



DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

February 2025

“Soaring to Victory”

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to February! The past four weeks have flown by, and I truly appreciate the warm welcome I have received from the school community. Dr. Emily Stowe is indeed a wonderful place to be. As we approach report card time, I would like to acknowledge the hard work our teachers are putting into completing them. Report cards will be sent home on February 20th and will highlight your child's strengths, areas for improvement, and suggested next steps in each subject.

Beginning the first week of February, at 8:25, we will open the doors of the school near the YMCA gates. A staff member will assist primary students in entering the school so they can safely walk through to the back pavement until the bell rings. I hope this initiative will help alleviate some of the traffic congestion around the YMCA and the kindergarten area of the Kiss and Ride.

During January, the board highlighted information and tools to support students with well-being and resources for KPR families, to learn more here is the link to the board website section called Starting Well - Resources For Families.

<https://www.kprschools.ca/student-and-family-support/mental-health-and-well-being/resources-for-families/>

February promises to be an exciting month, so please continue to check Edsby and this newsletter to stay informed. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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School Council

Hello Stowe Families,
Happy February!

Healthy Hunger is running very well! We have pizza Mondays, KFC Tuesdays, Mucho Burrito Wednesdays, Boston Pizza Thursdays and Booster Juice Fridays. Just to clarify, Domino's pizza, KFC, Mucho Burrito and Boston Pizza will be delivered at our second break at 1:00, Booster Juice will arrive for the first break at 10:40. If you haven't signed up yet be sure to sign up at www.healthyhunger.ca to order your child's lunches.

Keep your eye out for our Purdy's Easter Fundraiser coming home soon!



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Healthy Hunger message – in order to ensure the smooth distribution of our daily hot lunches, if your child is expecting a hot lunch and did not receive it, it is extremely important that they either tell a teacher on duty or come to the office to have the list doublechecked. If your child is absent on a particular day that hot lunch has been ordered for them, you are welcome to contact the office that morning to arrange to pick up their lunch. Pizza is not kept for anyone not in attendance (unless prearrangements have been made), but as the remainder of the week’s lunches are individually labelled, they are kept in the fridge. We try our best to ensure that those lunches are handed out the next day, but would also appreciate if you could remind your child (or teacher if in kindergarten) to come pick up from the office. After 2 days, unclaimed lunches are disposed of. **Remember you will need to order 5 days in advance of the date you wish your child to have that lunch.**

For anyone interested in attending, our next meeting will be held on Monday, February 24th at 5:30 pm.

Colleen Smiles, Chair
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Character in the School

February’s Character Attribute

Empathy

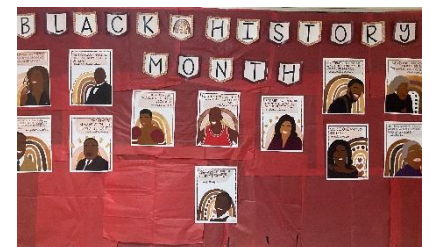
I respect the feelings of others. I seek to understand what others are thinking to appreciate their perspectives. I listen and consider their views, even though we may not agree. I act with kindness and compassion.



Black History Month

February is **Black History Month**, which provides many opportunities for all Canadians to recognize and learn about the significant contributions individuals and groups have made to the life of Canada in education, medicine, art, culture, public service, economic development, politics, human rights and more!

At Dr. Emily Stowe Public School, we continue to build a culture and community where all students feel represented and affirmed in their education experience. All students benefit from learning about Black Canadians.



Class Photos/SK/Gr. 8 Retakes

Will take place **Monday, February 24, 2025**. **All class group photos will be taken this day** as well as retakes for SK and Grade 8 graduates.

Important Message Re Attendance

We have noticed a significant rise in the amount of students who are late in the mornings. While we understand some of those students may be late for appointments, at Dr. Emily Stowe Public School we believe that the development of a positive learning attitude starts by teaching children the importance of regular and prompt attendance. We want your child to develop a respect for life-long learning that will lead to future success. It is a disruption to not only the classroom as lessons will have already started, the remainder of the classes in the same hallway, and to the office as well.

Parent-school partnerships are crucial to this success. If needed, we would like to work with you on strategies to ensure more regular, prompt attendance. If a pattern of lateness continues, our School Board Counsellor/Mental Health Clinician will be notified.

Please feel free to contact the Principal Mrs. Nixon-Evans, to discuss a proactive plan if you require support or assistance. Our school day starts at 8:40 and yard supervision at 8:25. ***Students should be at the school before the 8:40 am bell to line up with their classes outside in their designated area at the back of the building.*** We would greatly appreciate your assistance with this area.

Rocks & Rings

Dr. Emily Stowe PS - Feb 3 & 4, 2025

Our school will be participating in the Rocks and Rings program on February 3rd and 4th. In partnership with Curling Canada, the Egg Farmers Rocks & Rings program is designed to introduce the Olympic sport of curling to elementary school children by bringing curling equipment for interactive physical education games right in the school gym. Rocks & Rings brings the curling rink to the school gym to reach children that would otherwise not have access to the sport. The school is covering the cost of this program.

