



DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

December 2023

“Soaring to Victory”

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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to December! It is going to be a busy month at Stowe with our Holiday Concert, Spirit Days and a variety of other activities. Information regarding school activities can be located within this newsletter. It is great to see the level of excitement in the students increase as the holidays approach.

Our Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO results have been published and can be found using the following link:

<https://www.eqao.com/report/?id=3067&mident=136891&fbclid=IwAR1qOFRXc6Xx3PoqSNiYKvoInMHZTxncd92EOedAUMDmpTB2YWYgoW-BFaU>

We will use this EQAO data to identify our strengths and areas for growth. This will help us in our school improvement planning process.

Once again, I would like to thank you for such a welcoming return to Stowe and all your support for our school. Stowe is truly a wonderful school community which is the result of supportive families, great teachers and fantastic students!

Have a Merry Christmas, restful holidays and all the best in 2024!

Sincerely,

Mr. Beers

School Council



Character in the School

December's Character 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.



School Holiday Concert

On Tuesday, December 12th, at 1:45pm we invite parents/guardians to attend our Winter Celebration in the school gym. We will need some time to set up seating in the gymnasium after our dress rehearsal for the rest of the school, so please wait until 1:30pm before arriving.

Unfortunately, due to logistical reasons we will be unable to stream / record the concert this year. Students will have an opportunity to view the performances during the dress rehearsal that day. Please note that we have limited space in our gymnasium.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to Ryan H. (Grade 8) for representing Dr. Emily Stowe P.S. and laying our wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Clarington.



School's Class Wreaths

Bethesda House

The Stowe community is once again accepting donations of non-perishable food items, toys and gift cards to help support Bethesda House during this holiday season. Items can be brought to the school until Friday, December 8th. Thank you for your support.

See attached flyer for more details of Student Council initiatives over this holiday season.

Student Council Boo-Gram Sales

Student Council would like to express its thanks to our students and their families for their generosity and purchases of 'Boograms' in October. Seen in this photo are representatives (human and furry) from Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue receiving a cheque in the amount of \$869.50.



Junior Volleyball Tournament

Congratulations to the Junior Volleyball Team on their tournament on Friday, Nov 24th. It was a well-played day overall at the Junior triple ball tournament. New skills and more development on the fundamentals led Stowe to placing 4th place in the competitive division at the very first Triple Ball tournament. Well done Stowe! Stowe gave a great effort and really showed great sportsmanship.

Team members included Leighton S., Charly B., Kennedy K., Ema C., Hadley I., Senul G., Bennett L., Nolan T., Parker E., and Kalel A.



Coach Mme. Chartrand

Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team on their tournament on Thursday, November 30th. They placed 3rd in their division. Everyone really came together as a team. Thanks for a great season.

Team members include Briar I., Logan T., Dru S., Kea A., Maiya E., Aurelia F., Tamara H., Faith B., Genevieve A., Brooklyn B. and Avalyn B.



Coaches Mrs. Murru and Ms. Miriam



Upcoming Candy Cane Grams

We will be selling Candy Cane Grams for students and staff to send to one another between **Monday, December 12th and Thursday, December 15th** for 50¢ each or a class set for \$10.00. Candy Cane Grams will be delivered the week of December 18th. All proceeds from sales of Candy Cane Grams will go to support Clarington Animal Shelter.

COVID Resources

Students who feel unwell should remain at home. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the attached link for Durham Regional Health information.

<https://www.durham.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19-case-and-contact-information-hub.aspx#If-my-child-is-sick-when-can-they-return-to-schoolchild-care>

Isolation period for test-positive cases and individuals with COVID-19 symptoms

Population	Isolation period	Additional precautions after self-isolation period
All other individuals not listed above who have COVID-19 symptoms OR a positive COVID-19 test (PCR, rapid molecular, or rapid antigen)	Until symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms) and no fever present. Asymptomatic individuals with a positive test result do not need to self-isolate unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, they should self-isolate immediately.	For a total of 10 days after date of specimen collection or symptom onset, individuals should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to wear a well-fitted mask in all public settings (including schools and child care, unless under two-years old) and avoid non-essential activities where mask removal is necessary (e.g., dining out, playing a wind instrument, high contact sports where masks cannot be safely worn). Not visit anyone who is immunocompromised or at higher risk of illness (e.g., seniors). Avoid non-essential visits to highest-risk setting such as hospitals and long-term care homes. Where visits cannot be avoided, cases should wear a medical mask, maintain physical distancing, and notify the highest-risk setting of their recent illness/positive test. If the individual being visited can also wear a mask, it is recommended they do so.

Kiss & Ride: No Parking in Fire Route Reminders!

Please be advised that **vehicles are not to be parked and/or left unattended at any time** in our Kiss & Ride area at the front of the school. This is a designated Fire Route and any vehicles parked in this area can be towed and subject to fines. Signs indicating this are clearly marked at the front of our school. This is for the safety of all of our students and staff at the school and will be strictly enforced.

