



DR. EMILY STOWE

SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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Dr. Emily Stowe,
where children grow

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Welcome back to our returning Dr. Emily Stowe families as we begin a new school year! I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new families joining the community; new staff members and a truly special welcome to all our new JK students as they embark on the beginning of their educational journey!

This 2016 / 17 school year aims to be another tremendously exciting year; filled with a variety of learning experiences and a commitment to providing quality education for all students.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the custodial staff who worked hard to ensure the school facilities are glistening, and to Mrs. Leggo, our new secretary who assisted with registrations and the organization at the beginning of the school year. Beside a new face in the office, we also have a new custodial team, Mr. Welker during the day, as of September 19th and also Mr. Beech and Ms. Patfield in the evenings. Please take a moment to introduce yourself.

The teaching staff has also been working tirelessly to create inviting learning environments and academic programs based on the best needs for students! Congratulations to all – you make a difference at Stowe!

All students in grades 1 to 8 have received student agendas generously donated by the Stowe School Council. Thank you! Parents, please review the important information found in the front section of the student agenda with your child. You will find relevant information regarding procedures at Dr. Emily Stowe and the KPRDSB Code of Conduct.

Mark your calendars for our annual Meet the Teacher / Community BBQ event on Thursday, September 22nd. We look forward to meeting you!

I encourage you to maintain close and open communication with the staff at Stowe. If you have questions, concerns or information to share regarding your child, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the office..

Have a fantastic 2016-2017 school year!
Ms. D. Humphries

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School Hours

8:30 Supervision Bell-There is no yard supervision before this time

8:40 Entry Bell

8:40-10:40 Instructional Block 1

10:40-11:00 Nutrition Break

11:00-11:20 Recreational Break

11:20-1:00 Instructional Block 2

1:00-1:20 Nutrition Break

1:20-1:40 Recreational Break

1:40-3:00 Instructional Block 3

3:00 Dismissal Bell



Mark Your Calendars!

- September 22, 2016 Meet the Teacher / BBQ Event
- September 26, 2016 School Council Meeting 6:15pm in the school library
- September 29, 2016 Terry Fox Run (during school hours)
- September 30, 2016 PA DAY (no school for students)
- October 7, 2016 School Photo Day (Nov.16 Retake Day)



On *Monday September 26, at 6:15pm*, you are all invited to the first General Assembly meeting. All interested parents who want to become members of this year's school council are invited to complete a school council nomination form posted on the community bulletin board in the front foyer of the school. We hope to see you there!

Crossing Guard Information

Students who walk to and from school are reminded of the importance of walking across the street with the crossing guard. It is essential that we continue to use our crossing guards in order to keep everyone safe at busy intersections.

In front of school

8:20-8:40 10:40-10:50 11:10-11:20 2:55-3:15

Claret/Prestonvale

8:20-8:40 10:40-10:50 11:10-11:20 3:00-3:20

Whittaker/Robert Adams

8:20-8:40 10:40-10:50 11:10-11:20 3:05-3:25

EMERGENCY MEDICAL PLANS

If you have not already done so, please notify the office of any medical conditions your child may have. If your child requires the use of medications while at school, please visit the office ASAP to pick up the required medical info packages.



NUT AWARE SCHOOL

We have several students with life-threatening allergies. Please help us to keep our students safe by checking the ingredients list of any food items that are brought to school and avoiding all products that contain nuts, or have been processed in a facility with nuts. Thank you!

SOY BUTTER PRODUCT NOTIFICATION

To ensure that our students who are allergic to peanut butter feel safe and supported,

We ask that all SOY BUTTER products are clearly labeled in student lunches with

Student's name, Teacher Soy Butter

Product and Date (please see sample to right)



SAMPLE SOY BUTTER LABEL

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

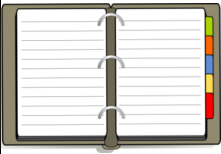
Soy Butter Product: _____

Date: _____



STUDENT AGENDAS

Agendas are a valuable tool for helping with communication and organization. Students from grades 1-8 will receive an agenda to be used all school year to track activities and assignments and to communicate between home and school. Thank you to our School Council for generously providing the



student agendas this year. Each teacher will provide daily class time for students to fill out information from class.

Parent Volunteers

KPRDSB requires all volunteers to have a Vulnerable Sector Screening done by the OPP, or the Durham Regional Police, prior to being considered for volunteer work at any school. Please pick up a letter from the school office before you go to the Police station to submit your application.