Valentine's Day

Class activities or celebrations for Valentine's Day on February 14th will be at the discretion of the teacher. If you wish, you may send in Valentine cards for your child to pass out to classmates (remembering to be inclusive of all children in the class). If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher.

Family Day Weekend

A reminder of the upcoming long weekend later in the month due to ***Family Day on Monday, February 17th***. There is also no school scheduled for students on this day. Please take this time to enjoy together as a family!

Term 1 Report Cards

Your child's report card will be sent home and available through Edsby on **Thursday, February 20th**. Teachers will have spent many hours preparing comments which outline your child's progress, including strengths, areas of improvement and next steps in various subject areas. We encourage you to review the Report Card with your child and discuss setting some achievable goals for continued improvement.

If you need a reminder about how to access report cards in Edsby, please see our November newsletter.

Please look specifically at the **Learning Skills and Work Habits on page one of the Report Card**. This section will review how your child is performing in regards to independent work habits, initiative, cooperation with others, responsibility and self-regulation. These learning skills and work habits have a significant impact on how well your child will do academically.

We would kindly ask that you please return the Report Card envelope for use for Term 2.

Pink Shirt Day



Pink Shirt Day falls on the last Wednesday of February every year; join us for Pink Shirt Day on February 26th, 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 for more information.

Headlice

Pediculosis, also known as head lice, is starting to make a comeback. We have not dealt with this until last year, since COVID. Head lice do not carry disease. They are a nuisance but not a health hazard. They do not result from a lack of cleanliness. Anyone can get head lice regardless of their hair length. If you discover head lice or nits, it is important to treat and remove head lice and nits to prevent spreading to others. Treatment products will kill the lice, but not all the nits (eggs). Nits must be removed by hand.

We are attaching a link to a Fact Sheet from Durham Region Health about how to treat. If you have any further questions, please connect with your pharmacy, the Health Department or your family doctor.

[Durham Region Health Life Info](#)

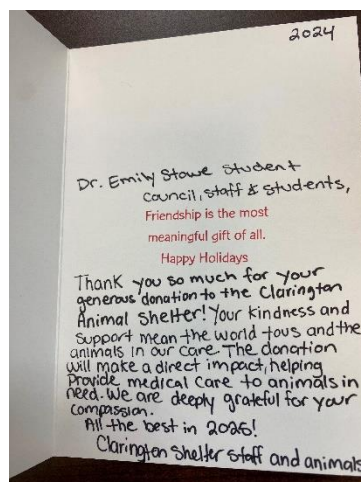
Important Reminders

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.

As the temperature fluctuates, as with the conditions of the field, snowpants and/or splashpants become a must. An extra pair of socks in your child's backpack would also be helpful, to avoid calls home for changes of clothing.

Thank You

A thank you received from Clarington Animal Shelter from our Student Council lead Candycane Grams sales in December.



Webinar: EQAO Math Night

EQAO Math Night for Parents and Guardians

Join EQAO for a free live webinar where EQAO staff will discuss math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments. These assessments are taken by all Ontario students in Grades 3, 6 and 9. During the webinar, EQAO staff will show how these math questions help assess the skills students are learning in their math classes. Staff will also share valuable insights from the past three years of assessment results, which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning.

Available dates are:

- January 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
- February 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Please register [here](#).

Edsby & School Messenger

One of our primary tools 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/>

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!



POPCORN, POPCORN, POPCORN



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

PLEASE NOTE payment should be Canadian currency as we often receive game tokens and foreign currency that we cannot deposit, which then lessens the profits for the Grade 8s.



If you mention Dr. Emily Stowe before your items are scanned through, 5% of sales comes back to the school! Show your support for your school! **Please note this is only at the King/Townline location.**

Board News

2025-26 School Year Calendar Survey

KPR students, staff, families and community members are invited to provide feedback on the proposed 2025-2026 school year calendar through a survey, which is available until February 2, 2025.

Highlights of the proposed calendar include the following dates:

- The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 2, 2025.
- The last day of classes before winter break will be Friday, December 19, 2025.
- The proposed winter break is from December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026, and students will return to class on Monday, January 5, 2026.
- The proposed March Break is from Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20, 2026. (Friday, March 13 is a proposed designated board holiday)

[Please visit the KPR website to learn more and provide feedback.](#)

January 28, 2025

BOARD WELCOMES FUNDING FOR NEW SCHOOLS IN NEWCASTLE AND MILLBROOK

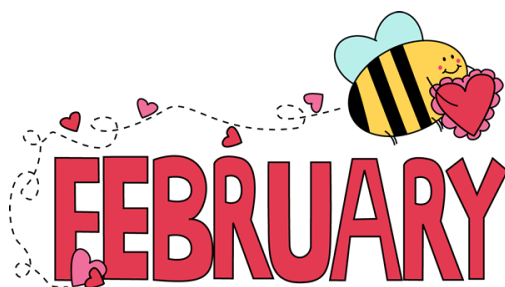
At this evening's meeting, the Board expressed thanks and appreciation regarding the announcement of provincial capital funding to build two new schools: a new Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 school in Newcastle and a new elementary school in the Township of Cavan Monaghan.

