



DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

September 2017

"Where Children Grow"

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Principal's Message....

Dear Parents / Guardians:

We hope you had an enjoyable summer and you're ready for the start of another exciting school year at Dr. Emily Stowe Public School. To all new families joining the community and new staff members we welcome you into the Stowe family! This 2017/18 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.

In the coming week you will be invited to our Meet the Teacher / Community BBQ on Wednesday, September 20th. The BBQ will begin at 5:30pm with classroom visits 6:00pm-7:00pm. We hope to see you there!

We are a **walking school** and parking at Dr. Emily Stowe is extremely limited so please allow your children to walk or access our "kiss 'n ride" program (no exiting your vehicle please).

By reducing the amount of paper sent home, we hope to protect our environment. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please let the office know by completing the appropriate section of the Student Information Form being sent home. Subsequent monthly newsletters will be available on the school website at the beginning of each month.

All students in grades 1 to 8 have received student agendas generously donated by the Stowe School Council. Thank you! You will find relevant information regarding procedures at Dr. Emily Stowe and the KPRDSB Code of Conduct. In the front section of the agenda. We appreciate your support in helping to promote a safe school environment.

We 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. We are looking forward to another productive and successful school year!

Denise Humphries
Principal

School Council

On *Monday September 25th* at 6:15 p.m., 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!

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 report an absence 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 1-866-740-2902, log into the Parent Portal at kprdsb.schoolconnects.com or download the app (available through your app store). If your child arrives late, please remind him or her to report to the office on their way to class, so we can record 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 September Attribute

Optimism

I have a positive attitude. I see challenges as opportunities. I think, and act to make the world a better place. I have hope for the future.



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

8:10-8:40 3:00-3:30

EMERGENCY MEDICAL PLANS

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



Meet The Staff

The staff of Dr. Emily Stowe are extremely skilled and dedicated. Each one of them brings special talents and interests to their teaching, thus enabling us to offer strong academic and varied co-curricular programs.

Primary Division:

Mrs. K. McDonald	JK/SK
Mrs. S. McCulligh	ECE
Mrs. A. McCaffrey	JK/SK
Mrs. S. Morton	ECE
Mrs. Szmyr	SK/Grade 1
Mrs. N. VanAlebeek	Grade 1
Mrs. T. Bryson	Grade 1/2
Mrs. M. Cutler	Grade 2/3
Mrs. T. Johnston	Grade 3

SERT: Mrs. C. Murru

SERT / Planning: Ms. B. Taylor

Core French: Mme. M. Johnson

Planning: TBA

Music / Planning: Mr. D. Roberts

Educational Interpreters:

Mrs. M. Parker & Mrs. A. Broad

Child Youth Worker:

Mrs. N. Dubroy

Junior/Intermediate Division:

TBA / Mr. S. Harper	Grade 3/4
Mr. M. Denney	Grade 4/5
Mrs. L. Skelding	Grade 5
Mrs. H. James	Grade 6
Mrs. K. Papaleo	Grade 6/7
Mrs. K. Luke-Hewitt	Grade 7/8
Mrs. C. Harding	Grade 7/8

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.



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: _____

Lunch Routines

Only students whose parents/guardians have completed the appropriate documentation indicating that they will be returning home each day for one or both nutrition breaks will be allowed to leave during this time. **All students leaving the property must exit and return through the main entrance after signing out and in at the office.** All other students must remain on school property. Permission in writing is required for all departures that occur at times other than our regular dismissal time. Please hand in notes to the office first thing in the morning.



Picture Day Scheduled for Friday, October 20, 2017. Retakes on Monday, November 20, 2017.



Yard Supervision

Yard supervision in the morning begins at 8:25 a.m. Just a reminder students should not arrive before this time as they will be unattended.

