

# Stonepark Intermediate Newsletter

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## COVID19 UPDATE

Our first month back to school has gone fairly smoothly using our new Covid-19 School Operational Plan. Click here for the plan: [Public Schools Branch Return to School September 2020](#)

We'd like to reiterate Dr. Morrison's message that we cannot become complacent - we need to minimize the risk of the virus getting in schools. Please follow these guidelines:

- \* If your child(ren) is ill, keep them home
- \* Provide your child(ren) with a clean mask daily (it would be a good idea to pack 5 in their kitbag on Mondays)
- \* Encourage consistent hand washing and sanitizing
- \* Remind them to cough and sneeze into their elbow area



## STUDENT DROP OFFS

Thank you to the many parents who drop their child(ren) off in the mornings and pick them up after school. This really helps lessen the number of students on the bus. The best time for student drop off is between **8:10 and 8:25 a.m.** Some students have been arriving late and

miss our 8:30 announcements and the start of first class. Thank you for your support.

## Stonepark Home and School

The first meeting of the Stonepark Home and School was held on Wednesday, September 23rd - elections were held and the new President is Giselle Dalton, and the new Vice-President is Elizabeth Blake. Tracey Ellsworth remains the Treasurer - congratulations to all. The next Home and School Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **October 28th at 6:30 p.m.** Please come out and get involved in the Stonepark school community. Masks are required until the meeting begins and physical distancing is maintained. See you there!

## GOOD NEW STORIES

This summer, Rosa Coles of 8J, and her little sister Lila, brought awareness to our community of the impact the massive explosion in Lebanon on August 4th had on the area. A large amount of ammonium nitrate stored at the port in Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, exploded, causing at least 200 deaths, 6,500 injuries, billions of dollars in property damage, and leaving an estimated 300,000 people homeless. Rosa, her sister, and a small group of friends took it upon themselves to make bracelets and sell them as a fundraiser for families who were affected by this tragic event. They raised over \$2,200! It takes just \$250 Canadian to support a family in Lebanon for one month so we were all quite proud of Rosa for showing such

empathy.

Good news stories can be forwarded to Ms. Burry at [jburry@edu.pe.ca](mailto:jburry@edu.pe.ca)



## VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

This year, we will try to keep visitors to the school at a minimum. Those who do visit are asked to wear a mask, remain in the lobby, and speak to the Visitor Zone Supervisor. Messages and items will be left with the supervisor and delivered to the student.

## Recipes in a Jar Fundraiser

We are very excited to be launching our fundraising campaign for this year. It is our second, **14 day, Recipes in Jar blitz.** It kicked off last Thursday and runs through to Thursday, October 15th.



This Canadian-based 'Collective Philanthropy®' program offers an opportunity to raise vital funds for the school and also **support our local community.** By purchasing products, people can support the school financially, the food needs of the greater community, and get to enjoy some delicious meals and wonderful treats.

Stonepark will receive **40% of the profits** – these are necessary funds to help with

school programming, special events, technology investments (WE NEED A NUMBER OF FM SYSTEMS in classes), and other school-related organizations.

Students will be rewarded for participating in the program through **cash prizes for top sellers in each grade**, random draws, and campaign goal achievements.

At Stonepark we promote the character traits: Respect, Responsibility, Work Ethic, Attitude, Empathy, and Kindness. Through this campaign, we have a great opportunity to allow our students to enhance these traits. **For every "Jar" sold we will be delivering a meal to the local food bank.**

Our goal is for Stonepark to be able to deliver 2000 meals to the foodbank. That means our students and families will be counting on the entire Stonepark community to help! Help us, help others!

Please help us by spreading the word to your contacts and through your social media presence for on-line purchases.

Details about the campaign and the products, and ordering information are available on-line at our website:

<https://stoneparkschool.recettesenpot.com/>

(Click "accept cookies" to get the option to convert page to English)

When people purchase we encourage them to recognize the student they are supporting by selecting the class code,(ie. 7A, 8B, 9C) and then entering the students name.

There are **16 products available**: soups, chilies, cookies, pancakes, breads, energy bites and even a little something for the family pet - dog treats. These products are eco-friendly, offering zero waste packaging and are delivered in a reusable glass jar. All ingredients are natural and healthy. The Jar has the recipe

attached and requires only water or a couple of simple items. Orders can be shipped anywhere in Canada for a fee, or delivered to the school for distribution for no fee.

This year, to reduce contact, we are encouraging orders to be made on-line through the site provided above. Students can accept cash or cheque for in person orders from friends and families, who are unable to purchase on-line. These orders need to be returned to the school to be processed and will be delivered directly to the school for free.