If you need to park your car, please do so in an available space in our parking lot, or one of the municipal streets near the school. The purpose of our Kiss & Ride is to provide a quick and efficient method for parents and guardians to drop off and pick up students at the school and when vehicles are left parked or unattended during this period of time, it creates a backlog of traffic.

Your attention to these expectations and protocols for our Kiss & Ride are greatly appreciated.



Scholastic Book Fair



Save The Date!

Dear families,

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our school!

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Book Fair** will take place on **Nov 29th- Dec 1st with a special appearance at the Christmas Market Dec 2nd**. Student's will be able to purchase books with their classes at a date and time selected by their teacher. The book fair will also be open during recess for students. Parents may shop with their child after school until 3:45 each day. Please do not enter the school until after the dismissal bell you must pick up your child at their regular dismissal door and then enter through the office doors. If you would like to volunteer and have a background check on file at the office please contact Ms. Jackson by e-mail at amy_jackson@kprdsb.ca

Happy Reading!
Ms. Jackson



Important Reminders

Please send your child with adequate food for lunches and breaks and all required items. Also please be sure to include extra forks and spoons in plastic baggies in your child's backpack. All students should bring a water bottle. We would greatly appreciate your assisting in reminding your older children to bring their own bottles for refilling.

Entry to School

Please remember, if you have a reason to arrive at the school outside of entry/dismissal times, you are to ring the buzzer at the front door. We have one secretary. **Patience and kindness would be appreciated if your call is not answered immediately.** Sometimes we are also on the phone and cannot speak to two parties at the same time. The buzzer is quite loud on the inside of the school so there is no need to repeatedly press it. If after a few minutes you are not acknowledged, please call the school 905-433-8747. Thank you for your assistance.

POPCORN, POPCORN, POPCORN



Popcorn will be sold every Friday during first break for \$2 a bag by the Grade 8s. Exact change preferred.

Website



Be sure to check out our school website! Keep in the know with what's happening and stay in the loop. Our school website can be found at <https://emilystowe.kprdsb.ca/> and should be the first point of access for our school community. If you need to email a staff member, please refer to the Staff Directory tab of our school website for all staff email addresses.

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!

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. 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/help/parents/>. Bookmark the parent portal from the Board website for ease of access. <https://parents.kprdsb.ca/>



Likewise, School Messenger will be utilized to a great extent this year to forward newsletters and important communications from the office. It is therefore important that your email address is accurately on file. If you do not see emails from us, and they are not showing up in your junk/spam folder, please be sure to contact the office to confirm we have your current information.

Absence Reporting

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 or download the app (available through your app store). If late, please remind your child to report to the office on their way to class, so we can record that they have arrived safely. Thank you!



Board News

The start of December marks many important human rights observances. The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is December 3. Learn more about KPR's [commitment to create more inclusive, accessible learning and working conditions](#) for people with diverse abilities. December 10 is [International Human Rights Day](#), a time to reflect on our commitment to embed principles of human rights in all that we do – to ensure equity and inclusion for all. On December 6, [National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women](#), we remember the lives of 14 young women who were killed at Polytechnique Montréal. KPR schools will join others across our country and lower school and Board office flags as a symbol of remembrance. We remember all those who have experienced gender-based violence and reaffirm our commitment to end all violence and discrimination.

Please visit [KPR's Events Calendar](#) for a list of other upcoming significant dates.



Student Council Presents:



BETHESDA HOUSE FOOD & TOY DRIVE



November 20th - December 8th

Suggestions: Gift cards are preferred in \$10, \$25, \$50 denominations from Walmart, Canadian Tire, Tim Horton's, Winner's, Shopper's Drug Mart, Amazon, grocery stores, new unwrapped toys or sports equipment, and non-perishable food items

SOCKS & MITTS DRIVE

November 20th - December 8th

Welcoming donations of new unwrapped socks, mitts, hats, and scarves for Bethesda House! (Organized by Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Murru)

DECEMBER SPIRIT DAYS

Friday, December 1st - Door Decoration Challenge Begins
Friday, December 15th - Door Decoration Judging
Monday, December 18th - Holiday Sweater Day
Tuesday, December 19th - Holiday Hat Day
Wednesday, December 20th - Winter Wonderland Day (blue, white, silver)
Thursday, December 21st - Holiday Twin Day
Friday, December 22nd - Holiday PJ Day



CANDYCANE-GRAMS



Send a treat and a holiday message to your friends & raise money for the 'Clarington Animal Shelter'!

Monday, December 12th - Thursday, December 14th
50¢ each or a class set for \$10.00
delivered the week of December 18th

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Book Fair 	2 Christmas Market & Book Fair
3	4 Int. Boys VB 	5	6 	7 	8 	9
10	11 	12 Candycane Grams Holiday Concert	13 Candycane Grams 	14 Candycane Grams 	15 	16
17	18 Holiday Sweater 	19 Holiday Hat Day	20 Winter Wonderland 	21 Holiday Twin 	22 Holiday PJ 	23
24/31 	25  ← Winter Break	26	27	28	29 BACK TO SCHOOL JAN 8TH →	30