

## Stonepark Intermediate School

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### Welcome back!

Greetings to Stonepark Students, Staff, and Parents. We hope that everyone had a restful, enjoyable, summer. It certainly was a memorable one for many reasons, with weather being at the top of the list. We hope you feel refreshed, re-energized, and are looking forward to another successful year here at Stonepark. The 2010-11 school year is now upon us and we are ready to roll up our sleeves and get down to the job at hand. We hope that this school year is a successful and enjoyable one for all concerned and that students achieve to the best of their abilities.

- **New Staff-** This year we have several new and returning staff members to welcome to the Stonepark Learning Community. As well, some of our returning staff have accepted new assignments within the building.

Grade 7- Stephanie Holmes is replacing Marie-Lyne Bedard, who recently accepted a position with the Dept. of Education. Also, Dave Shellington is on deferred leave for the year and Ellen Gillis, Helen Smith-MacPhail and Calvin Chaisson have accepted new assignments at this level.

Grade 8 – Lloyd MacKenzie replaces Shelly Curley, who is on maternity leave until the new year. Melanie Labelle replaces Michelle Arsenault, who is on maternity leave for the year. Derek Dunn has accepted a new homeroom assignment

Grade 9 – Temple MacDonald replaces Krista Connolly-McMurrer, who is on maternity leave until mid-November. Sylvia Henderson replaces Wendy Ramsay, who is on maternity leave until the end of the year. Mandy Carmichael has moved to a Grade 9 Continuing French Immersion homeroom.

Specialists - Sue Westphal is our new Visual Arts teacher, and Sandy Stratton is our new Foods Teacher.

Resource – Melanie Belik is a new addition to our school's Resource Team and will be a full-time Resource Teacher. We also welcome Ms. Kimberly Wood to our team. She will be working in collaboration with various homeroom teachers in the three grade levels.

Counselor- Neil McIntosh comes to Stonepark from Southern Kings and Belfast as a second school counselor.

Youth Service Worker – Candice MacKenzie replaces Bert Weir, who is on deferred leave for the year.

Educational Assistants – We welcome Robbie Larter to our team.

Student Attendant – Kathie Stevenson joins our team. This is the first time for such a position here at Stonepark.

Custodians – David MacLeod joins our custodial staff as the Night Custodian.

We are very pleased to welcome all new and returning staff to Stonepark and we wish them well in their new assignments.

**GOOD NEW STORY:** Once again this year, we are looking to recognize good news stories involving students or staff from our school. If you have an item that you feel recognizes the good work of one of our students or staff, we want to hear about, and will gladly include it in our monthly newsletter.

**MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT:-** Please mark Wed Sept 15th at 7:00 – 8:30 on your calendar for our annual Meet The Teacher Night. This is an opportunity for parents to meet all their child's teachers. We highly value strong communication with the home and hope that you can come put a face to those who work our students on a daily basis. Please feel free to contact any of your child's teachers, or members of the school's administration, at any time. Our staff e-mails can be found on the school website. Also, if you feel you have an area of expertise or talent that you would like to share with our students, we would welcome that as well.

**VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL:** All visitors to the school are asked to report to the office before entering the school. You may be required to obtain a badge prior to accessing any area of the school.

**NUT RESTRICTED / SCENT FREE:** Students and parents are reminded that there are students in the school with allergies to nuts and there are those who have strong reactions to scents. We ask that students, staff, and visitors refrain from bringing nut products into the school and from using scented products during the school day.

**GAMES ROOM EQUIPMENT:** - As you are aware, our Games Room has been a very positive addition to our school and is used to a great extent by our students on a daily basis. With this extensive usage, some of the equipment is now starting to wear down. We are always on the lookout for equipment for the room, so if you have something that you are willing to donate to the room, please contact our Youth Worker, Candice MacKenzie, at the school.

**GOLF TRYOUTS:-** Golfers interested in trying out for the school golf team are asked to register in the main office. The tryouts are open to all students in all grades, and they will be used to select our school team that will participate in the provincials in the Spring. Dates and times for the tryouts will be announced at a later date.

