



DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

April 2024

“Soaring to Victory”

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KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's April and Spring is finally here!

With this new season comes hope, renewal, and new life. We encourage everyone to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather and to reconnect with nature. Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be!

Once again, we have a busy month here at Dr. Emily Stowe with lots of items and events on our agenda coming up that we encourage you to read about in this month's Newsletter. These include our upcoming Grade 8 Fundraisers for their Graduation Trip, information regarding class placements and parent teacher requests for 2024-2025, School Immunization Clinics, World Autism Awareness, Earth Day, Badminton Tournament, Kindergarten Registration, National Volunteer Week, amongst others.

We would also like to take this opportunity recognize and to wish our staff and families a very Happy Easter and upcoming Passover.

As always, we hope you stay healthy, happy, and safe and wish you all the best!

Sincerely,

Mr. Bryan Beers

School Council

Hello Stowe Families,

I hope everyone had a fantastic March!

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Purdys fundraiser! We have purchased both IXL and RazKids programs for the school. If you do not have your child's login for this please reach out to your teacher.

We are happy to announce we will be having a Fun Fair again this year!! It will be held on May 15th from 4pm - 7:00pm. So please save the date! More details will come closer to the date. If anyone has a valid police check with the school and would be interested in volunteering at the fun fair please email colleensmiles1@gmail.com

Healthy Hunger is running very well! We are much closer to being able to improve our outdoor area. If you haven't signed up yet be sure to sign up at www.healthyhunger.ca to order your child's lunches.

For anyone interested in attending, our next meeting will be held on Monday April 22th at 5:30 in the library.

Colleen Smiles, Chair
colleensmiles1@gmail.com



Character in the School

April's Character Attribute

Integrity

I behave in an ethical and honourable manner even when no one else is around.
I am genuine, in that my actions consistently match my words.



Gr. 8 Fundraisers

Our Grade 8s are planning for their trip to Niagara Falls at the end of May. We were successful with the recent hot dog day, having raised almost \$500! We have 2 new fundraisers now available. We will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts via School Cash Online (**orders due April 2nd**), as well as organized a pizza night with Domino's on April 3rd where \$5 from each pizza deal sold comes back to our school. Information was sent out via School Messenger email this week. See attached flyers for more details.

Thank you for your support of our Grade 8 students!

See attachment to this newsletter about Suits for Youths and Gowns for Girls if any of our Grade 8s are looking for formal wear for graduation.

Autism Awareness Month

Every April we celebrate World Autism Month, beginning with United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. Throughout the month, we will focus on sharing stories and providing opportunities to increase understanding and acceptance of people with Autism, fostering school-wide support.



Earth Day: Monday, April 22nd, 2024



Earth Day will be recognized on Monday, April 22, 2024. Please access the following site for activities and information about Three Days Of Climate Change Action and 51 Actions You Can Take Right Now To Restore The Earth: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024/>

SOLES4SOULS

Thank you to all who have contributed gently used shoes for families in need. Collection deadline is Friday, April 5th. We have collected 140 pairs to date. Our Teen Talk group at Stowe is doing an amazing job at helping with this collection.

Mrs. Zerafa & Ms. Brouse



Class Placements For 2024-2025



We have received our preliminary staffing numbers for next year. When it comes time for the placement of students in classes for next year, the following criteria will be used: classes will be balanced by academic, social, peer compatibility, number, and gender factors in order to ensure a balanced group. Using our professional judgment, these groupings will be ultimately decided by the sending and receiving teachers and administration. With the above information in mind and understanding there will be staffing changes due to grade assignments, transfers, leaves of absence transfers, etc. Most of these changes typically occur in late June, over the summer, or into the Fall depending on when final staffing is in place.

No Dogs, Please and Thank you!

For the safety of our children please do not bring your dogs on school property, especially during entrance and dismissal times. Thank you for your support!



Fire Drill and Lockdown Practices



Spring is also a time when we review our fire drill and lockdown procedures. If you are at the school during either a fire drill or lockdown practice, please be patient as they take only a few minutes to complete, but they are very important to the overall safety of staff and students. In the event of a lockdown practice, the secretary will not be at her desk to admit you to the building or answer the phone. A notice informing visitors that we are practicing a lockdown will be posted on the front doors of the school.

Bikes, Scooters & Boards and other Wheels...

With spring hopefully in the air in the next few weeks, we will undoubtedly see an increase in the number of students riding their bikes, scooters and skateboards to school. For purposes of safety, please remind your children to always wear a helmet, **dismount their bike, scooter or skateboard once they arrive on school property** and secure their bike/scooter with a lock. At no time should any student be riding their bike, scooter or board while on school property during the school day. A bike rack is provided at the front of the school but the school cannot monitor it.



