

Stonepark Intermediate School

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Kudos To You

-Team PEI received first place in the Maritime Scholastic Chess tournament that was held recently. **Ibrahim AbouAssali, 7B**, qualified to be part of the team and he is one of the 6 players who represented grade 7-9 in PEI. Well done, Ibrahim!



-**Amy Hennessey, 7C**, competed this weekend in the Christmas Claus 2018 gymnastics competition in Fredericton, NB. She placed 2nd on beam, 8th on uneven bars, and 5th overall in level 6 novice. Congratulations, Amy, on your strong performance!

Happenings at Stonepark

Yearbook: The yearbook committee is busy working to capture all of Stonepark's special events and memories. If you are interested in pre-purchasing your copy of the 2018-2019 yearbook, you can use the link on the school website (in the header at the top of the page), or you may see Mrs. Gallant, upstairs in grade 7. As well, yearbooks will be on sale in the lobby during lunch hour (12:05-12:35) on **Thursday Dec. 6th**. The cost of the yearbook is **\$35 or \$40**, if you want a personalized copy with your name embossed on the front cover. There will only be **200 copies** of the yearbook printed. Be sure to order yours early!

After School Math Tutoring Program: Once again this year, Stonepark is partnering with former students who are coming back to the school to provide math tutoring to our students. This peer to peer program has proven to be very

popular, and beneficial, for students who struggle with math. This support is open to students in all grade levels and happens every **Thursday from 3:30 - 5:00 in the library**. There is no pre-registration required.

Basketball teams have all been selected for the coming season, which tipped off this past week. You can follow the schedules of all of our sports teams at: <http://www.peisaa.pe.ca/schedule/all>

Student Social / Dance: The leadership students have been busy planning our **first student social of the year**, which will be held on **Tuesday, December 11th** from 7:00-9:00 pm! DJ services will be provided by Mr. Trainor and Music Express! Along with the dance, there will be other activities including karaoke in the music room, a photo booth and MORE! There will also be festive treats available for purchase! The cost to get into the dance is only \$5 and tickets to the extra activities are 25 cents each. Some activities require two tickets. Looking forward to see you there!

Home study and reading suggestions: A frequent message we tend to hear from parents is "My child doesn't seem to have much homework." There may not be books and assignments every night, but there can be **home study**. Students should take some time in the evenings to review notes, do a few math problems on the topics that were covered in class, re-read any reading done in class, quickly review/revise any written work. A mere 15-30 minutes of **home study** or "Daily review" has been proven to increase student performance and grades, **up to 5%** in the span of a school year (*CAP Journal*, Winter 2015) It is a valuable asset to listen to your child read aloud, and model reading for them. They read a paragraph to their parent, then the parent reads to them. This investment of time can go a long way to improving results, student self-esteem and self confidence.

In the area of **math**, our school data from the province indicates that a large number of our students are **struggling with basic math facts**. It is worthwhile to practice the **basic addition** and **subtraction facts** along with memorizing those **TIMES TABLES!**

Parent- Teacher Conferences: Parent - Teacher Conferences, which have been delayed on two occasions because of weather, will be held this **Wednesday Dec 5th from 5:00 - 8:00**. Due to the repeated delays, there may be some conflicts with some of our teachers who have other commitments on that evening. We recognize that this is unavoidable, and we will do our best to accommodate parents.

Stonepark crested clothing: There are some great choices to wear your *Tiger Stripes* and show your school spirit available for purchase at

<http://stoneparkis.entripyshops.com/>

There are many different style and colour choices of



Stonepark crested clothing, bags and accessories. You pick your style and customize your logo on order. They make great Christmas gifts!

Band News: Congratulations to the grade 9 Band students on their fantastic performances at the band concert which was presented in collaboration with the UPEI Wind Symphony on October 25th. It was an amazing night of music, and the students should all be very proud of their efforts!

A special thank you is also extended to the grade 9 band students for their participation in the Remembrance Day assembly on November 7th. Music is an important part of services such as this, and the Grade 9 Band's contribution to the assembly was appreciated by all in attendance. Congratulations to **Anna Blanchard, Julia Stavert and Dana Carmichael** on their excellent performance of the Last Post, and thank you to **Zoe Stewart** for writing and presenting the introduction to our final piece.



Congratulations to all band students on a very successful fall fundraising. The students were able to raise funds which will allow us to participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities throughout the year. A special thank you to the parents and grade 9 students who volunteered to organize the cookie dough orders.

Please note that our annual Holiday Concert will be held on **Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Stonepark gym. **Grade 7, 8, and 9 Concert Bands and the Jazz Band** will perform.

Grade 9 Trip will happen the February 11-15th. It will see a group of Grade 9 students travelling to Quebec City and Ottawa, to experience French culture, language, as well as tour many of the national landmarks and historic sites, while continuing to develop their level of the French language. This is an expensive trip and students have been doing many fundraisers, such as: fry-days, bake sales, and selling Christmas trees, wreaths, meat, cheese, and veggie

boxes. The final cost will be released soon. Students will be needing lots of winter gear for their travels, skates for the canal, bike or hockey helmet for skating and tubing hills, winter jackets, headgear, mitts, boots for walking tours. Maybe some gift cards for shopping excursions, if you are thinking on some Christmas gifts for that grade 9 traveller. We wish to thank the following people for their support with these ventures: **Dwayne MacQuarrie, from MacQuarrie's Meats in Winsloe; Cathy MacIntyre and ADL for her help with the cheese sales; Stephanie and Kevin Smith from Smiths Christmas Trees for the trees and wreaths; and Soleil Hutchison for the veggie boxes.** Your support makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

There have been a number of parent and student volunteers who helped out with money and distribution as well. **Parents** Erma Coffin, Paulette MacEwen, John Wood, Kevin MacDonald, Andrea & Gardiner MacNeill, Kendra Driscoll; **Students:** Emery MacEwen and Tanner Chappell.

