Kudos to You

-Congratulations to Olivia Bruce from 7E who will be performing this July and August at the Guild, in The Little Mermaid Jr.! She will be playing the lead role of Ariel in the Thursday performances and as a Mersister and Princess in the Monday shows! She has been working hard in voice rehearsals already and looks forward to a very fun summer! We’re sure she will make a SPLASH!

-Liam Barbrick of 7I recently competed in the Provincial KFC U13 Curling Championships on March 11-13th. His team (the Chase MacMillan rink from Cornwall, Liam is third mate) made it to the final championship game after an 8-5 win and upset over the Mitchell Schut rink. They were very pleased to come runners up with a 4-1 record out of a field of 11 teams after a very close and hard fought final match with their own clubmates, the Rachael MacLean rink. They lost by one point in the final end with the final rock! A full account of the weekend event with team pictures is available at the following link: http://peicurling.com/under1320152016/

-On March 26 & 27 three Stonepark students competed in the Canada East Short Track Speed Skating Championships in Charlottetown against the top 11-15 year old skaters from Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces. Andrew Binns had the top finishes for Team PEI with two 4th place finishes in both is 200m sprint and 2000m points races. Andrew also improved his own provincial record times in the 200m and 400m and placed 5th overall for his age group. This is the best finish ever by a PEI skater at this competition. Mia Stewart broke a three year old P.E.I. record for 12 year old girls in the 200m distance and set another pair of PBs in her other events. Kyle Connell achieved personal bests in his 200m and 400m sprint events along with an exciting win in the B final of the 2000m points race, to secure 9th in his age group. Kyle and Andrew also took part in the 12/13 boys relay event, with team mate Thomas McQuaid where they skated to a fifth place finish ahead of two Ontario teams.

-Pownal Bantam A Team 1 Red Devils took home the banner on March 6, 2016 from The 34th Annual Riverview March Break Tournament. Not all players are from Stonepark but those who are include: Back row - Nathan Reid, Liam Brasky, Colin Jenkins, Spencer Crawford, Cody MacKinnon, Jared Bryenton, Will Murley, Owen Brown, Kevin Byrne, Drew Cassibo. Middle row - Morgan Redmond, Jordan Walker, Ben O'Brien, Josh McIsaac. Front Row - Brady Storey.
Happenings at Stonepark

-Duke of Edinburgh: The 2015 Bronze and Silver Ceremony will be held Thursday, May 12th - 7:00pm at the Centre for Community Engagement, Prince of Wales Campus, Holland College, 323 Grafton Street, Charlottetown. The ceremony will start at 7 p.m. Participants arrival 6:15 p.m. His Honour, Lieutenant Governor, Frank Lewis, will present the award. There will be a reception to follow.

-Duke of Edinburgh 2015-16: We are recruiting current grade eight students to become Duke of Edinburgh candidates for next year. This leadership program has four components: community service, physical recreation, developing a skill and the adventurous journey. There was an information meeting for students on March 31st. Students are to have application forms completed and turned in by Monday, April 4th. Applications and questions can be directed to Helen Smith-MacPhail - hsmacphail@edu.pe.ca. For more information about this international leadership programme, go to http://www.dukeofed.ca/

-Pascal Math Contest: On February 24, the following grade nine students accepted the challenge to write the annual Pascal Math Contest, an international endeavor organized by the University of Waterloo: Rory Aiken, Michelle Baldwin, Autumn Banks, Sandtanna Beaton, Hunter Bradley, Hunter Brown, Emily Bruce, Bridgette Casford, Conor Currie, Olivia Dale, Sophia Doucet, Madi Fisher, Mia Fradsham, Julia Freeburn, Victoria Gibbs, Ben Gillis, Alex Goodwin, Thomas Hogan, Joel Huggett, Nicole Kelly, Keagan Legere, Abbigale Lewis-Fox, Chayse MacDonald, Sean McCabe, Alex McMonagle, Amanda O’Dell, Danielle Proulx, Jacob Ramsay, Yasmine Saleh, Rianne Songco, Maggie Stokes, Spencer Swaine, Toby To, Sydney Whitlock, Grace Zhu

We are proud of all students who participated and thank them for their commitment; we await provincial results to learn our overall placing!