Students are encouraged to listen to the morning announcements for dates and times of tryouts for our school sports teams. Tryout times and locations can also be found by consulting the "Daily Announcements" link on our school website.

**E-MAIL ADDRESSES:-** At Stonepark we communicate via email quite regularly. To further facilitate communication (such as newsletters, and messages from teachers and administration) we already have email addresses for many parents. However, if you feel we may not have yours, or it may have changed, please send it along with your child or email it to their teacher (addresses listed on the Staff menu on the school website), or the general Stonepark mailbox ([stonepark@edu.pe.ca](mailto:stonepark@edu.pe.ca)).

**STUDENTS ACHIEVE (SAS)-** is an on-line software that provides the ability to view student attendance and marks, which allows both parents and students to track progress more effectively. Parents and students each have a unique user id and password to access Students Achieve, which will be assigned at a later date. All teachers at Stonepark record attendance and many record their marks as well.

**TREVLAC UPDATE / STUDENT INFORMATION-** On the first day of school, your child will be receiving a student information sheet with pertinent demographic information. It is imperative that parents ensure that all the information on the sheet is current and accurate. Please note the changes directly on the form itself and return it the next day to your child's homeroom teacher. In addition, your child may be taking home additional forms as well (lunch permission, early school closure, Internet Usage, etc;) It is important that all of these forms be returned to the homeroom teacher the next day. This is your child's only homework assignment for this first day.

**CHANGE MAKING-** This year we would ask that students please refrain from coming to the office to ask for change for the vending machines. Parents are asked to ensure that their child has enough change to purchase items from the vending machines.

**REPORT CARDS AND HONOURS RECOGNITION-** Once again this year, the reporting of students' progress will be done on a "cumulative" basis rather than a "per term" basis. What this means is that final marks for a given reporting period will reflect the cumulative result of all the work that your child has done since the start of the school year. We will again be using the standardized report card that has been developed for all intermediate schools in the Eastern School District. This will report final averages for individual subjects but will not calculate an overall average.

A reminder to students and parents of our Honors recognition criteria: Honors - Any student who achieves a final mark above 80% in all subjects at the time of the reporting period.

Honors with Distinction - Any student who achieves a mark of 90% in all subjects at the time of the reporting period.

Those students attaining Honors, and Honors with Distinction will be recognized at the end of each reporting period on our school website.

**VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS-** A reminder that video surveillance cameras have been installed throughout the school. These cameras have been put in place for the safety and protection of students and staff and cover high traffic, public areas of the school.

**BREAKFAST PROGRAM-** As we mentioned at the end of last year, funding for our Breakfast Program Co-Ordinator was eliminated. As a result, we were left with no Co-Ordinator for our program. A request was made to recruit a volunteer from the community to spearhead this initiative. However, to date, we have not received any response. This means that for the time being, we will not be providing a Breakfast Program for our students. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please advise Mr. Beck at the school asap. An honorarium is provided for the Co-Ordinator.

**AGENDA ORDER-** Agendas will once again be provided for all of our Grade 7 students. If there are students interested in purchasing one of our school agendas, the cost is \$5. These are excellent agendas, packed with lots of useful additional information. Interested students are asked to please advise

their homeroom teacher. We will be sending in the order form on Friday September 10th.

**YEARBOOKS-** The yearbook committee will have a brief information meeting during the second week of school. If interested in being part of the committee, please listen to morning announcements for the time and location of the meeting.

**ANNUAL MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN-** September 23 – September 30th. Once again our annual magazine campaign will soon be under way. This is a major fundraiser that has been very successful over the past number of years, thanks in large part to our enthusiastic students and parents who support it so well. This year you are once again encouraged to "go green" by visiting [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) to order your subscriptions on line. Students will also be issued forms to order the magazines by traditional means as well.

