

DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

May 2025 "Soaring to Victory"

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to May! The weather continues improving, and we're looking forward to warmer temperatures. This month is packed with events such as Kindergarten Orientation, Pedal for Hope, Track and Field, the Fun Fair, and Around the World, just to highlight a few.

For parents of students in Grades 3 and/or 6, please remember that EQAO will take place from June 2nd to June 6th.

Remember to check the newsletter for all the exciting happenings this month, as it's a busy time with many activities.

We are also raising money for Pedal for Hope and have several spirit days lined up:

- May 5th: Jersey Day

- May 6th: Rainbow Day

- May 7th: Silly Hat Day

- May 8th: Silly Sock Day

- May 9th: Costume Day

Additionally, on May 9th, our Grade 8 students will participate in 'Around the World' activities.

Thank you for your ongoing support! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out

Sincerely,

Adel Nixon-Evans
Principal

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School Council

Hello Stowe Families, I hope everyone had a fantastic April!

We are well on our way with plans for this year's fun fair. By now you will have received information home!! It will be held on May 15th from 4pm - 7:00pm. So please save the date! If anyone has a valid police check with the school and would be interested in volunteering at the fun fair please email colleensmiles@gmail.com

Healthy Hunger is running very well! We are well on our way working on plans to improve our outdoor area at Stowe. To help support this simply order any of our lunches, Domino's Pizza Mondays, KFC Tuesdays, Mucho Burrito Wednesdays, Boston Pizza Thursdays, Booster Juice Fridays.

All will be delivered at our second break at 1:00 with the exception of 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. Please remember the deadline to order lunches will be 5 days prior . If you haven't signed up yet be sure to sign up at www.healthyhunger.ca to order your child's lunches.

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 prior to pizza deliveries), 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 May 26th at 5:30 pm.

Colleen Smiles, Chair colleensmiles:@gmail.com





Character in the School

May's Character 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.



Gr. 8 Fundraisers

Thank you to all who supported our pizza night with Domino's. 37 pizzas were purchased that night, so we have received \$185! The grade 8s appreciate everyone's generosity.

FREEZIES FOR SALE in support of Grade 8 Graduation Initiatives

The Grade 8s will be selling freezies on the following dates: Tuesday, May 13 (Track & Field)

Friday, May 16th Friday, May 23rd Possible dates in June to be added. \$1.00 for 1/2 freezie

\$2.00 for a whole freezie

Please have your student bring cash payment to their teacher. Thank you for your support of our Grade 8 students!



We congratulate Aurelia French from Mrs. Murru's class as recipient of the Clarington Student of Character Award. The Student of Character Awards recognize one student in each school who consistently demonstrates the qualities of good character. These are students who consistently demonstrate empathy, fairness, respect and responsibility in relationships and decision-making in a consistent effort to their studies. A ceremony will take place in May in Bowmanville to recognize all Clarington winners. A plaque will also be awarded at grade eight graduation on June 23rd.

Intermediate Badminton

Thank you to the Intermediate Badminton Team for doing such a great job representing Stowe on April 16th at the Badminton Tournament. There were many very close games. The team played extremely well. Congratulations to all team members on their exceptional sportsmanlike behaviour and how well you represented our school.

Team members include Emersyn D., Addison K., Brayden C., Grayson E., Alexis S., Colten B., Lincoln H. and Mara G.

Coaches Mme. Chartrand and Mr. Harper

Gymnastics

We are so proud of our Gymnastics Team for their incredible performance on April 24th at the KPR Meet! They represented our school so well, showing kindness and courtesy to all athletes and coaches at the meet, as well as finding great successes in their individual routines. A special shoutout to Lily C., Ava H., Hadley I., Olivia W., Amelia S., Mara G. and Rylee B. for earning a Gold in their divisions.



Coaches Ms. Scott, Ms. Reynolds & Ms. Carlisle

Class Placements For 2025-2026



We have received our preliminary staffing numbers for next year. When it comes time for the placement of students in classes for next year, the following criteria will be used: classes will be balanced by academic, social, peer compatibility, number, and gender factors in order to ensure a balanced group. Using our professional judgment, these groupings will be ultimately decided by the sending and receiving teachers and

administration. With the above information in mind and understanding there will be staffing changes due to grade assignments, transfers, leaves of absence transfers, etc. Most of these changes typically occur in late June, over the summer, or into the Fall depending on when final staffing is in place.

