



# DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

October 2017

## “Where Children Grow”

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### Principal's Message....

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Once again it was wonderful to see so many students and parents attending our Meet the Teacher / Open House on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who were able to attend and meet their child's teacher.

School councils play an important role in student success by encouraging a strong partnership between the school and the family. Thank you to those in attendance at the recent meeting and especially to those members who will continue to take an active role in the many activities at Stowe. Your partnership makes a difference for students at Stowe!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new Stowe staff members: Ms. Morrallee who will be a preparation teacher in the primary division and with the Gr. 6/7 class, Ms. K. McCulligh new ECE in the SK / Grade 1 and Mrs. Bradbury in Grade 3/ 4 classroom.

Starting this week our Grade 1-3 students who exit vehicles from the Kiss and Ride will be encouraged to enter the doors by the daycare and walk directly to the back of the school where they will be met by the Stowe supervising staff. We ask that families escorting their children to school continue to walk around the sides of the school.

**Denise Humphries**  
**Principal**

### School Council

It's hard to believe that the first month of the school year has already passed. We have had our first meeting for the year and we are pleased to share with you your new School Council for the 2017 - 18 school year:

Chair: Dawn Chapell	Vice-Chair: Jackie Hester
Secretary: Kelly Hooghiem	Regional Rep: Kerry Ann Anderson
Community Rep: Jessica Mirny	Hot Lunch Co-ordinator: Cathy Peters
Teacher Rep: Candace Murru	

As well, we are pleased to have an additional 11 voting members! Thank you for supporting your school community! We have already started our first fundraiser for the year: *Fresh From the Farm*. We hope that you will find this practical as we all need fresh fruit and vegetables and 40 % of the sales come back to the school.

We will once again also be offering our annual poinsettia fundraiser in a month or so. Profits from this will be supporting the school's music program.

Finally, we are planning another Christmas Market for December 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested in having a booth at this year's market, please contact Colleen at [collcollinsio@yahoo.ca](mailto:collcollinsio@yahoo.ca) by Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Booths will be available on a first come, first serve basis, and regretfully, we will not be accepting duplicate vendors.

The School Council would also like to remind parents and guardians that our lunch program has been up and running through *Healthy Hunger* offering, pizza, subs, and pitas on scheduled days. Please visit [healthyhunger.ca](http://healthyhunger.ca) and set up your account today.

Also, please remember that when shopping at M & M Meat Shops at Highway 2 and Townline Rd to mention Dr. Emily Stowe PS and 10 % of your order will be donated back to the school.

Our next meeting is on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM in the school's library. As always, everyone is welcome to attend.

Dawn Chapell, Chair  
[dawnchapell@gmail.com](mailto:dawnchapell@gmail.com)

## 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](http://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!

## School Lunches through Healthy Hunger

Domino's Pizza is offered Mondays, Subway on Tuesdays and Pita Pit on Thursdays.

If you haven't signed up, there is a link on the school website.



## Character in the School October Attribute

### Fairness

I am sensitive to the needs of individuals. I include others and value their uniqueness. I celebrate diversity. I treat people with dignity and consideration with which I would like to be treated. I gather as much information as possible in order to make a decision that is just.



Our photo day is Friday, October 20th. Edge imaging provides a wide selection of products to capture your child's true personality. Your child should have brought home a flyer containing all of the details. Feel free to visit [www.edgeimaging.com](http://www.edgeimaging.com) for answers to frequently asked questions.



### Junior Soccer

Congratulations to our team who were great sports during our tournament on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Team members include: C.J. S., Sam S., Ella M., Hailey N., Erik I., Kayley S., Jayden F., Jade W., Derrick D., David B., Halayna E., Ethan C., Hannah C., Ayana H., Evan B., Leah P., Yousif H., Ashley P., Hariz S., Henry B., Nethuki G., Gavin W.

*Mme Johnson and Ms. Taylor*

### Intermediate Soccer

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, the Intermediate Soccer Team represented our school at the tournament at Clarington Fields. They demonstrated excellent soccer skills, team spirit and sportsmanship. Even though it was a hot day, they persevered and secured 4<sup>th</sup> place in the tournament. Well done and thanks for an excellent season! Team members include: Avin B., Alyssa C., Ava W., Morgan J., Brody S., Takumi H., Brooke C., Logan P., Matt C., Adam M., James B., Owen P., Ella H., Emma R., Abeigh R., Brooke A., Dana A.

