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Principal's Message....

Spring is in the air and our April showers have begun. We do go outside when possible, rain boots and /or extra socks are a recommendation on these wet days.

Another spring arrival came a bit early on Wednesday, April 5th. We are excited to announce Ms. Wiffen and her family have a new addition, a little girl, Avery. As Ms. Wiffen begins her maternity leave, Mrs. Fernando-Bradbury is joining the staff for the remainder of the school year. Congratulations Ms. Wiffen and welcome Mrs. Fernando-Bradbury!

A huge shout out goes out to the Stowe community who participated in the Earth Hour challenge and registered online. We were one of the top five schools in KPR, demonstrating our commitment and awareness to the need for action for climate change. As a result, our school has been awarded an Earth Hour banner. Way to go wolves! We continue to review eco tips on the announcements, recycle in the classroom, and turn off lights at recess time, making small moves to support our environment.

Now that our colder weather has gone, we have a new crew of Kiss N Ride helpers supporting students in the morning and afternoon. They will be wearing the brightly coloured vests, encouraging you to drive up and not stop in front of the door or walkway and helping to walk kindergarten students to their classroom. One of our most difficult challenges is when parents park their cars in the Kiss N Ride lane and leave their vehicle to pick up their children. Not only is this disrespectful to those following the traffic rules but it is creating a disruption to the flow of the traffic trying to enter from the street. I remind parents, this is a fire lane and leaving your vehicle could result in a fine. If you must exit your vehicle, please park in the parking lot or on the street. It only takes a few extra moments and a few extra steps for the safety of all!

April is volunteer recognition month and our school would not be able to provide the programs and activities it does without the support from the many volunteers who work tirelessly to support our students and programs. Thank you, you make a difference at Dr. Emily Stowe!

Denise Humphries

School Council

Update From the School Council – April 2017

We hope that everyone had a wonderful March Break. Now that Spring is here, the School Council has formed a Fun Fair Committee that is busy planning an end of year Fun Fair for Wednesday, June 7th from 5 PM to 8 PM. We will soon be asking for parents/guardians to help make this event a success by sending in gently used toys, games, books etc. that we can use for prizes. There will be letters coming home soon to ask for such items, so please check your child's agenda regularly. Our next Fun Fair Committee meeting is on Monday, April 24th at 7:30 PM, right after that night's regular School Council Meeting. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Please keep ordering subs and pitas from *Healthy Hunger*. Money from every order directly benefits students here at Stowe.

Our next meeting is on Monday, April 24th at 6:30 pm in the school's library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dawn Chapell
School Council Chair

Safe Arrival



At Dr. Emily Stowe, the safety of our students is first and foremost. We have a 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!

No Dogs

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!



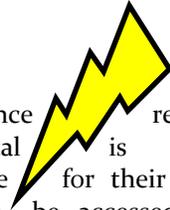
Character in the School April Attribute

Responsibility

I am responsible for my thoughts, words and actions. I am accountable for my choices. I admit my mistakes and work to correct them. People can depend on me to honour my commitments. I demonstrate active citizenship.

NEW Safe Arrival Program

Effective Tuesday, April 18th, we will begin using a new absence reporting system called **Safe Arrival**. The School Connects Parent Portal is a fast, convenient way for parents/guardians to report an absence for their children. The Portal is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be accessed via the telephone, internet, or mobile app, anywhere in North America. Partial day, full day, and multiple day absences may be entered. Absences can also be entered in advance for convenience in attending appointments. It will allow you to report your child's absence quickly and conveniently.



More information will be coming home **Monday, April 10th, so please be sure to watch for it. Phone calls will no longer be accepted at the school effective April 18th; you will be given a toll-free number to use.**

Arrival Time

Many thanks to those of you who are improving on arrival times! Please give yourself plenty of opportunity to get ready in the morning and to school on time for the 8:40 a.m. bell. Punctuality is an important skill in life!

Bikes, Blades & 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 and skateboards or rollerblading to school. For purposes of safety, please remind your children to always wear a helmet, dismount their bike, skateboard or rollerblades once they arrive on school property and secure their bike with a lock. A bike rack (a new scooter rack will be installed shortly) is provided at the front of the school but the school cannot monitor it.