Thank you in advance for your support!



The 2020-2021 Stonepark Yearbook is ready to be ordered!!! We had such incredible success with last year's edition, we want to keep that success going. Stonepark is remaining with Picaboo Yearbooks, an online store, for ordering. The website has been fully updated and is ready to accept pre-orders.

Why wait until the Winter, order yours now and give yourself one less item on your future to-do list! Check out the online store at [stonepark21.picaboo.com](http://stonepark21.picaboo.com).

Any questions or concerns can be shared with Mr. Beaton - [gpbeaton@edu.pe.ca](mailto:gpbeaton@edu.pe.ca).

### Help us REMIND our students...

Please discuss the following with your child(ren):

- If they go off grounds...
  - \* please respect the eating establishments they visit
    - only go in if they are buying food
    - do not be loud and boisterous - there are other customers
    - clean up your mess
  - \* do not cut through peoples' private property
  - \* walk on the sidewalks - not the middle of the road
- Please respect school

grounds by not throwing garbage around the school



Ms. Berry and students clean around the school during lunch hour

### FOLLOW STONEPARK ON TWITTER and FACEBOOK

Did you know that Stonepark has a Twitter and FaceBook account?

Consider following all our tweets

[@stoneparkschool](https://twitter.com/stoneparkschool) and our FaceBook posts throughout the year. As well, you can sign up to receive automatic emails as each new post is made from our website. Navigate to our school website <https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/stonepark/> and leave your email under "Subscribe to Blog Via Email" on the right-hand side!



### Grade 7 Immunizations

Last year's Grade 6 students who received their HPV vaccinations in the fall of 2019 were to receive their second vaccine in the spring of 2020 - that did not happen. The second dose of HPV will be administered to our Grade 7 students on **Thursday, October 8th**. If you have any questions, please contact Public Health PEI.

### FOOD for THOUGHT

Sign up your child for the **Healthy School Lunch Program** - Healthy, nutritious food is important for student achievement. To date, over 10,000 students are signed up



for the new school food program. Healthy lunch options include nut free, gluten free, dairy free and vegetarian options.

Sign up at: [Food for Thought](#). Once a family registers, they will receive their login and password via email, along with a welcome information package. This

username and password will allow the family to login into the ordering platform once it is active. Therefore, registration is required to participate.

The Pay-What-You-Can Program offers families 3 options....

- 1) You can pay full amount of your child's lunch max \$5/day
- 2) You can pay an amount that you can afford to pay
- 3) You can order lunch for your child if you are unable to pay

Meals will be prepared and delivered directly to schools at lunch time by local food service providers.

If a family needs to reach a support staff, they can by email at [peischoolfood@edu.pe.ca](mailto:peischoolfood@edu.pe.ca) or by calling 902-438-4895.

The Healthy School Food Program will run alongside our school's existing lunch program run by the Compass Group in our cafeteria. It is your choice which you choose to use.



### School Breakfast Program

The Bagel Barn has not opened yet this year.



Usually, we would serve toasted bagels, milk and juice from there

every morning (and sometimes cheese strings, fruit and smoothies). Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to do this so we have been providing students with items they can grab as they enter the school in the mornings - granola bars, apple sauce, cheese and crackers, etc....

We hope to set up satellite areas in each wing with bagels and juice in the months ahead.

### Outdoor Learning

We would like to set-up an outdoor learning area behind the Grade 7 wing of the school with five or 6 picnic tables. Currently we have only one picnic table and would like 5 more. If there's anyone who is able to donate a table or donate

their building skills to make a table (we would provide the wood), please call the school at 902-368-6085.

Thank you for your support.



### SCHOOL ATHLETICS

More and more sports are being slowly added as safety



guidelines are met.

Currently, outdoor sports such as soccer, golf, field hockey, and cross country are taking place.

Last week, volleyball try-outs began! We ask that students and parents follow all Health Guidelines so that we can continue to provide after school sports for students.

### General Guidelines for team sports:

- 1) Teams will be in "bubbles" of no more than 3 teams for regular season and/or exhibition games.
- 2) Team will play no more than 4 games scheduled by PEISAA, before play-offs.
- 3) No sport can begin play-offs until after October 5.
- 4) Students must arrive at the hosting school/facility prepared to play as there will be no access into the host school. Students will not have access into school after the game.
- 5) Transportation will be coordinated by the traveling school. Buses will not be available at this point in time. Details around carpooling will be provided.
- 6) Details on spectators will be announced before games start being played.
- 7) Tournaments, on Island or off-Island, will not be sanctioned by PEISAA.