-Student Survey: The District Advisory Council of the Department of Education and Early childhood Development is looking for input from students on issues that are of concern or important to them. The following survey provides the opportunity for Stonepark students to have their say. Please click the link below to access the eight-question student survey. You will need to log in with your Google Cloud account: http://tinyurl.com/zwqis8eb Thank you for your time and interest! The survey is available here: http://www.gov.pe.ca/edu/stonepark/student-survey/ It is also available on the school website as a menu item at the top of the page.

-Coles Committee Poetry Contest for Stonepark Students Only: The Honorable George Coles was the first Premier of Prince Edward Island and his government introduced free public education for the Island. To honour Premier Coles' contribution to the Island education system, and because his farm was known as Stone Park, the Coles Genealogy Committee is offering to sponsor a poetry contest at Stonepark school. Students will be asked to submit poems of at least 12 lines (but can be longer) about our beautiful province of Prince Edward Island.

Poems will be graded and ranked by a committee of teachers and submitted to the Coles Genealogy Committee for possible publication. The top ten winning names will be published in the Guardian. The deadline for submission is Thursday, April 29, 2016 to the school and the three winning poems will be submitted to the Coles Committee by May 15, 2016.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:
(1) First prize $150
(2) Second prize $75
(3) Third prize $ 50
(4) 4th to 10th $20
(5) 11th to 20th $10

April is poetry month, so what better way to celebrate it than a contest! For further information please contact Mrs. Jill Burry at Stonepark Intermediate.

-Heritage Fair: Stonepark Heritage Fair was held in the school on March 31st. Congratulations to the following students on their accomplishments:
1st - Sidd Arora, 7L - Mik’mag
2nd - Emma Stanley 7G - The Bog
3rd - Thomas Dale, 7K - Home Children, Isabellah Hennessey, 7K - Oak Island

Honourable Mentions
Jordan Jenkins, 7H - Life in Baffin Island
Ross Patterson, 7H - Fort Amherst/Port LaJoie
Chole MacDonald, 7J - PEI Potatoes
Isaac Morrison, 7I-Morrison Clan History
Isaac Hughes, 7K-St. Dunstan's Bascillica
Connor MacPherson, 7L- Water-Powered Sawmill

Congratulations to all who took part. Top 8 go to provincials.

-Stonepark Band Notes: Congratulations to the grade 8 and 9 band students on their excellent performances during PEI Band Days. Both groups played very well, and were fine representatives of Stonepark throughout the event. Thank you to the parents who came to chaperone and those who came to listen and support the bands. A special thank you to Mrs. Burry and Mr. Beck for attending the grade 8 and 9 performances, and for their help with all of the field trip logistics!

Grade 8 band being entertained by the Stadacona band:

-It looks as though we will be traveling to the Atlantic Festival of Music in Halifax with 63 grade 9 band students. We are very happy to see this level of commitment from the students, and we know that all of the students involved will benefit greatly from this experience! The second and final $100 payment was
due by Friday, April 1st. Cheques should once again be made payable to Stonepark Intermediate, and payments must be submitted in a clearly labeled envelope or zip-lock bag. Students have been given a set of information and permission forms which must be completed, signed, and returned with their final payment. Please check the band blog for details.

-Upcoming Band events:
April 11-12: Band testing at elementary feeder schools
April 13: Stonepark Gives Back Concert
April 14: Beginning Band Day (Summerside)
April 27-28: Grade 9 Band Trip to the Atlantic Festival of Music in Halifax

-May 2: Music Monday
June 1st: Spring Concert

Earth Day 2016: Friday, April 22 is Earth Day and we are hoping to be able to work in our classrooms with the lights off to help conserve some energy (but only if students are able to see to do their work and be safe.) This is an initiative called "Lights Out Canada" that many schools across the country are taking part in. Teachers have been emailed a package of other Earth Day ideas that could supplement their curriculum. The Green Team will have some earth-friendly, fun facts and activities planned for the day as well. Happy Earth Day!

