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DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

December 2016

“Where Children Grow”

Principal’s Message....

As the holiday season approaches, Dr. Emily Stowe Public School continues to be a busy learning environment. We look forward to the upcoming seasonal activities as an opportunity to unite students, staff and the community. Many activities are planned such as the School Council sponsored Movie Night on December 2nd and Christmas Market on December 10th, as well as our annual sing-a-long, and holiday concerts featuring different classroom performances.

November 21st-24th was Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. As a school, we continue to work on developing a safe and caring community. This year the Safe School Committee has decided to focus on developing positivity and a spirit of kindness within the school with the aim of reducing negative incidents between students and to also develop self-efficacy skills. The highlight was the “Find the Magic in You” Magic Show presentations on December 2nd. Check out our “Find the Magic in You” mural filled with positive messages next time you are visiting!

Now that December is here, our winter weather is beginning to arrive. Remember to dress your children appropriate for the outdoor nutrition breaks and to label all belongings as we continue to go outside during the winter months. Thank you for your continued support!

On behalf of all the children and staff, I would like to wish all of our families the very best of this holiday season! May the upcoming holidays provide you the time to be with your family and friends! We are a very fortunate school, community, and country! No matter our specific celebrations, exchange of special gifts and best wishes, we must all take the time to reflect on our good fortune! All the best for 2017!

In partnership,
Denise Humphries
Principal



School Council

The School Council would like to thank everyone who supported our annual poinsettia fundraiser. Together we raised over \$800 for the school’s instrumental music program!

We are very excited for our first ever Christmas Market coming up on Saturday, December 10th. Please join us in the school’s gymnasium between 9 AM and 4 PM and check out all the different vendors.

Our hot lunch program continues to do well. Please watch for new order forms coming home shortly.

Finally, we at the School Council would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, as we look forward to the new year.

Our next meeting is on Monday, January 23rd at 6:30 PM in the school’s library. Everyone is welcome.

Dawn Chapell
School Council Chair



Safe Arrival Program

At Dr. Emily Stowe, the safety of our students is first and foremost. We have voicemail for the Safe Arrival Program so that you may leave a message anytime during the day or night. Call the night before if you know your child will be sick. If your child arrives late, please remind him or her to report to the office on their way to class, so we can record on the attendance form that your child has arrived safely. Thank you!



Courtice Secondary School Grade 9 Open House

Courtice Secondary School will be hosting a Grade 9 Information Session/Open House on January 19th, 2017 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm for parents and students.



Character in the School December Attribute



Respect

I am polite, courteous and caring. I value myself and others. I treat all people with dignity and uphold their rights. I protect property and our environment.

Holiday Concerts

We are pleased to invite parents/guardians to the holiday concerts this year. Kindergarten classes will perform on Thursday, December 15th from 2-3 pm. The following groups will be performing during the evening performance on the 15th at 6:30 pm: Mrs. Bryson, Mrs. Cutler, Mr. Harper, Mrs. Johnston, Ms. Wiffen and Mrs. Stadler's classes, the primary choir and the concert band. There will also be a dress rehearsal on the 15th at 11:30 for all the groups. All are welcome, please remember we do have a limited seating capacity in the gym. For those who are able to attend, there will be more available seating during the day. Information to follow regarding drop off and pick up times.



Thank you to all parents and students for making our Book Fair a huge success. We surpassed our \$4000.00 goal by selling \$5100.00 worth of books. That gives us over \$2000.00 worth of new books for the library. Special thanks to our parent volunteers without whom our Book Fair would not be possible.

Intermediate Volleyball



On November 24th, Dr. Emily Stowe girls and boys Intermediate Volleyball teams travelled to Courtice Secondary School to participate in a tournament. Both teams displayed excellent motivation, determination and effort to the tournament. Both teams represented our school very well!! The girls will move on to the KPREAA tournament on December 9th. We would like to congratulate and thank the teams for their dedication and hard work they displayed in practice and also on the court!

Christmas Market

Be sure to come by the school on Saturday, December 10th from 9 am-4 pm for a fun-filled day of shopping from our local vendors. Help support Bethesda House and drop off a non-perishable food donation or new or used toy. We are still accepting donations for the bake sale.



Look who has partnered with Dr. Emily Stowe P.S.!

If you are shopping at the M&M Meat Shop located at 1347 King St E, Oshawa, mention our school name before they scan in your order and 10% of the sale will go to our School Council Committee!!!

Board News

Wanted: comments on draft 2017-18 calendar

KPR is seeking comments from students, parents, guardians, staff and community members regarding the school year calendar being proposed for 2017-18. Please comment via the online survey – available on the home page of www.kprschools.ca – by Monday, December 5, 2016. Dates being proposed for next year include Winter Break from Monday, December 25, 2017, to Friday, January 5, 2018, with the last day of classes before the break being Friday, December 22, 2017. This reflects the same dates set by the Ministry of Education.