### Stonepark Hockey Academy



With the announced return of school sports, we are pleased to announce the Stonepark Hockey Canada Skills Academy will return for the fall of 2020. Following Hockey PEI and PSB policies, the Hockey Academy will run on Tuesdays, on-ice from 2:20-3:50, from October 27-January 26 for grade 8-9 students. The grade 7s will participate in the program from February 2 until April 27, 2021.

Current grade 8 students who did not complete their grade 7 section of SHCSA because of the pandemic, will be offered a discounted rate, should they choose to participate in grade 8 this fall. Information about, and applications for, the Academy can be found on the Stonepark website [Hockey Skills Academy](http://Hockey Skills Academy)

### Terry Fox Walk/Run



Our Annual Terry Fox School Run took place Thursday and Friday last week. Over the two days, students walked by cohort for approximately forty-five minutes.

We didn't meet our goal this year but did raise **\$815.00** to be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation.

**Congratulations to Solen Trainor of 7B & Damien Bate of 7H who won Stonepark shirts, and Serenity Henniger of 8E & Emily Howard of 8H who won Terry Fox T-Shirts.**

Thank you for your support.

### STUDENT FEE REMINDER

Student Fees at Stonepark are \$25 per student or \$40 for a

family of more than one student. The fees can be paid by cash or cheque, but we prefer e-transfer (new to us this year). Please e-transfer payments for student fees, athletic fees, etc... by emailing

[stonepark1973@gmail.com](mailto:stonepark1973@gmail.com). For the security question, use **What is the name of our school?**

With the answer being **Stonepark**.

Please make sure you **include the following** in the notes when you e-transfer: Student's full name - i.e. John Doe; student's homeroom teacher, grade and class - i.e. Mrs. Gallant 7F; and what the payment is for - i.e. - \$25 student fee.

Stonepark offers many opportunities and services for our students. Many of these extras have a cost associated with them, and cannot be sufficiently covered by the budget we receive from the PSB. This is where the additional revenue from fundraising and other means are used.

Funds from student fees and our Fundraising Campaign are used to help defray costs that we incur from such areas as the following:

- ★ The School Breakfast Program which feeds upwards of 150 – 200 students on a daily basis
- ★ Subsidize extra-curricular travel for our in-school programs, teams, and clubs
- ★ Locks for lockers
- ★ New desks for classrooms
- ★ New tables for our cafeteria
- ★ Purchase of technology apparatus for classrooms such as lcd projectors, assistive tech, and SMART technology
- ★ Purchase of educational testing kits
- ★ Annual subscriptions for our library
- ★ Equipment for our Wellness Room and Games Room
- ★ Renovations for certain areas of the school to support student needs
- ★ Purchase of supplemental curricular materials and programs to support student learning - i.e. novel sets
- ★ Student leadership programs
- ★ Support for the more than

15 clubs and 15 sports teams running in our school on a yearly basis. These clubs and teams represent involvement from approximately 450 - 500 students in our school

- ★ Support for our Band program, and "Gig / Music Room"
- ★ Fees for guest speakers at assemblies and invited guests to the school
- ★ Grade 9 closing ceremonies
- ★ Grade 7 Spirit Day
- ★ Our annual Recognition Assembly
- ★ Supplies for our First Aid Room and kits
- ★ School lunches for students in need
- ★ FM Systems (we hope to order three this year)
- ★ Incidentals such as batteries, latex gloves, plastic bins, microwaves, etc....

We thank you for your understanding, co-operation, and support.

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#### STUDENT WELL-BEING TEAM

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- **Coping with Covid-19 presentations** - On Monday, September 21st, members of the Student Well-being Team visited all classes at Stonepark Intermediate and talked about ways to cope with the Covid-19 pandemic so that it is less stressful.
- The PEI Student Well-being Teams will be offering **Triple P Discussion Groups** this fall. *Spaces are limited to 12 people per session, so if interested, call 902-368-6985 (option 3) to register. Open to all parents.*



#### Teen Parenting Sessions

Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> –

6:00-8:00 pm – **Coping with Teenagers Emotions**

Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> –  
2:00-4:00 pm – **Reducing Family Conflict**

Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> –  
2:00-4:00 pm – **Getting Teenagers to Cooperate**

Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 – 8:00 pm – **Building Teenagers Survival Skills**

All sessions will be held at the Stratford Town Hall (234 Shakespeare Drive), Southport Room.

**Note:** *If school is cancelled, Triple P will be cancelled.*

#### Group Discussion Topics: **Coping with Teenagers Emotions:**

This session looks at some of the reasons why teenagers can become emotional and gives practical suggestions to help you teach your teenager how to manage their emotions, and manage any problems if you need to.

