

# DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

February 2022

## “Soaring to Victory”

### *Principal’s Message*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

February recognizes the character trait of Empathy. Throughout February, we will focus on how our actions impact upon others and affect their well-being. We will continue to explore the difference between conflict and bullying and identify the strategies we use to address these concerns. Some of these identify ways to include others, seek out help or simply walk away. We are very proud of our students and know that we can continue to add to their tool kit of strategies as they develop. We are currently developing a model for students to easily show mild, moderate, and more serious forms of bullying based on forms of verbal and physical aggression, social alienation, and intimidation. Student input is crucial to this project, and we appreciate all that our students are contributing to this model. We hope to have this ready to present in final form by the end of this month.

Our Code of Conduct also continues to guide us as a school community. You may reference this at our website or in your child’s agenda. The Code of Conduct applies to all members of our school community, including parents and guardians. Thank you for upholding these standards and serving as models to our students. Your respect for one another and our teachers is paramount to maintaining a safe school environment.

Part of helping us with a safe school environment is to wear a mask when you are on school property if you cannot maintain a distance of two metres. Our school board mask policy outlines this expectation. This may be reviewed at [Face Mask Protocol Jan. 28, 2022](#). Hopefully, we will not need to think about this for too much longer. Until then, we respectfully ask that you follow what Public Health and our school board have directed.

This month, we will be recognizing and celebrating many aspects that remind us how important our individual differences contribute to the larger community to enhance our school culture. At Dr. Emily Stowe, February includes Lunar New Year celebrations, Black History month and Pink Shirt Day. Together we will continue to share our experiences and learn to be an even more respectful and peaceful community.

As report cards go home February 18<sup>th</sup>, remember that we treasure the gifts your child brings to school each day. Should you wish to discuss the report, please contact your child’s teacher directly to set up a meeting.

Sincerely,

*Madame Haley-Twiss*

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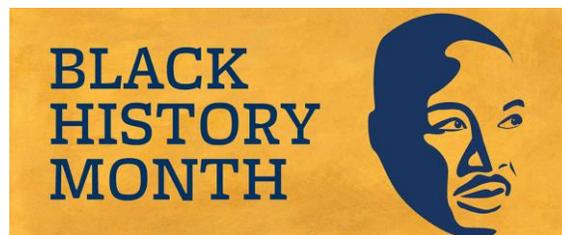
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## School Council

We are happy to announce Subway, Booster Juice, and Kernels popcorn days are back starting February 7th. Please log in to Healthy Hunger to order your Subway and Booster Juice. Popcorn days will be February 23rd, March 9th, and March 23rd. Please login to School Cash Online to order.

Our recent fundraisers garnered the following profits:

1. Spirit Wear - \$537.00
2. Rekkers - \$1,049.45
3. Purdy's Chocolate - \$1,939.39

The profits from Spirit Wear will go toward coding materials, from Purdy's toward primary readers, while Rekkers will be allocated to Scientists in the School.



Look out for our Spring fundraiser with Purdy's Chocolate coming out soon.

Our next council meeting is February 22nd. This will be a virtual meeting at 7:00 p.m. at <https://kprdsb.webex.com/meet/lhaley-twiss>

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## Character in the School

### February's Character Attribute

#### Empathy

I respect the feelings of others. I seek to understand what others are thinking to appreciate their perspectives. I listen and consider their views, even though we may not agree. I act with kindness and compassion.



## Transfers to Virtual Elementary School

Any recent requests to transfer to virtual elementary school were complete with their start date with VES being February 1<sup>st</sup>. There are no further transfers scheduled for the remainder of the year.

## Pink Shirt Day



Pink Shirt Day falls on the last Wednesday of February every year; join us for Pink Shirt Day on February 23rd, 2022, in our mission to create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness for anti-bullying initiatives. We encourage our students to wear something pink that day to symbolize that society will not tolerate bullying anywhere. You can visit [www.pinkshirtday.ca](http://www.pinkshirtday.ca) for more information.

# Welcome to Kindergarten

We're looking forward to welcoming new Kindergarten students to our local public schools this September. Kindergarten teachers and Early Childhood Educators work together to provide safe, inclusive, engaging programming where students learn through play.