Dogs on School Property!

It is wonderful to know that so many families have dogs as family members, and it seems that this number is growing!. For safety and cleanliness reasons, we are asking that you please refrain from bringing your dogs onto school property. No matter the size of dog, some children and adults are frightened of, or allergic to them. If you must walk your dog and children to school at the same time, please ensure you stay on city property and decide on a common meeting location for dismissal time that is off school property. Thank you very much for helping to keep all of our children and community safe.



Parent Conference on Mental Health

KPR invites all parents and guardians to join us at our free, annual Parent Conference, to learn more about children's and teens' mental health.

2016 KPR Parent Conference – Minds Matter @ KPR

Saturday, October 15

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Cobourg Collegiate Institute, Cobourg
Look for more information and on-line registration later in September at www.kprschoools.ca.



Popcorn Sales will resume every Friday, starting Sept 16th!
\$1.00 a bag, first break —all proceeds go toward the Grade 8 graduation. Please be sure to listen for announcements in the event of a change.

PLEASE NOTE: Unless requested, this is the only paper copy of a school newsletter you will receive this year, as in an attempt to cut back on paper use, we will post subsequent newsletters on our school website for your viewing. Monthly newsletters will be available to you online at the beginning of each month.

Student Entry & Dismissal

As safety is our first priority, please make arrangements to meet your child(ren) at their exit doors or at a predetermined location spot. If you find you will be late picking up your child, please call the office to inform us.



Safe Arrival Program

If your child is going to be absent/late coming to school, please notify the office at 905-433-8747 ASAP. You may leave a message in the Safe Arrival mailbox by following the telephone prompts. If we have not heard from a parent/guardian, the Secretary will try to reach parents/contacts by phone which does take extra time due to locating whether a parent is at home/cell/business. We therefore greatly appreciate your diligence with reporting all absences to the office. The office will notify the classroom teacher of the absence.

Student Verification Forms (SVFs)

Your child should have received a white, 2 page form. Please note that it is CRITICAL to receive the SVF back at the school ASAP with any changes to address/phone/emergency contact info made on it, along with your signature and date confirming the changes. We will update our school database with this information immediately. **Even if there are no changes required, please sign, date and return the form ASAP.**

Safe Welcoming Program

We strive to make Dr. Emily Stowe PS a safe and welcoming environment. Throughout the school day, all exterior doors are locked. All persons entering the school are asked to use the doorbell located to the right of the front doors and wait for the door to be unlocked electronically. Upon entering the school, all visitors are asked to come to the Main Office to register and receive their visitor badge to wear during their visit. By following this process, we can ensure it is safe for all and that everyone who is in our school building is supposed to be there.

Parking

Having students walk to school has health benefits and eases parking concerns. If you must drive your child to school, please obey the painted arrows showing the flow of traffic for our Kiss n' Ride area and be sure to follow the directions of any staff/student helpers wearing safety vests. Please be courteous to other parents/families by not parking your vehicle in the flow of traffic or behind other cars while in the parking lot. Remember, if you must park your car and exit your vehicle, please park in a designated parking spot or on the street. We ask that you do not block other cars.

The bus loop in front of the school is used for our Kiss N Ride drop off in the morning and pick up at dismissal time. Please be reminded this is a FIRE ROUTE, the Fire Department and Bylaw officials periodically conduct inspections. If you exit your vehicle while parked in this fire lane you could be fined. If you need to park and exit your vehicle, please use one of the designated parking spots in the parking lot or park on the street obeying the traffic signs.

For parents who would like to drop off or pick up their child in the Kiss N Ride loop, students are to exit their vehicle doors on the right-hand side closest to the school. Using the right-hand side of the vehicle is a safety measure as the left-hand side of the lane will continue to be a lane for cars exiting without stopping. Please remind your child if they are being picked up in the Kiss and Ride lane to exit the school promptly after the dismissal bell to be respectful of those waiting behind in the line. For those individuals who require the use of the handicapped parking spaces, they will continue to be accessible. The left-hand lane must be kept open for emergency vehicles.

In the mornings, Kiss N Ride student assistants will happily walk your JK or SK child to the Kindergarten area in the MORNING. These student helpers will be guiding you to the front of the lane, please observe the parking helpers by driving forward when requested.

Your help with all of these matters is paramount to keeping our students safe this school year.

THANK YOU!!