-Upcoming events for Stonepark Gives Back (SGB) 2016 Campaign: (This year's charity is the PEI Humane Society.)
March 31st - IPod Day - students can pay a toonie to wear their IPod and listen to music during non-direct instructional time in class.
April 5th - Bake sale for a class interested in doing a bake sale.
April 13th - IPod Day - students can pay a toonie to wear their IPod and listen to music during non-direct instructional time in class.
April 13th - 7:00 in the gym - SGB 2016 Band Concert (and other invited guests). Free will offering at the door.
April 25th - Stonepark Ice Festival (time and place to be determined). This event will feature staff-student friendly competitions in ringette and hockey, along with other ice demonstrations. The event is open to students, parents, and staff. There will be a free-will donation at the door, along with 50/50 ticket sales with all proceeds going to SGB 2016.
April 19th - Bake sale for a class interested in doing a bake sale
April 19th - 6:30 - 8:30 - Student Social. $5 admission for students.
April 26th - Stonepark Burger Love - Stonepark staff will be back for the second edition of its own Burger Love.
May 3rd - Bake sale for a class interested in doing a bake sale.
May 4th - "Twins Day" - students and staff are asked to dress the same on this day. They can be twins, triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, sextuplets, or however big the group wants to be. Participants can pay a loonie, dress up and have some fun with the outfit.
May 6th - Stonepark Crib and Bowling Event. 3:30 - 6:30 at the Murphy Community Centre.
May 14th - Giant Flea Market

-Flea Market/Bake Sale: All Grade 8 Classes will be hosting a Giant Flea Market and Bake Sale at the school on Saturday, May 14th. All proceeds will go to this year's Stonepark Gives Back 2016 campaign which has the PEI Humane Society as its charity of choice. Every Grade 8 class, from Grade 8A to 8J will be accepting donations for their class tables. Tables are also available to the general public to rent for $10 each. To book a table, contact Jackie Reid at jereid@edu.pe.ca or Linda Gallant at lcgallant@edu.pe.ca or call the school at 368-6085. Also, all Grade 8 students/parents are encouraged to donate a baked item for the Bake Sale that will happen in conjunction with the Flea Market. Admission to the sale will be $2/adults and youth will be free. More information to follow - watch for us on Compass.

-Library News: April is poetry month – students should stay tuned for some poetry-related activities and events in the library. Also, the library is always looking for titles, authors and topics you would like to have in our library. Place your suggestions in the “Suggestion Box” on the checkout counter in the library.

-Home and School:
1. Still time to register for the AGM & Convention on April 9th.
There is still time to register your school’s delegates for the PEI Home and School Federation’s Annual Meeting & Convention coming up on Saturday, April 9th, 2016 at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown. All members are welcome - any parent, guardian, teacher, administrator and staff person. Each Association is asked to designate five of your attendees as your voting delegates. Delegates are asked to indicate which of the two afternoon workshops they wish to attend. The two options are: 1. Workshop: Different Models For Education – Gerry Hopkirk, Facilitator 2. Atlantic FabLab - Tour at UPEI. Complete registration details are online at: http://peihsf.ca/2016agm

2. District Advisory Council Meeting Highlights -
The mandate of the Family of Schools District Advisory Councils is to help shape an education system that is focused on and meets the needs of learners, by advising the Minister of Education, Early Learning and Culture on education matters. Check the district’s website for the list of current members, meeting highlights and upcoming meetings at: http://www.gov.pe.ca/eecd/DAC#agenda


4. School Bus Driver of the Year Award – This award recognizes school bus drivers on Prince Edward Island for their service in keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school each day. Nominations are due: May 13, 2016 Find the nomination form: http://peihsf.ca/sites/default/files/2016%20%20Bus%20Driver%20Award%20Flyer.pdf and details at: http://peihsf.ca/bus

5. School Crossing Guard of the Year Award - This award recognizes a school crossing guard on Prince Edward Island for their service in keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school each day. Nominations are due: April 29, 2016. Find
the nomination form at:  
http://peifs.ca/sites/default/files/NominationForm-CrossingGuard-2016-pages_.pdf  
and details at: http://peifs.ca/crossing-guard-award