Automated safe arrival system

KPR is moving ahead with its new, user friendly, automated Safe Arrival Student Absence Reporting system, to make it easier for families to report their children’s absences. Seven schools participated in a successful pilot last year. The system allows parents and guardians to call one, central phone number, or log in at one, central web address via a cell phone app or any computer, to report an absence. Parents can report multiple absences in advance, and they need log in only once to report all their children’s absences, even if they attend different schools. KPR schools will be moving gradually to the new system throughout the coming school year. One user last year described as the “best thing ever implemented.”

KPR is seeking school councils’ comments on Policy BA-6.3 School Playground Equipment. The policy recently came up for regular review at the Board’s Chairpersons’ Committee. While the Committee recommended no changes, the Board agreed stakeholders should have the opportunity to review, and comment on, the existing policy. The document is available for review, and comments can be made online, from the home page of www.kprschools.ca

Mabels Labels

Dr. Emily Stowe is pleased to be in partnership with Mabel’s Labels. Check out all the dishwasher and microwave labels available at www.mabelslabels.com. When you click on “support a fundraiser”, simply use the drop down menu to select Dr. Emily Stowe and then begin shopping. A portion of all sales is provided to our school!



Website

Become web savy!! Be sure to check our NEW website in the coming weeks! New and improved site coming. Finishing touches are being worked on and the site should be up and running before the break.



It doesn't take long for the lost and found to overflow. If you are in the school, please have a look to see if there are any items that belong to your child(ren). Encourage your child to regularly check the lost and found located in the main foyer, by the gym. Before the winter holiday break, unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

Math Corner

As we continue to support our School Improvement Plan and further develop the numeracy skills throughout our school, each month we will highlight some “math news” for you. This month’s focus, “inspiring your child to learn and love math”. All this information is provided by the Council of Ontario Directors of Education.

Did you know?

- Research shows that early math literacy helps children to succeed in school and improves their future career prospects.
- 70 percent of Canada’s top jobs require science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education. This includes careers we may not expect, such as culinary arts, animation, and fitness.
- When children are positively engaged and successful, they are more likely to stick with an activity and keep searching for a solution to a problem.
- Early success in problem-solving will build your child’s confidence.

Why “Mathitude” Matters?

Positive thinking

Students who are encouraged to have a positive attitude about math from an early age will develop positive feelings about the subject.

Keep them engaged

Students who are engaged in the learning process will learn more and be open to further learning.

Motivation

Students who believe that math is important for their future will be more motivated to learn math.

Build confidence

Students who feel confident in their own ability to do well in math will be more likely to perform well.

Parent involvement and math achievement “How can I help?”

Be positive Choose your words carefully.

When parents (and other adults) say they aren’t good at math—sometimes to make children feel better—they may be giving children permission to stop learning.

Avoid math anxiety

Math anxiety (unproductive tension and stress) is real and occurs in children as well as adults. Pressure from timed tests and the risk of failure are major sources of math anxiety. Try not to over-react when your child makes a mistake. Making mistakes is an important part of learning!

Learn from mistakes

Homework time can be a more positive experience if you help your children learn from mistakes: praise their efforts, ask them to explain their answer, ask them to think about why the mistake happened, and encourage them to try again.

Help set the tone

Be relaxed and engaged as your child does math homework. You are not expected to be an expert, but you can offer support and ask questions: “How did you do that?”; “Why did you do that?”; “How do you know if you are right or wrong?”; and “Would you teach me how to do another question like this one?”

Be patient and build confidence

If your child becomes frustrated, stop. Remind them of things that they have already learned how to do successfully, such as riding a bicycle or playing a musical instrument. Ask a teacher Ask your child’s teacher or other member of the teaching team for strategies to use at home. If your child asks for help and you do not know the answer, be honest and say, “I don’t know but let’s -figure it out together. If we can’t, we’ll ask your teacher for help together so we can both learn.”

For more information:

Resource Guide

http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/parent_engagement-math/downloads/docs/en/module01_resource_guide_2015-09-21.pdf

Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-VxlJWY_Es

Fact Sheet

http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/parent_engagement-math/downloads/docs/en/module01_factsheet_2015-09-21.pdf

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APPRECIATION NIGHT

At The Tribute Communities Centre In Oshawa



Sunday, January 22nd, 2017
6:05 PM Start

Mississauga Steelheads vs. Oshawa Generals

On Sunday, January 22nd, 2017, the Oshawa Generals will be dedicating a night specifically for the students, parents, friends and staff of Dr. Emily Stowe Public School. A night of exciting, affordable Junior "A" hockey deemed as "Dr. Emily Stowe P.S. Appreciation Night".

