to anaphylactic reactions, but it is not possible to reduce the risk to zero. There are, however, many things that the school community can do to help provide an environment that is as safe as is reasonably possible.

When preparing lunches and snacks, or bringing food into the school for special occasions, we would ask that parents follow the following guidelines to help us make Stoneybrook a safer place for our students with life threatening allergies.

**There are an increasing number of nut-safe selections being offer by suppliers in grocery stores. Please read the ingredients list of any store-bought product for references to any nuts and even if nuts are not on the ingredients list, please avoid any products than contain warnings such as “may contain nuts” or “may contain trace amounts of nuts”.**

If parents want to bring something in for a special occasion **we strongly encourage** non-food items for special celebrations (i.e. birthdays) such as pencils, erasers, and stickers.

For parents that would like to bring in food items (homemade or store bought), an ingredient list must be sent as well and you must discuss this with your child’s teacher **prior to bringing the item in**. We do have students at Stoneybrook with life threatening allergies to many different food items such as dairy and nuts, please help us keep all these students safe.

## **Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical / Health Conditions in Schools**

To ensure children with **potentially life-threatening medical conditions** remain safe while attending school, TVDSB requests Parents/Guardians update the necessary medical information on the Parent Portal so that an Individual Plan of Care (IPOC) for the student can be reviewed by the school’s administration. Medical conditions considered potentially life-threatening may include:

1. Asthma
2. Anaphylaxis
3. Epilepsy
4. Type 1 Diabetes
5. Any other potentially life-threatening condition that could result in a medical incident\* (discuss with your school administrator)

Parents/Guardians can provide important information about their child's life-threatening or prevalent medical condition by logging into the TVDSB Parent Portal and clicking on the following tab: **Student Medical Information**. Once an Individual Plan of Care is submitted, the school administrator will then review the information. Parents/Guardians may be contacted for further information, if required.

Parents/Guardians who cannot access the Parent Portal on the Internet should contact the school office. Please note that Parents/Guardians are expected to be active participants in supporting the management of the student’s prevalent medical condition(s) while the student is in school. **It is the responsibility of Parents/Guardians to inform the school of such conditions to ensure the student's safety at school.**

*\*A medical incident is a circumstance that requires an immediate response and monitoring, since the incident may progress to an emergency requiring contact with Emergency Medical Services – 911.*

# Student Concussion Policy

In response to Ministry of Education requirements and in support of our existing school safety procedures, schools are required to follow certain steps whenever a student suffers a concussion or whenever a concussion is suspected. Parents can access Concussion Policies and Procedures through the board website or by contacting the school and requesting a copy. As with any potential injury, our first goal is prevention; concussion awareness and prevention is part of ongoing professional training for staff and is integrated into students' Health and Physical Education curriculum. Since concussions can affect a student's ability to learn or to participate in activities, schools will work with parents and medical contacts to assist any student who has suffered a concussion. If an injury occurs on a weekend or after school, parents are asked to inform the school so that appropriate accommodations and support can be provided. Questions can be directed to the school principal.

## Bus Transportation

Approximately a quarter of our school population take the bus daily to school. Parents are reminded to supervise students carefully near the bus stop and road, for safety reasons, and that an adult is expected to meet Kindergarten children as they get dropped off at the end of the day. Students are to follow posted bus rules, respect the bus drivers' instructions, and behave in accordance with the Stoneybrook Code of Conduct at all times. Bus transportation is a privilege, and these privileges can be suspended for serious and ongoing inappropriate behaviour. In the case of inclement weather, please check for delays and cancellations at [www.mybigyellowbus.ca](http://www.mybigyellowbus.ca). Additional info will be coming home regarding changes to the procedures for bus delays and cancellations. Please watch for this.

### **BusPlanner Delays App: Push Notifications for School Vehicle Delays and Cancellations (From Southwestern Ontario Transportation Services)**

The BusPlanner Delays app is available for both iPhone and Android devices and is free.

Instructions for Students/Parents/Guardians:

1. Download the free app to your device.
2. When asked for an access code, enter MBYB.
3. Select "For My Child's Transportation".
4. Select the school(s) from the list.
5. Select the bus run numbers (AVAILABLE IN THE PARENT PORTAL) – make sure you add both AM and PM bus run numbers, especially if your student has different bus assignments in the morning and afternoon.

[http://bit.ly/BusPlannerDelays\\_Android](http://bit.ly/BusPlannerDelays_Android)

[https://bit.ly/BusPlannerDelays\\_Apple](https://bit.ly/BusPlannerDelays_Apple)

# School Council Information

**It takes a village to raise a child and we are lucky to have so many working together to raise ours!**

## September Meeting Date

**Wednesday, September 12 7-8:30**

Information was sent home today with students regarding School Council and the process surrounding the selection of members. Please pay attention to the dates that are included in regards to deadlines for nominations.

Hot lunch will begin on September 18th. As always, families will have to re-register on the SPSC HUB. Registration will begin September 7th. [www.stoneybrook.hotlunches.net](http://www.stoneybrook.hotlunches.net). Follow the instructions on the homepage to register.

### THANK YOU!!

*The final numbers are in from Family Fun Night that was held at the end of June. Great news, it was a resounding success. After including a very generous financial contribution from Scotiabank of \$4009, the event generated revenue of \$9375.*

*Once deducting expenses of \$2085, the profit from Stoneybrook Parent School Council's primary fundraiser for the year was approximately \$7290.*

*This money will be invested in the school in the year ahead for the benefit of staff, students and the broader community, based on priorities to be established at upcoming parent council meetings.*

*In the past, money raised by parent council has provided the school with playground equipment, books and technology for the classroom.*

*Thank you so much for your generous support of Family Fun Night!*

**Meet The Teacher will be held on Tuesday, September 25 from 5-6:30 pm.** This year we will be trying something different in regards to the food option. We are having the meal catered and you will ONLY be able to participate if you have pre-ordered. The cost per family will be \$10 and School Council will be subsidizing the remaining cost as a thank you for all your support. We will be collecting donations for "Toonie Jars" as is the Stoneybrook tradition. More information will come home shortly!

## ***Interesting in Volunteering?***

We always appreciate volunteers! As a reminder prior to volunteering in the school or on a trip we do need to have a current police check on record in the office. You are now able to complete the police check online through the London Police website. Many parents have already completed this and will only have to complete the annual offence declaration again.

## ***SWIS – Settlement Worker In School***

Are you newcomer to Canada? Do you need assistance to settle into your school and community? Then our Settlement Worker in School (SWIS), Ani Malhami, can support you with school registration and orientation to the Education in Canada, link you to resources and services within the school and the community, and free/paid training programs, connect you to fun and affordable recreational programs and funding opportunities, help you find volunteer/paid positions and free volunteer tutors who can support your children with learning English/French and their assignments among many other services. Please drop by room 111 on Mondays and Tuesdays for any type of settlement support. You can also reach her by phone at 519-282-4317 and/or email her at [amalhami@lcclc.org](mailto:amalhami@lcclc.org)

## **School Hours**

**9:00am Entry**

**10:10-10:25am Recess**

**11:45-12:45 Lunch**

**2:05-2:20pm Recess**

**3:30pm Dismissal**

## **Important Dates at Stoneybrook**

**Sept. 4 – School Starts**

**Sept. 10 – School Council Nominations Due**

**Sept. 12 – School Council 7-8:30pm**

**Sept. 25 – Meet the Teacher**

**Sept. 27 – Picture Day**

**Sept. 28 – PA Day**