Basketball



Congratulations to the Jr. Basketball Team who had a great day at the tournament on March 30th. We are proud of everyone for representing Stowe with great sportsmanship! Team members include Taylor G., Logan M., Takumi H., Emerson R., Derick D., Ashley P., Taylore G., Owen P., Tyus S., Jake K., James B., Morgan J., Eric B., Hailey N. and Emma R.

Mme. Johnson & Mrs. Wiffen



Pickup for the Spring Flower Fundraiser will be Thursday, April 13th from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and again from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Thank you for your support.

Class Placements For 2017-2018

Soon we will be receiving our preliminary staffing numbers for next year. The Ministry has a primary class size cap of 20 students per class. Due to this cap, the result will be many combined classes. For example, if we have 23 Grade 1 students, we will need to create a Gr. 1 class and another combined class of Grade 1 / 2. 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 decided by sending/receiving teachers and administration. Considering the above information and understanding there will be staffing changes (i.e., grade assignments and transfers) we will not be able to respond to parental requests for specific teachers. Most of these changes occur in late June, over the summer, or into the fall depending on when final staffing is in place.

If you have specific information about your child you would like us to consider (i.e., learning style), please communicate your thoughts in writing to the office by May 12th. Please consider the above factors listed above in your rationale for the request. **Requests for a specific teacher will not be considered.**

Medication at School

This is just to remind parents, if your child needs to receive medication during the school day there is Board paperwork that must be completed by parents. For the safety of all students, all medication (prescription or non-prescription) must be stored at the office. If you are unsure, please call the office to assist with your questions.

EQAO

Every spring all students across the province in grade 3 and 6 participate in an assessment of reading, writing and mathematics. Dates for 2017 are between May 23 and June 5th, 2017. It would be very helpful if you can refrain from booking any appointments outside of school for your child during the EQAO assessments. During the assessment week we recommend a healthy breakfast and a good night's sleep, which is also a good recipe for success every day!

For further information, visit their website, www.eqao.com

Fire Drill and Lockdown Practices

Spring is also a time when we review our fire drill and lockdown procedures. If you visit the school during one of these practices, 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.

WHY NOT START WALKING TO SCHOOL THIS MONTH?
SPRINGTIME is the PERFECT TIME for WALKING
WALKING

It's free
It's low impact
Anyone can do it
Can be done year round



JUST A FEW of the BENEFITS of WALKING

Reduces stress and improves your mood
Clears your head and improves your focus
Helps you sleep
Boosts your immune system
Reduces the risk for diabetes
Contributes to a healthy heart
Can be done as a family activity
An excellent opportunity to chat casually with your children

Don't forget!

Friday, April 28th is a PA Day



Good Friday is April 14th and Easter Monday is April 17th. Enjoy a nice long weekend.



Grade 8 Grad

The Grade 8 Grad is set for

Tuesday, June 27th

If you have a Grade 8 student, watch for more information

coming home in the next month!



Need To Know When/ What is Happening at the School?

Need to know the next pizza lunch date or popcorn day? Pink Shirt Day, Special Event Day?? Keep in the know by browsing our school calendar on the website on a regular basis. From the main page, go to School Events toward the bottom right hand side

STAY.....



Healthy Hunger

Subway and Pita Pit will continue until the end of the school year. Register now!! Link is posted on school website.



KPR recognized March 25's Earth Hour in a variety of ways. Several schools held special events on Friday, March 24. Several other schools had lights-free and electronics-free activities during the last hour of school before the weekend. Many KPR families also shared photos of their activities during Earth Hour. As of Thursday morning, March 30th, 1,226 people had registered with KPR as having participated in the international event. Wondering how to continue Earth Hour's efforts? Visit <http://earthhour.org> for ideas.

International Day of Pink

April 12th marks the International Day of Pink. It is a day where communities unite in celebrating diversity and raising awareness to stop homophobic, transphobic & other forms of bullying. The International Day of Pink had its origins in the now-famous incident in Nova Scotia when two male students stood up for another male student who was being picked on because he was wearing pink, and mobilized their peers to do the same. The message was clear: anyone can bully, anyone can be victimized by bullying, but together we can stop it. People wear pink to remember that positive actions make a difference, and that the changes start with each one of us.