Visit our website at [www.kprschools.ca/kindergarten](http://www.kprschools.ca/kindergarten) to register online for the 2022-23 school year.



## Edsby & School Messenger

Our primary tool for communication between parents and teachers will be EDSBY. Invitations will be sent from time to time to your email, if you have not yet activated your account. Bookmark the parent portal from the Board website for ease of access. <https://parents.kprdsb.ca/>. If you have difficulties logging in, please email Edsby support at [support@edsby.com](mailto:support@edsby.com)

## Absence Reporting

**During online learning, please continue to report any absences.** At Dr. Emily Stowe, the safety of our students is first and foremost. Our Absence Reporting System allows you to report an absence 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-844-434-8119 or register at [studentabsence.kprdsb.ca](http://studentabsence.kprdsb.ca) or download the app (available through your app store). **If attendance is proving difficult due to personal circumstances, please contact your child's teacher to establish a plan.**



If you mention Dr. Emily Stowe before your items are scanned through, 10% of sales comes back to the school! Show your support for your school. Every little bit helps!

## From The Board

2022-23 School Year Calendar Options

The 2022-2023 school year calendar survey is now closed. Watch for news on an approved calendar soon.

- Option A: Winter Break runs from Monday, December 19, to Friday, December 30, 2022, with students returning to school on Monday, January 2, 2023
- Option B: Winter Break runs from Monday, December 26, to Friday, January 6, with students returning to school on Monday, January 9, 2023

As most are aware, there has been a great deal of media attention in recent days with respect to mental health and well-being. Given the exposure of the Bell's Let's Talk social media campaign, it is anticipated that many of our students and staff will be engaged in important discussions related to mental health, wellness, and the importance of reducing stigma. In response, we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce the KPR community to some valuable resources related to wellness. We would also like to keep these discussions going beyond a single day. So, each month, we will be sharing important information and tips about how to support wellness in our schools and communities, along with a monthly challenge that we hope students and staff will engage in.

As we engage in discussion related to mental health and wellness, we do think that it is important to remember that every member of our school community faces unique challenges that are relative to their personal, social, and cultural experiences. There are several supports available within our Board; in addition, there are several culturally sensitive and trauma informed therapeutic supports available to our students, including:

[Kids Help Phone](#) at 1-800-668-6868 or by texting CONNECT to 686868 provides 24/7 access to counselling support for children and youth.

[Black Youth Helpline](#) - offers support for all youth and specifically responds to the need for a Black youth specific service, and provides professional, culturally appropriate support for youth, families, and schools. Please call: 1-833-294-8650

[Naseeha](#) is a mental health helpline offering support to Muslim and non-Muslims around the world. Please call or text 1-866-627-3342

[Hope for Wellness Helpline](#) offers mental health counselling and crisis intervention to all Indigenous peoples across Canada. Please call 1-855-242-3310

[Talk 4 Healing](#) is a confidential helpline for Indigenous women available across Ontario. Please call 1-855-554-HEAL

[Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youth Line](#) at 1-647-694-4275 provides confidential, informed peer support for youth that are 2SLGBTQIA+

#### **Mandatory Daily School Screening Tool**

For everyone's safety, students and staff must not attend school if they are sick, even if symptoms resemble a mild cold.

As you know, every day before coming to school, families must complete the Ontario government's school screening tool: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. If your child DOES NOT PASS the screening, they cannot attend school and must follow the guidance provided, including recommendations regarding isolation and testing.

Beginning January 3, we have developed a new, digital screening tool that we are asking all families and students to complete **prior** to attending school. This confirmation portal is available here: [KPR Daily Screening Form](#), and will also be available on the front page of our website: [www.kprschoools.ca](http://www.kprschoools.ca)

This online confirmation **must be completed for each student in your household, every day**. Multiple students can be added to the same form if they attend the same school. It is not a requirement to send this to the school. It goes to the board automatically.

Please complete separate forms if students attend different schools.

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BLACK HISTORY MONTH		1	2 	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 	15	16	17	18 Report Cards Go Home	19
20	21 	22 School Council virtual meeting 7:00 pm	23 	24 Grade 8/SK grad photos	25	26
27	28					