POPCORN, POPCORN, POPCORN



Popcorn will be sold every Friday during first break for \$2 a bag by the Grade 8s. Exact change preferred.

Absence Reporting

At Dr. Emily Stowe, the safety of our students is first and foremost. Our Absence Reporting System allows you to report an absence 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-844-434-8119 or register at studentabsence.kprdsb.ca or download the app (available through your app store). If late, please remind your child to report to the office on their way to class, so we can record that they have arrived safely. Thank you!



Board News

There are many opportunities for learning, reflection and celebration of our individuality and diverse voices tied to days of significance this month. Those recognized this month include Nowruz, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and World Down Syndrome Day, among several others which can be found on the [Events Calendar](#) on our Board website.

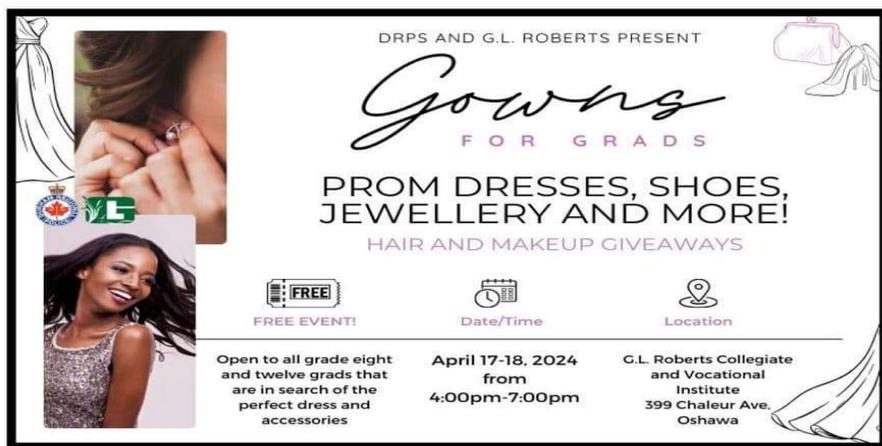
Total Solar Eclipse – April 8, 2024

On April 8, 2024, a spectacular and rare celestial event is set to unfold over Canada, the United States and Mexico – a total solar eclipse! While schools will be closed to students on April 8th as a Professional Activity (PA) Day, this exciting event presents a unique educational opportunity for students and families. The [Government of Canada website](#) has resources available to support learning and discussions about the solar eclipse, including information about how to observe the eclipse safely and a [toolkit for educators and youth](#) with age-appropriate activities.

Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System

The Ministry of Education recently launched a new resource to support families in actively participating in their children's education: *Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System*.

The guide covers a number of areas that support parental involvement in education, and the full guide can be found at Ontario.ca/educationguide.



Gowns for Girls takes place Wednesday, April 17 and Thursday April 18, 2024, at G.L. Roberts Collegiate and Vocational Institute, 399 Chaleur Ave in Oshawa from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Suits for Youth is taking place on Tuesday April 16, 2024, at the Oshawa Centre, 419 King St W, Oshawa, Food Court Entrance to lower level, from 10:00 a.m.– 7:00 p.m.

<https://www.drps.ca/news/donations-needed-to-help-outfit-youth-for-spring-graduations/>

DR. EMILY STOWE P.S. PRESENTS:



\$14/BOX ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

ORDERS DUE: TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024
PICK UP AT STOWE: MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024 BETWEEN
12PM-5PM

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE GRADE 8 GRADUATION TRIP

PLEASE CONTACT CANDACE_MURRU@KPRDSB.CA WITH ANY QUESTIONS.



1303 KING ST EAST, OSHAWA

FAMILY PIZZA NIGHT

EMILY STOWE PUBLIC SCHOOL

1, 2, 3 COMBO OFFER

2 MEDIUM 3-TOPPING PIZZAS
AND CHEESY BREAD

\$24⁹⁹

USE CODE: FPNM/FPNL

VALID ONLINE AND INSTORE

AND WE WILL DONATE **\$5** TO THE SCHOOL

VALID: APRIL 3RD, 2024

4-830PM

ORDER NOW



WALKING THE HALLS AT STOWE....



Ms. Miriam's artists



Ms. Miriam's Bunny Display



Mrs. Reynolds/Mrs. Fields' Rocking Our Socks for World Down Syndrome Day



Ms. Morgan's self portraits

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 EASTER MONDAY	2 Autism Awareness Day 	3 Domino's Pizza Night 	4 	5 End of shoe collection 	6
7	8 	9 	10 Spring Imm. Clinic 	11 	12 	13
14 National Volunteer Week	15 	16 	17 Int. Badminton 	18 	19 	20
21	22 Earth Day School Council 5:30 pm Library 	23 	24 	25 	26 Gr. 8 Around The World 	27
28	29 	30 				