*Ms. Murru and Ms. Szymr*



## Terry Fox

We are celebrating our 19th year as dedicated organizers of our school run for Terry Fox and cancer research. To date, we have raised well over \$14 000, in our humble collection of loonies and toonies. Our total as of September 27 is \$718.05!! We're up to \$470 in online donations alone! It was a great day for our walk September 28th. Thank you to parents who joined us! Sincere thanks to all who contributed to our recent campaign.

*Leslie Skelding*

## 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.

## Edsby



Invitations to join Edsby for those new parents/guardians or ones who are not yet set up, have been sent out by the office over the last week. If you did not receive an email, please check your junk/spam folder. Invitations are only emailed to those parents/guardians who have provided email addresses to the school. Please take some time to view the following links, to see what Edsby is all about as a communication tool between the school and you!

<http://www.edsby.com/how-edsby-helps/parent/>

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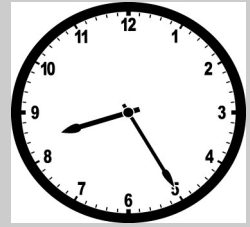
Orders due Friday, October 6th, or through Cash Online. Order forms and information were sent home a couple of weeks ago. Please support this fantastic fundraiser.



Anyone interested in renting a space, please contact Colleen Collins at [collcollins10@yahoo.ca](mailto:collcollins10@yahoo.ca) for further details and registration, by Saturday, October 7th.

## Food Awareness

At Dr. Emily Stowe P.S. we ask students not to share or trade food. We have this rule in place for safety. There are many food allergies as well as specific diets that students follow for a variety of reasons. DRS is a nut aware school and we ask that parents do not send any nuts or nut products to school. A reminder that 'Nutella' is not permitted at school as it is made of hazelnuts and if you send "wow butter" products to school please ensure they are clearly labelled. We thank you for keeping our students safe!



## 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.



POPCORN, POPCORN, POPCORN

Popcorn will be sold every Friday during first break for \$1 a bag. Please remember to send your loonies and help support the Grade 8s with their graduation ceremony expenses/trip.

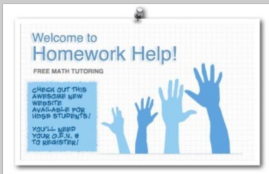
## Need To Know When/ What is Happening at the School?

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.....







### Homework Help Free real-time math tutoring available!

Grade 7 to 10 math students at KPR have access to 20 hours a week of free, online math tutoring to help them improve and succeed in math. Check out Homework Help where certified Ontario teachers are available Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., for one-on-one confidential help. Registered students in Grades 7 through 10 math are able to:

Access a collection of online math resources 24/7.

Access free personalized tutoring from a certified Ontario math teacher. Other important information about the service:

Chats take place Sunday to Thursday between the hours of 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Homework Help is free, live and anonymous.

Visit <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/> to learn more!

### Pack a Safe Lunch

- ✓ Keep cold foods cold
- ✓ Keep hot foods hot
- ✓ Follow school policies on food allergies



For more information, or to receive a copy of the "Pack a Safe Lunch" pamphlet, call Environmental Help Line at 1-888-777-9613



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Information available in accessible formats.

Follow us on:



### 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.

### 2017 KPR Parent Conference – Minds Matter @ KPR

Saturday, October 21

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

Adam Scott CVI, 175 Langton St. (at Hilliard St), Peterborough

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### Saving For Education: A Little Goes a Long Way

Worried that you can't afford to start saving for your child education after high school? The federal government can help you start to save for your child's future now! The Canada Learning Bond and the Canada Education Savings Grant will help make your child's trade school, college or university education more affordable.

The Government of Canada provides a \$500 **Canada Learning Bond** to families with a modest income to help them save for the education of children born after December 31, 2003. If you qualify, you may continue to receive \$100 a year for your child's education until your child is 15. That's up to \$2,000 total.

The **Canada Education Savings Grant** is money the Government gives you when you invest in education for your child aged 17 or under. You may receive between \$2 and \$4 for every \$10 you save for your child's education, depending on your family income and how much you save every year.

Imagine the doors that could open up for your child once they graduate. Save a little bit today, to lead to a brighter future tomorrow.