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS, December 2018

2019 Extra Mile Award: Nominate a deserving school staff individual for recognition by the PEI Home and School Federation. Submissions deadline: January 11, 2019. Find more information at: [Extra Mile Award of the Year](#) | peihsf@edu.pe.ca | 902-620-3186

Resolutions: Deadline to submit a resolution for consideration at the 2018 Annual Meeting & convention is **January 31, 2019**. Consider issues needing change in PEI's education system and write a resolution on that issue by referring to our [guide to writing and presenting resolutions](#) and to the [slides from the Leadership Training Workshop session on resolutions](#) Review previous resolutions and responses from government departments at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm> Need assistance? Contact: 902-620-3186 | 1-800-916-0664 | peihsf@edu.pe.ca

School Staff Appreciation Week 2019: School staff will be celebrated across Canada **February 11 - 15, 2019** during Staff Appreciation Week. Start planning now on how your Home and School will show appreciation to school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education.

President's Annual Reports: are due **February 28**. Presidents are asked to submit an annual report on your Home and School's activities for this school year. Start your report early and record Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec. activities and in January, add all upcoming events/discussions to the end of June. Send reports to the office for inclusion in the 2019 Annual Book of Reports. Need assistance? Contact Shirley at: 902-620-3186 | 1-800-916-0664 | peihsf@edu.pe.ca

66th Annual Meeting & Convention: Mark your 2019 calendars....PEI Home and School Federation's 66th Annual Meeting & Conference, **Saturday, April 13, 2019, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown, PEI.**

Home and School Movie Nights: Audio Cine Films Inc. wants to ensure that all schools and parent associations in PEI are aware of the licensing requirements concerning the presentation of commercially available movies. Please review the e-mail message received Nov. 1/18 pasted below and speak with your school's teacher-librarian or principal who are your first contacts for questions about licensing.

November 1, 2018

Greetings,

Audio Cine Films Inc. is the exclusive Canadian public performance rights representative for Walt Disney Pictures, Pixar Animated Films, Marvel Studios, Universal Studios Canada, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Columbia Pictures, MGM Studios, Screen Gems, Sony Pictures Animation, TriStar, among many others. As such, we license numerous schools, parent associations and school boards across Canada, enabling them to legally present commercially available movies from the studios we represent.

As you are surely aware, all leisure public presentations of commercially available movies in schools must be licensed with a rights representative. This applies in all cases, even if films are obtained from personal collections, obtained from commercial retail stores, shown freely or for non-profit reasons.

We used to license PEI schools through an agreement with the PEI Department of Education, this license lapsed several years ago, and we wish to ensure that all schools and parent associations in PEI are aware of the licensing requirements concerning the presentation of commercially available movies for leisure purposes.

Additional information is available (PDF) HERE:

https://acf-film.com/documents/DDL_school.pdf

Best regards,

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More Community News.....

Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Program: The purpose of this Award program is to encourage young people between age 14 to 24 to set their own goals and challenges, work towards achieving them, and then be recognized at the end for sustaining the commitment they have made. The Award program has three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Find out how your youth can participate by contacting: Janet Rogers, Executive Director 902.368.6623 | pei@dukeofed.org

Reading Rockets: An online resource having book lists and reading ideas for parents, students and teachers. - Ages 0 - 12+:

<http://www.readingrockets.org/books/buyingguide/2018>

- Guide to teaching reading and writing:

<http://www.readingrockets.org/teaching/reading101course/modules/fluency-introduction>

- Helping struggling readers:

<http://www.readingrockets.org/helping>

- Fun Stuff: <http://www.readingrockets.org/books/fun>

Holland College recently announced a new training program targeted towards the staff and board of director members for organizations in the not for profit sector. Cost = \$100. More info at: 902-566-9653 bjokeefe@hollandcollege.com

Stonepark will have a number of different events going on during the month of December: **Student Social/Dance (11th)**, **Band Concert (13th)**, **Red & Green Day** and **Ugly Sweater Day (dates tbd)**, along with **Stonepark's Got Talent** in the afternoon of December 21st. During the month, staff and students will be raising funds to support needy families in our own Stonepark community.

Keep in touch: You can **keep up to date** with all of the

happenings at **Stonepark** by subscribing to the school blog/webpage

<https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/stonepark/> or follow us on Twitter **@stoneparkschool**

Community Notices

-Smith's Christmas Trees in Mayfield (300 Toronto Rd) is celebrating you, our loyal customers! Thank you for helping us make island Christmas memories for well over 40 years. We are holding our annual Customer Appreciation Days at the farm on December 8th and 9th as well as the 15th and 16th from 10AM to 5PM. There will be hot chocolate, cookies, lollipops, and our famous Magic Reindeer Food. Best part is, all these lovely treats are FREE! Bring your cameras and try out our MANY photo props. We offer U-Pick and Pre-Cut trees, wreathes, as well as pine and fir boughs. See you there! Please visit our Facebook page "Smiths Christmas Trees" for more information.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Dec. 11th- First set of report cards issued

Dec. 11th- 7:00 - 9:00 School social/Dance

Dec. 13th- School Band Christmas Concert

Dec. 19th - Christmas Dinner in the Cafeteria.

Dec. 21st- Last day of classes 2018

From the staff at Stonepark Intermediate, we want to wish all students, parents, and their extended families a peaceful and relaxing holiday season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all!