#### **Dealing with Disobedience:**

This session looks at some of the reasons why children may not do as they're told, and gives some practical suggestions to help prevent disobedience, teach your child limits, and manage problems.

#### **Reducing Family Conflict:**

This session looks at some of the reasons why teenagers get into fights and arguments, gives some practical suggestions to help you teach your teenager to solve problems peaceably, and manage any problems if you need to.

#### Ages 0-12 Parenting Sessions

Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> –  
2:00-4:00 pm – **Dealing with Disobedience**

Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> –  
6:00-8:00 pm – **Managing Fighting and Aggression**

Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> –  
2:00-4:00 pm – **Dealing with Disobedience**

All sessions will be held at the Stratford Town Hall (234 Shakespeare Drive), Southport

Room.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's well-being, please contact the Student Well-being Team or your child's classroom teacher.

To contact and learn more about the Student Well-being Teams, follow the link <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/StudentWellbeingTeams>

The Student Well-being Team is committed to supporting Island children and their families to be the best they can be.

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### Home & School News, September 2020

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#### 1. Post- AGM Reports

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Annual Meeting delegates approved resolutions addressing educational issues of concern to our membership. Approved resolutions are:

- **2020-1** [School Principals/Vice Principal Administration Allotment](#) (Passed)
- **2020-2** [PEIHSF Resolution Electronic Form](#) (Tabled/Federation Board to review)
- **2020-3** [Comparative Analysis of Report Cards](#) (Passed)
- **2020-4** [Request School Websites to be Hosted on PEI Government Server](#) (Passed)

Find reports posted at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm>

#### 2. Election of Officers

Election of officers took place at the AGM with volunteers filling board positions for 2020-2021. See the new board of directors posted at:

<https://peihsf.ca/board>

Special thanks go to outgoing directors Lisa MacDougall, Allie Keedwell, Leigh Dyment, Mary Macdonald-Pickering and Jonathan Ludgate. Their service

to the home and school movement is greatly appreciated.

#### 3. To get us off to a quick start....

Presidents will receive post-mailed copies of forms to be filled in and returned to the Federation office including: [Local Association 2020-21 Contact Info Form](#) and [2020-21 Membership Fee Form](#). Home and School Associations are listed on the [Federation's website](#). Please review your info and send updates to the office at: [peihsf@edu.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@edu.pe.ca)

#### 4. Parent Leadership Grants 2020-2021

Parent Leadership Grants are available for up to \$1000 per Home and School Association to organize a parent engagement initiative in your school community. Application guidelines are posted online at: [Parent Leadership Projects, Program 2020-2021](#). Call the office for more information at 902- 620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664.

#### 5. The PSB Board of Directors

will be hosting a public meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Stratford Office, 2-234 Shakespeare Drive, Stratford. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Following CPHO guidelines, physical distancing will be required at the meeting which will result in a maximum number of people being able to attend. If you wish to attend, email: [xsxgauthier@edu.pe.ca](mailto:xsxgauthier@edu.pe.ca) or call 902-368-6990 by Oct. 5/20.

\* Does your French language learner need a little help? CPF offers in-person and virtual French Tutoring sessions for grades 1 to 9. Contact: <https://pei.cpf.ca/french-tutoring/> or [edcpfpei@gmail.com](mailto:edcpfpei@gmail.com)

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#### Outside Agencies

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The **Eastern Ball Academy** will be offering Fall and Winter Training Programs for various ages. For more information, go to <http://easternbaseballacademy.com/>

**Fall Fest Fun Day!** A family fun day will be held at York United Church, 757 Route 25 in York, on October 24, from 1-4 p.m. Lots of family activities including hayrides, pumpkin carving, candle making, fish pond, games, and treats. Pre-register by calling (902) 368-2678. \$15/child. Please bring a mask!

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#### Upcoming Dates to Remember

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- ❑ **Oct. 6** - Picture Retakes (pm)
- ❑ **Oct. 8** - Grade 7s second HPV vaccination
- ❑ **Oct. 12** - Thanksgiving Day - No Classes
- ❑ **Oct. 14** - Last day to order Recipes in a Jar
- ❑ **Oct. 15** - Provincial Cross Country Championship Bantam/Intermediate at Charlottetown Rural High School
- ❑ **Oct. 28** - Home and School Meeting in Library
- ❑ **Nov. 11** - Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday (no classes)
- ❑ **Nov. 12-13** - PEITF Convention Annual Convention (no classes)
- ❑ **Nov. 19** - Parent Teacher Interviews (Evening)
- ❑ **Nov. 20** - Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)
- ❑ **Nov. 27** - Staff Professional Learning Day (no classes)