For more information, visit [StartMyRESP.ca/KPRDSB](http://StartMyRESP.ca/KPRDSB)

☎ Click [Canada.ca/education-savings](http://Canada.ca/education-savings) ☎ Call 1 800 O-Canada (1-800-622-6232)

☎ TTY 1-800-926-9105 ☎ Visit a Service Canada Centre near you

### Lockdown Practice

During the next few months we will be conducting lockdown practice sessions. Should you come to the school during this time, you will notice a sign on the front door of the school asking you to wait outside until the practice is completed.



























The students may or may not know of the practice in advance. We really appreciate the time parents take to discuss these practices with their children. Emphasizing the importance of following the teacher's instructions at this time is most appreciated.

Our community police officer may be joining us for practice sessions and will help us assess our procedures. She will also help us make adjustments and/or improvements where necessary.



# OCTOBER

**October – Fairness** -I am sensitive to the needs of individuals. I include others and value their uniqueness. I celebrate diversity. I treat people with dignity and consideration with which I would like to be treated. I gather as much information as possible in order to make a decision that is just.

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22	23 	24  	25 	26 Immunization Clinic Grade 7 	27 	28
29	30  6:15 p.m.	31 Halloween 	Photo retakes November 20th Remembrance Day November 11th Bullying Awareness Week November 19-25th			

**BOARD TO EXPAND ITS FOCUS ON MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION**

In support of the Ministry of Education's renewed math strategy, the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board will be rolling out an intensive new instructional model this year to support students in learning math from Grades 1 to 8. This program is aligned with a continued emphasis on math provincially flowing from results of the most recent Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) results, as well as Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) results, which were released today.

"In the areas of reading and writing, our student results have been fairly consistent over time. Each year we see some stable increases or dips over the length of the five-year assessment cycle. Our students' math results, however, are simply not where we want or know they can be," says Dr. Jennifer Leclerc, Director of Education. "Along with school boards across the province, we've been steadily increasing our focus on math each year. We can see some flashes of improvement – our Grade 6 students improved by 3% from last year, and our Grade 9 Applied students are up 7% over the last five years; but we know we have much work to do."

Leclerc says the new mathematics initiative will support teachers by continuing to merge and unify the approach to math across all grade levels, considering the learning experiences and instructional strategies for all students. Leclerc indicated that there has been an overwhelming interest in participation in this pilot project from teachers.

"Over the past year we've been reviewing instructional strategies that have been successful in other jurisdictions, and have built our own model based in part on some of these components. We're excited, and our teachers are excited to be moving forward this fall with what we all acknowledge can be challenging concepts for our students to master," says Leclerc.

"We know that our students' learning is a continuum, and that there are a number of aspects of a child's education that lead to their success. Just recently we've seen the province announce that they will be revising report cards this year to incorporate some of the more broader areas that we know are critical for life-long success, including problem-solving, critical thinking and creativity skills," says Cathy Abraham, Chairperson of the Board. "We can and will do better to ensure our students continue to develop and improve in the core areas of reading, writing and mathematics. Our focus on mathematics instruction specifically will remain a priority."

Highlights of the Board's results from this year's assessments include:

Grade 3 Results

Reading - KPR results improved by 2% from last year  
 Writing – KPR results declined by 1% from last year  
 Math – KPR students maintained their progress from last year

Grade 6 Results

Reading – KPR results have improved by 2% from last year  
 Writing – KPR results have declined by 2% from last year  
 Math – KPR results have improved by 3% from last year

Leclerc noted the emphasis on mathematics instruction is province-wide and ongoing.

"Math is among the most difficult areas of instruction for our students, and for our staff. The concepts are complex and multi-layered," says Leclerc. "We are excited about the strategies we are pursuing this year, and will continue to explore all avenues to support our students with mathematics learning."

**Elementary Results**

% of all KPR students achieving the provincial standard - Grades 3 & 6															
Five-year Trends	Reading					Writing					Mathematics				
	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
Grade 3	66%	67%	No Test	69%	71%	73%	74%	No Test	70%	69%	61%	63%	No Test	57%	57%
Grade 6	77%	78%	No Test	77%	79%	73%	74%	No Test	74%	72%	54%	48%	No Test	40%	43%

Of the students who wrote the test for the first time, 73% were successful.

Parents and members of the media can see the questions completed by students in the EQAO assessments by visiting [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)



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**Our event is for all ages - but parents, you are the best judge of what your children will enjoy. We provide a special code word to everyone to give you "extra protection" too!**