We invite everyone to make an anti-discrimination statement by wearing one or more pink items to school on **April 12th**. Let's show our true colours that day: wear pink and show our support for diversity!

Dress Code Reminder

With the warmer weather approaching parents and students are reminded to review the Stowe dress code printed in the student agenda.

Students should dress cleanly and neatly in a manner that allows them to participate fully in all school activities:

- hats/caps are to be stored on the hallway racks
- tank, tube, spaghetti strap tops or halter tops are not suitable for school
- tops that are cut extremely low or ones that expose midriff are not suitable
- appropriate fitting shorts / pants must be worn at school, at waist level
- underwear should not be showing
- clothes with signs / symbols or language /pictures that may be offensive are not appropriate at school
- appropriate footwear must be worn at all times (appropriate for learning in the classrooms and outside) sandals like flip flops are not recommended for school as there is no support for the foot and the students have difficulty running
- students are required to have indoor running shoes for gym class

Earth Day



Celebrated every April 22nd, Earth Day is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. More than 6 million Canadians join 1 billion people in over 170 countries in staging events and projects to address local environmental issues. Nearly every school child in Canada takes part in an Earth Day activity. Environmental challenges abound as our daily actions pollute and degrade the fragile environment that humans and wildlife depend on to survive. Earth Day provides the opportunity for positive actions and results.



April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 World Autism Awareness Day	3 	4 Flower Orders Due 	5	6 	7 	8
9	10 	11 	12 	13 Flower Pickup 8:30-10:30/3-6 pm 	14 GOOD FRIDAY	15
16 	17 EASTER MONDAY	18 **New Safe Arrival EARTH WEEK 	19 Begins** ACTIVITIES	20 Immunization Clinic-Grs 7 & 8 	21 	22 
23/30 Volunteer Appreciation Week	24  6:30 p.m. & Fun Fair Mtg 	25 	26	27 	28 PA DAY	29

MATH CORNER

Understand Numbers with Your Child

Research tells us that in mathematics, higher achieving students have a stronger flexibility and understanding of the relationships between numbers. In classrooms, educators are working with students to build skills with understanding and connections, to help develop their sense of number as well as learning and remembering facts. This helps them when problem-solving.

Think about knowing $4 + 7 = 11$ simply as a memorized fact.

Now think about knowing that $4 + 7 = 11$ because it is a $3 + 7$ and 1 more (linked to knowing that 10 is an important number).

The understanding of this relationship can help a student to think flexibly about $64+27$.

In the same way, it can be thought about as $60 + 20 +$ the 10 (that was made by the understanding of $4+7$) and 1 more = 91

As a parent, you can support your child in thinking flexibly about how numbers are related:

What other numbers or facts is this connected to?

Example: $6 + 7 = ?$ This is like the double I know of $6 + 6$ and then 1 more.

What do you know that might help you get there?

Example: $7 \times 4 = ?$ I remember that $5 \times 4 = 20$, so then I have to add on two more 4's, which is 8, to get 28.

What is another way that you can know that?

Example: $4 \times 25 = ?$ I can think about money and know that 4 quarters is \$1.00, so $4 \times 25 = 100$

PLANS THIS SUMMER?

Youth programs available on campus featuring:



APP DESIGN
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CODING
ELECTRONICS
GAME DESIGN
MINECRAFT



To register and find out more, visit
uoit.ca/summer



APRIL 5TH 2017 PARENT INFO NIGHT 6-8 P.M.

Please join us for Courtice Intermediate & Secondary Parent Info Night.

We welcome many community agencies and guest speaker to provide invaluable insight into current issues facing you and your children. Social media tips & what to look for, mental health awareness and many other aspects that will benefit your family and yourself. Remember sometimes it does take a village to raise a child. Parents of all ages are welcome to attend!



Home of the
Cougars

Guest Speaker:
Steve Finnegan
(Social Media Awareness)

Frontenac Youth Services
John Howard Society

Durham Mental Health Services

Pinewood

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