



# STRESS BUSTERS PROGRAM

## Help support your child's stress management and well-being

**Strong Minds Strong Kids, Psychology Canada** is delivering a virtual after-school program for kids **ages 8-12** in the Upper Grand District School Board community.

Stress Busters was designed from our evidence-based Kids Have Stress Too! (KHST!) program with an added peer-to-peer support component to help kids put their learning into practice. This program has had a positive impact on children's ability to identify and manage their stress. It provides children and their families with education and support to help them build stress management skills and to foster resilience.



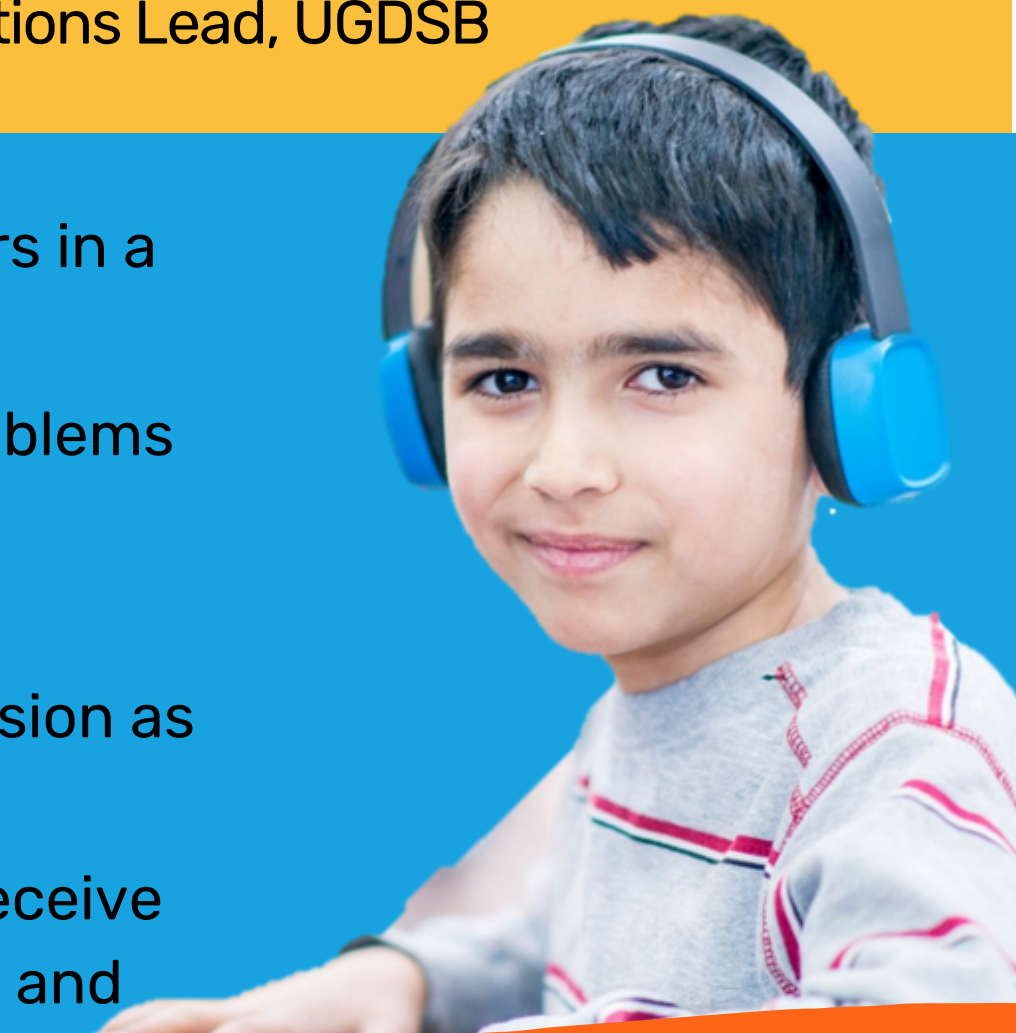
"If you feel stressed, and can't really control it. You need to join the stressbusters after school program. It really helps, and I can confirm that because I have been stressed too. But when I joined I felt a lot better."  
-Participant, 10 years old

*"I saw that our students were in great need of stress management support. SMSKPC brought this Stress Busters program to a group of 10 students over the 2021 summer break. Seeing how successful this summer camp was, we decided to schedule 3 Stress Busters After School sessions to bring this program to more students in our community."*  
-Jenny Marino, Mental Health/Addictions Lead, UGDSB

### Themes

- What stress is and how it impacts our mind, body, emotions, and behaviour
- Reflect on stressful situations and think about ways to cope
- Learn simple breathing exercises to help manage stress
- Learn to react to situations in a more positive way

- Think about worries and fears in a realistic and productive way
- Kids learn to break down problems so they can address them proactively
- Explore creative self-expression as an effective stress buster
- Kids learn how to give and receive support by talking, listening, and connecting



**Register Now**

[CLICK HERE](#) to register your interest for Group 1:

- Thursdays: January 12th-March 2nd, 2023 (4:30 pm-5:30 pm EST)

[CLICK HERE](#) to register your interest for Group 2:

- Thursdays: January 12th-March 2nd, 2023 (6:00 pm-7:00 pm EST)

Space is limited and registrants will be notified if their child is entered into the program or added to a waiting list.



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