-Grade 9 Semi Formal: Stonepark's Semi Formal dance is booked for June 28, 2016 at Rodd Charlottetown Hotel beginning at 7pm. This is a parent run activity so volunteers are needed; especially for the evening of the event. Without volunteers your children will not have a semi formal! Please contact Laura Downey at weddingdecorbylaura@gmail.com with your name and email address to be added to the communication list for this event. Tickets will be sold at the school closer to the date at a cost of $15 each.

-National Volunteer Week 2016 is a time to recognize, celebrate and thank Canada’s volunteers. The week takes place April 12 - 18 and marks the 12th consecutive year for the national campaign. Find more info at: http://volunteer.ca/nvw2015

-Canadian Parents For French: Please check out the latest edition of the CPF newsletter - http://peif CPF.ca/media/newsletters/

-French Summer Camps: Register now for CPF-PEI French Camp. Students studying in French will have the opportunity not only to use their French skills, but also to explore the French culture. Camps are held in the Îles-de-la-Madeleine at Center Nautique de L’Istorlet. One week only -July 10-16 for ages 12-14 for Nautical Camp and also for ages 15-17 Kayak Camp. Also available for students aged 13-18, an escorted Immersion experience in St. Pierre et Miquelon. http://www.francocorumsmp.net/francais June 6-10 2016. For more information on these two camps, to become a member and to register go to www.pei CPF.ca _ call 902-368-3703. Or pick up an application form in the school’s office.

Community Notices:

-The Midisle Magic U13 Boys and Girls Basketball Teams will be holding tryouts for all interested players born in 2003/2004 for their respective 2016 Spring teams on the following dates/locations;

Midisle Magic U13 Girls Dates:  
Tuesday April 5 – Registration from 4:00pm-4:30pm and Tryout from 4:30pm-6:00pm @ Birchwood Intermediate  
Wednesday April 6 – Tryout from 4:30pm-6:00pm @ Birchwood Intermediate  
Thursday April 7 – Tryout from 4:30pm-6:00pm @ Birchwood Intermediate  
Head Coach: Bob Knudson

Midisle Magic U13 Boys Dates:  
Thursday, March 31 – Tryout from 5:30pm -7:00pm @ St Jean Elementary  
Sunday, April 3 – Tryout from 12:00pm -2:00pm @ St Jean Elementary  
Monday, April 4 – Tryout from 5:30-7:00 PM @ Birchwood Intermediate  
Wednesday, April 6 – Tryout Time TBD (alternate tryout date, if needed) @ Birchwood Intermediate  
Head Coach: Tracy Ellsworth

There is no cost to attend the tryouts and players are asked to attend at least 2 tryouts. For further information, please contact Rudi Terstege, Midisle Magic Team Coordinator at rudi.terstege@gmail.com or visit: www.basketballpei.ca

-Stratford Soccer registration - For your convenience, Stratford Soccer online registration by credit card is now available. On-site registration is also available. Online registration for the 2016 Summer Soccer season is now available at: https://stratford.goalline.ca/register.php?reg_form_id=7751

In-Person - ONSITE REGISTRATION will take place at the Stratford Town Centre:  
April 2 9h00 – 13h00  
April 6 19h00 – 21h00  
April 9 10h00 – 12h00  
April 14 19h00 – 21h00
Cash or cheque (payable to Stratford Soccer Club) for on-site registration payment. Online registration is by credit card payment only.

50% discount is applied after the first two registrations for families of three or more children. You must register in person to receive the 50% discount off your third and all subsequent registrations.

NEW in 2016: Any parent who volunteers to coach, and has completed the coaching clinic offered by Soccer PEI, will receive one free soccer registration. Any parent that volunteers to be an assistant coach, and has completed the coaching clinic offered by Soccer PEI, will receive a 50% discount on one soccer registration.

You must register in person to receive the free or discounted registration. Please contact the Stratford Soccer Club president@stratfordsoccer.pe.ca for further information.