Indigenous Student Self-Identification

An information brochure will soon be sent home by our school describing the voluntary self-identification initiative for First Nation, Métis and Inuit students. Your Indigenous heritage is a vital part of who you are. By identifying your child or teen as a First Nation, Métis or Inuit student, this helps us build the best possible school programs for all students. The information you provide when you self-identify will be private and confidential. You may choose to self-identify by completing the form included on the brochure. For more information, please contact Sheryl Mattson, Indigenous Education Consultant K-12
Sheryl_mattson@kprdsb.ca

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 web-site on a regular basis. From the main page, go to School Events toward the bottom right hand side

STAY



Lunch Programs

Our Healthy Hunger Program will be resuming for this school year. Subway will be offered on Tuesdays and Pita Pit on Thursdays.

Pizza lunch through Pizza Pizza will also resume every Monday. Lunch Lady every Wednesday. Look for forms coming home soon with start dates.



Online math fun at home

All families throughout KPR now have access to an exciting, online math game that students can enjoy at home. Prodigy allows children to practice the math skills they learn in class in a fun, Pokemon-style video game. The game has improved students' confidence, abilities and test results in math, and earned rave reviews from the children. You can sign up for a free parent account at www.prodigygame.com.

Late Policy

Under the provisions of The Education Act, all children are required to attend school punctually on a regular basis. If late arrivals become a significant problem, the school is obligated to inform the parent and to take such steps as are required to ensure that the child arrives at school on time for class. Late arrivals also create disruption to the learning environment of others. When students are persistently late in arriving, therefore, parents will be contacted and students may be asked to pay back the time missed. We therefore ask for your assistance in ensuring your child arrives at school promptly before the 8:40 bell.

Reminders

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.

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.

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



Minds Matter @ KPR



2017 Parent Conference

October 21, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Adam Scott CVI • Hilliard and Langton Streets, Peterborough



Keynote address by:

Sara Westbrook

Three Habits of Resilient Families

Plus choice of up to two workshops:

- Kids Have Stress Too
- My Child Has Anxiety: What Can I Do?
- My Teen Has Anxiety: What Can I Do?
- Helping Kids Who Self-harm
- Mindfulness and Mental Health
- Self-Regulation
- Bullying: Rising Above
- Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds
- Addictions and Self-Medication in Teens
- Supporting LGBTQ+ Kids
- Concussions & Their Effect on the Brain
- safeTALK: Suicide Awareness & Prevention

**Plus displays by community agencies, refreshments,
child minding for ages 2 & up – all free!**

Register by October 16 at kprschools.ca

Questions? 1-877-741-4577 x2001



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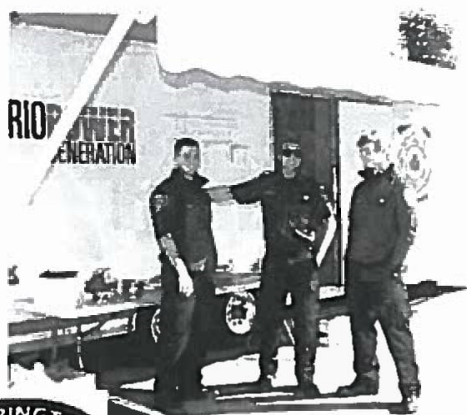
family SAFETY day



**Saturday, September 30 • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Fire Station 1 • 2430 Highway 2, Bowmanville**

**Live Burn • Durham Police Helicopter
Live Music • Police Dog Demonstration
Fire Extinguisher Training • Armoured Vehicle**



Bring the family to Clarington's Family Safety Day. A **free**, fun-filled day that includes interactive exhibits by Emergency and Fire Services, Safety Agencies, local businesses and organizations. There will be lots of **activities, demonstrations, and information for all ages!**



**ONTARIOPOWER
GENERATION**

Clarington

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Labour Day	5 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! (Grades 1-8)	6 Year 2 (SK) Kinder- garten students begin	7	8 Year 1 (JK) Kinder- garten students 1st full day	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Community BBQ 5:30 Meet the Teacher 6:00-7:00	21	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28 1:40 Terry Fox Walk	29 PA Day	30