

**April 10, 2017**

Dear Parents and Guardians,



Dr. Emily Stowe,  
where children grow

At Dr. Emily Stowe Public School, student safety is our highest priority. This includes making sure all of our students arrive safely at school, every day. With this in mind, we are introducing a new system that will make it easier for you to let us know when your child will be absent due to sickness or other reasons. It also will allow us to identify children who are absent, and ensure they are safe and accounted for, more efficiently and quickly.

Starting Tuesday, April 18th, we will begin using a new absence reporting system called **Safe Arrival**. It will allow you to report your child's absence quickly and conveniently, in any one of the following three ways:

- By calling **1-866-740-2902** toll free
- By logging into the Parent Portal website at **kprdsb.schoolconnects.com** to set up the ability to report absences online, or
- By downloading an app onto your iOS or Android device, to report absences.

You will be able to use whichever of these methods you prefer to report your child's absence, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You also will be able to report future absences at any time.

As an added feature, we will start using the automated telephone system used by high schools to contact parents who have not reported their child absent. Safe Arrival will continue attempting to reach multiple contact numbers, for a predetermined amount of time. If the automated system has not been able to reach someone in that allotted time frame, our office staff will follow up.

By using the toll free number, website or app to report your child absent before our morning bell time, you will NOT receive a call.

In the next week, we will contact you at the email address you provided, inviting you to log into the Parent Portal and activate your account. If you have changed your email address, please contact the school office to have your contact information updated. ***As of April 18th, all absence reporting will go through the Parent Portal website or toll free number. After that date, please do not contact the school directly to report an absence.***

To help you, we are providing a fridge magnet with the toll free number and Parent Portal website address, for quick reference.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this transition period, to better ensure the safety of all our children. Please do not hesitate to call the school should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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