Discounted tickets will be offered at \$15.00 per youth and \$15.00 per adult. \$1.25 from every ticket purchased will be donated back to Dr. Emily Stowe P.S.

Tickets to Dr. Emily Stowe P.S. Appreciation Night make for a great stocking stuffer and Christmas gift. Tickets will be returned before Christmas Break.

Support "Dr. Emily Stowe P.S. Students" at this game too, as they sing the Canadian National Anthem presented by Ontario Power Generation prior to the start of the game.

Please detach and return the ticket request form provided below on or before Thursday, December 8th, 2016 to your child's teacher. Tickets will be sent home (in time for Christmas) with your child between Tuesday, December 20th and Thursday, December 22nd. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jason Hickman of the Oshawa Generals at 905-433-0900 ext. 2226 or at jhickman@oshawagenerals.com

Deadline to order tickets is Thursday, December 8th, 2016

DR. EMILY STOWE P.S. APPRECIATION NIGHT TICKET REQUEST FORM

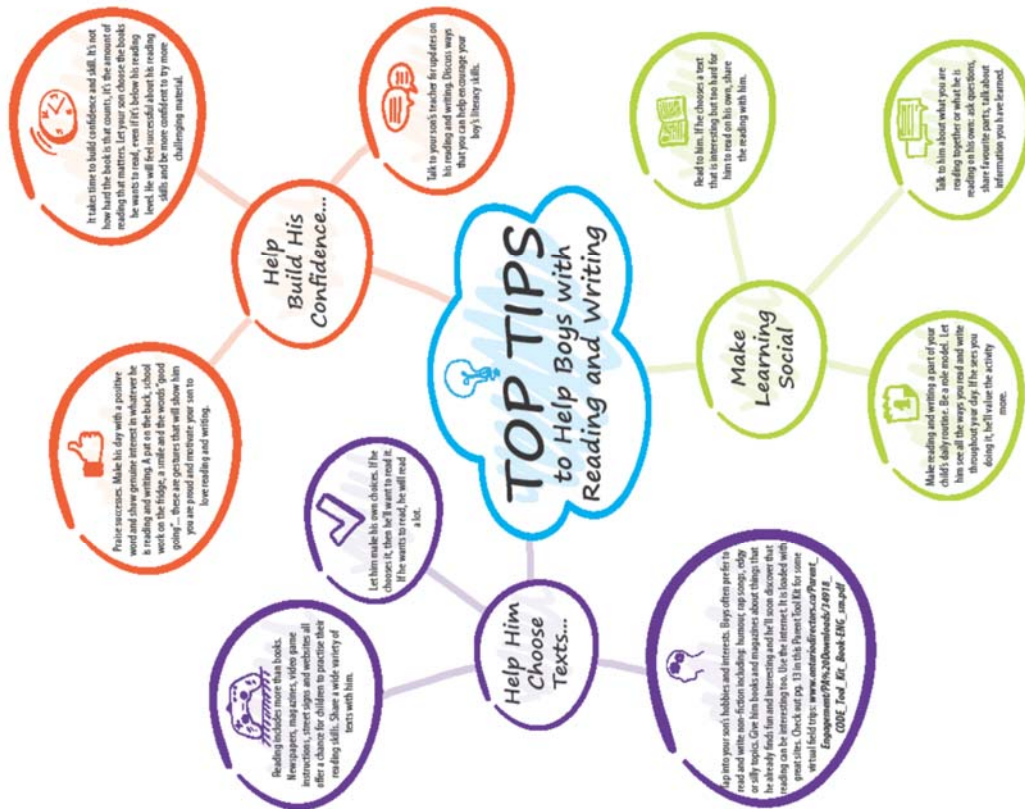
Students Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parents Name(s): _____ Phone Number: _____

Tickets: _____ X \$15.00 = _____
Please Return All Ticket Request Forms With Payment To Your Child's Teacher.

Enclosed Total: _____
Deadline To Order Tickets Is
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Payment Cash, Cheque (made payable to Dr. Emily Stowe P.S.), or School Cash Online















Boys continue to lag behind girls in reading and writing skills, so it is vital for parents to be engaged in their child's learning at home. Research shows that parent involvement can have a significant impact on students' through better grades, less absenteeism, better behaviour and increased confidence. Here are some simple tips to make a difference at home.

Find more information here: www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuidedLEn.pdf



December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					Anti-Bullying Magic Show Movie Night 7 pm 	Christmas Market 9-11 pm 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Concert 2-3 pm Gr 1-8 6:30 pm Immunization Clinic 		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Holiday Hair Day 	Holiday Character Day 	Holiday Hat Day	Holiday Twin Day 	Holiday PJ Day	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						Happy Holidays See you on January 9th!