**STUDENT HANDBOOK:** On the first day of school, each student will receive a copy of the Stonepark Student Handbook. In it, you will find an outline of our expectations, policies, and other information pertinent to our school. Students and parents are encouraged to become familiar with this handbook. A copy of the Handbook can also be found on our school website at [www.edu.pe.ca/stonepark](http://www.edu.pe.ca/stonepark).

#### **LIBRARY NEWS:**

1. Last school year the students were introduced to the new library search called Koha. As a result, they were able to search for Stonepark's library books from a computer located anywhere in the school. Now students are able to access Koha online. There is a link to Koha on Stonepark's home page or you can go online by typing in <http://323.schoollibrary.edu.pe.ca> in the browser.
2. The library is looking to create a list of all the good books read over the summer months. This list of good reads will be posted on the bulletin board in the library. Go to the library for further information. Looking forward to hearing about all the good books read over the summer.

#### **COMMUNITY NOTES**

**MINOR BASKETBALL-** The Charlottetown Tigers minor basketball registration will take place Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9 - 12 and Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 6:30 - 8:00 at West Royalty Community Centre. The program is open to boys and girls from grades 1 - 9. For more information regarding cost and times, visit the website at [www.tigersbasketball.ca](http://www.tigersbasketball.ca).

**SPEED SKATING REGISTRATION-** Speed Skate PEI is holding registration for the upcoming season on Saturday, September 11, from 9:30 to 11:30 at the Charlottetown Civic Centre. Speed Skating (Competitive, Developmental and Recreational) and Learn to Skate Programs for ages 5 and up run from October to March. For more information, visit [www.speedskatepei.com](http://www.speedskatepei.com) or email [info@speedskatepei.ca](mailto:info@speedskatepei.ca).

**4-H INFORMATION:** Charlottetown District 4-H Rally - Come join the 4-H families and leaders of the Charlottetown District for a few hours of fun and food at the Tea Hill Park at 1:00pm, on Saturday, September 18th. Every-one welcome! The various clubs in our district will be showcasing their club's achievements and activities. The district officer, Jackie Harlow, will be on site to answer any questions about the 4-H program here on PEI. There will be a variety of fun activities for everyone to enjoy. The afternoon will be capped off with a BBQ.

Charlottetown District 4-H Information Night

Everyone is welcome to attend the Charlottetown District 4-H Information Night on Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:00pm, at the Farm Centre. Here, you will be able to learn more about the 4-H program on PEI. There are nine 4-H clubs in the Charlottetown District, including one in the city of Charlottetown. We welcome all potential leaders, members and their families to come out and see what 4-H is all about and what it can do for you. You are under no obligation to join.

New For 2010 - 4-H Horse & Pony Club. All Horse & Pony, All the Time! Starting in the Fall of 2010, there will be a new 4-H club centrally located between Summerside & Charlottetown that will focus entirely on Horse & Pony Projects. There will be project options for both members with horses and for those without. Some topics that will be covered throughout the year will be: Stable Management, Horse Health, Breeding, Assessing Conformation & Movement, Mane & Tail Braiding, etc. This is a great way for young horse lovers to learn more about horses and to meet friends. For further information, please contact E-mail: [pei4h@gov.pe.ca](mailto:pei4h@gov.pe.ca) or visit the website at [www.pei4h.pe.ca](http://www.pei4h.pe.ca)

**WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT:** Covehead-Brackley Bay and Winter River-Tracadie Bay Watershed Groups are developing a monthly presentation beginning September 25, 2010 and ending April 23, 2011, regarding wildlife habitat in our watersheds. A detailed flyer will be given to students aged 9-14 years to take to their parents for approval. Interested students will be asked to return the forms as soon as possible.

**PRE-CANSKATE, CANSKATE, and STARSKATE** - The Sherwood Parkdale Skating Club registration for Learn to skate programs designed for skaters of all ages are as follows: Sept 8 (6:00 -8:00) & Sept 11 (9:00 -12:00) Maplewood Room, Cody Banks Arena. Contact: Karen 368-2804 or visit our website [www.sherwoodparkdaleskatingclub.com](http://www.sherwoodparkdaleskatingclub.com)