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No refunds will be issued after June 1.

The PEI Fiddlers Society is now accepting applications from youth who wish to apply for a scholarship to attend a fiddle camp this year. The Bishop Faber MacDonald Scholarship assists traditional style fiddlers aged 10-18 to attend a fiddle camp of their choosing. Open to youth Island-wide who have been playing the fiddle for at least three years, this scholarship will cover an amount up to full tuition. Application deadline is Friday, April 15th, 2016. Applications and additional information, including scholarship changes for 2016, are available at
www.peifiddlers.com. For further information please contact Jennifer Garrity by e-mail at jlgarrity@edu.pe.ca or by phone at 902-894-3142.

**Coding Camp Canada** will be offering all new coding camps in Charlottetown at Holland this summer. They offer week-long day camps for students aged 7-14 offering fun courses in Robotics, Mobile game design, and Minecraft Modding. The curriculum is tailored for children using game play and 3D game design to teach coding fundamentals. Creativity, exploration and friendship is emphasized. Students will discover new tech skills in an energetic, kid friendly learning environment. Week-long day camps include personalized instruction and a variety of fun camp activities. They take frequent breaks and incorporate a balance of high-energy outdoor games and STEM building activities. More information about the camps including how to register can be found at [www.codingcamp.ca](http://www.codingcamp.ca) or email Jeff Hughes at info@codingcamp.ca.

**Atlantic Film Festival**: will be visiting Charlottetown on April 20, 2016. The ViewFinders Film Festival is the youth off-shoot of the AFF. ViewFinders contains a plethora of different Canadian and International films targeted at various grade ranges (K-3, 4-6, 7-12 etc.) and also includes various film making workshops. This event is put on at absolutely no cost; all film screenings and workshops are completely free. Although pre-registration is required, schools attending ViewFinders will only be responsible for the cost of transportation to and from the event.

The links listed below contain our program schedule, detailing what exactly we offer and the films that will be shown.

2016 ViewFinders Tour

Programs - Films & Workshops

Registration
[http://atlanticfilm.com/festivals/viewfinders/register-your-class-0](http://atlanticfilm.com/festivals/viewfinders/register-your-class-0)

*The information provided from outside agencies is for information purposes and is not necessarily sanctioned by the school or ELSB*

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

**Apr 1** – Grade 10 pre-registration information session for student in the Wellness Room. Students will come down by class for 4 sessions in the am. There will be separate sessions at 1:00 and 1:30 specifically for IB and Band respectively.

**Apr 5th – 1:00** – Homeroom teachers will be doing a book count. Students are asked to have all their texts with them for this day.

**April 5th** – Provincial Science Fair at UPEI

**Apr 6th – 7:00** – Grade 10 registration - Parent Information Session at Rural.

**Apr 7th** – Home and School meeting re: AGM resolutions only. 6:30 in the library.

**Apr 7th and 8th – 5:00 – 9:00** – Mrs. Rajamanie will be holding an “Indigo FUNdraiser”. 20% of all sales during this time will go to support the purchase of books for the school. Your support is appreciated.

**Apr 8th** – Students return their Grade 10 pre-registration forms to their homeroom teacher.

**Apr 9th** – Home and School Annual General Meeting – Rodd Charlottetown. 8:45 – 2:30.

**Apr 13th** – School Lockdown Drill – time tbd.

**Apr 14th** – Grade 7 Band Days in Summerside.

**Apr 14th** – Grade 10 pre-registration for Grade 9 students (by appointment in the library. No classes for Grade 9 students on this day).

**Apr 15th** – PD Day (no classes for students K-9)

**April 22nd** – Earth Day/Lights Out Canada

**Apr 26th** – Selected Grade 8 students will write PCAP.

**Apr 27th and 28th** – Grade 9 Band Trip to Atlantic Band Festival in Halifax.

**Apr 29th** – PD Day (no classes for students)

**May 2nd** – Music Monday

**May 5th** – Junior Achievement Economics for Success Program for Grade 8 students.

**May 6th** – PD Day (no classes for students)