Capital Funding – Newcastle and Millbrook area schools

On Monday, the Ministry of Education announced the provision of capital funding for two new schools in the Board. A \$75.9M investment in capital funding to build a new Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 school in Newcastle, and \$24.2M investment for a new elementary school in Millbrook.

Funding for new schools is granted by the provincial government, through an established application process within the Ministry of Education. As part of this process, this past fall the Board submitted five priority requests for funding, with the first priority being applications to secure funding to address the accommodation needs of students in the Newcastle community. The second priority area was for a new elementary school in Millbrook.

In Newcastle, the announced funding will make possible the building of a new Junior Kindergarten (JK) to Grade 12, 1,445- pupil-place school, plus a three-room childcare centre in the Foster Northwest Neighbourhood at Grady Drive and Ruddell Road in Newcastle.



WALKING THE HALLS AT STOWE....



Ms. Miriam's Biboonewin Art



Ms. Van Alebeek's "How To Sneak a Monster Into School"



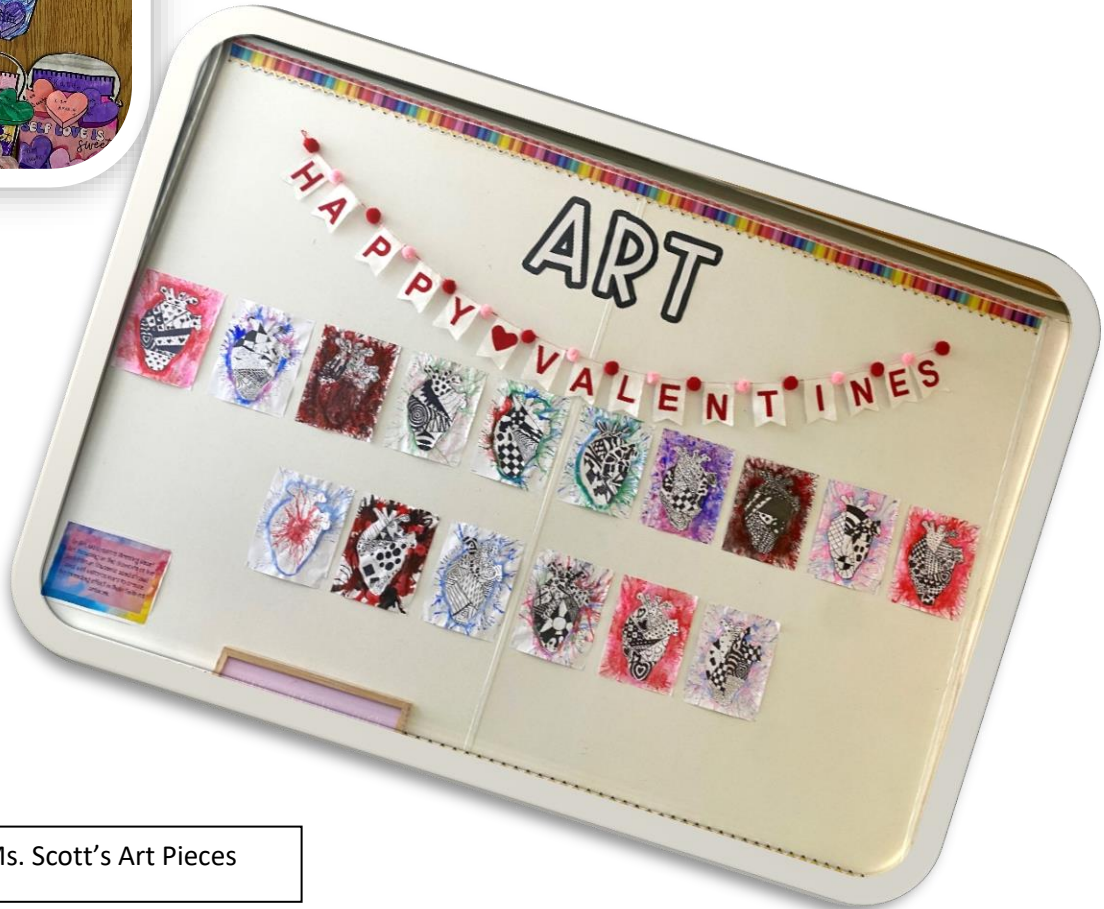
Mrs. McCaffrey's artists



Mrs. Steffler/Anderson "Pie Plates"



Ms. Carlisle's "Self Love Is"



Ms. Scott's Art Pieces

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BLACK HISTORY MONTH						1
2	3 Rocks & Rings 	4 Rocks & Rings 	5 	6 	7 	8
9	10 	11 	12 	13 	14  	15
16	17 	18 	19 Int. Boys Basketball 	20 Reports Go Home 	21 	22
23	24 SK/Gr. 8 Grad Retakes/Class Photos School Council 5:30 pm Library 	25 Int. Girls Basketball 	26  	27 	28 	