Pedal for Hope

Our school will be participating in the pediatric cancer fundraiser Pedal for Hope. They will be coming to our school on May 6th right after 1st recess. Please see the form in the back of this newsletter for pledges and a permission form that must be returned if you give your child permission to shave their head or cut a ponytail. If you would like a printed copy, please contact sarah anderson@kprdsb.ca. Our school goal is to raise \$1,000.00! Go, Stowe! Use the following link to join our team page!

https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR/CopsforCancer/COPS NW even ?team id=528094&pg=team&fr id=303 59

We will be having a spirit week from May 5th- May 9th. The price will cost \$5.50 for the entire week and payment can be made on School Cash Online. We cannot wait to see your support!

May 5th- Jersey Day May 6th- Rainbow Day May 7th- Silly Hat Day May 8th- Silly Sock Day May 9th- Costume Day

We will also be selling Freezies for \$1 for half a jumbo. Cash can be sent in to your classroom teacher. Cash will be due on May 2nd. They will be delivered to classrooms at 2nd lunch on May 8th.

Thank you for your support!

Team Captains
Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. McCaffrey

Moose Hide Campaign

May 15, 2025

✓ Moose Hide Campaign Day to empower students with innovative approaches to ending violence. ✓ Teachers will decide whether to show videos or use resources with their class. Each student will receive a Moose Hide Pin.

Campaign Day

Moose Hide Campaign Day for K-12 is grounded in ceremony, culture, and love. We are inviting students and educators nationwide to unite against violence towards women, children, and all those along the gender continuum.

https://education.moosehidecampaign.ca/campaignday/

Thank You

During National Volunteer Week (April 27th), we have been offering thanks to the many incredible volunteers who make a positive impact, share their passion for education, and support KPR students in so many ways! Thank you thank you!



Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week May 5-11, 2025



A friendly reminder that Mental Health Week is May 5-11.

Mental health is often thought of as only being applicable to the 1 in 5 people who experience mental illness. The reality is that 5 in 5 people have mental health, and everyone needs to be a part of the conversation. **We ALL have mental health**.

Please see the following link to <u>School Mental Health Ontario</u>. This website contains supportive information for Educators, Students and Parents/Caregivers depending on the needs of your school community. Some examples of activities to support mental health and wellbeing during mental health week and beyond may include:

- Encouraging educators and students to go for a nature walk in the community.
- Encourage students to share positive messages/affirmations.
- Encourage students to reflect on 3 positive things that happened that day. Students can share this or write in their journal.
- Incorporate an active team game into physical activity time to encourage students to connect and work together.



Moving This Summer?

If you know that your child(ren) will not be attending Dr. Emily Stowe in September please notify the office as soon as possible, to help us better prepare for the new school year.

Fire Drill and Lockdown Practices



Spring is also a time when we review our fire drill and lockdown procedures. If you are at the school during either a fire drill or lockdown practice, please be patient as they take only a few minutes to complete, but they are very important to the overall safety of staff and students. In the event of a lockdown practice, the secretary will not be at her desk to admit you to the building or answer the phone. A notice informing visitors that we are practicing a lockdown will be posted on the front doors of the school.

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

Due to the decrease in sales this year, we have decided to sell popcorn on the last Friday of the month for the remainder of the year. The dates for popcorn sales are as follows:

Friday, May 30/25

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

2025-2026 Elementary Virtual School

Elementary Virtual School is primarily intended for students who learn best in the online environment or who require a virtual environment due to underlying medical conditions for themselves or their family members. The purpose of this survey is to gather information from families who are interested in enrolling their child(ren) in an elementary (K-8) virtual school next year (2025-2026). Should this apply to your family, please complete one survey for each child, by May 2, 2025, to help inform planning for the 2025-2026 school year.

Share Your Feedback on KPR's Policies and Administrative Regulations: Volunteers, School Councils and Regional School Councils

The day-to-day work of our schools and the Board is governed by Board policies and corresponding administrative regulations, which are reviewed regularly to ensure they remain up-to-date, culturally relevant, and responsive. Students, staff, volunteers, families and community members are invited to share their feedback on the following three policies and associated administrative regulations by completing the online forms linked below by May 26, 2025:

- Volunteers Policy and Administrative Regulation
- School Councils Policy and Administrative Regulation
 Regional School Councils (formerly School Councils' Associations) Policy and Administrative Regulation

Northglen Orchard Public School - Construction Update

As part of the Resource Committee Report, administration provided an update to the Board on timelines for building the new school. While the project continues to move forward, it was noted that the extended winter and spring weather has resulted in construction delays to concrete, block work and other components of the school's construction. As a result, while staff will continue to work with the contractor to try and reduce delay wherever possible, at this time the updated timeline targets a building completion date of late November, 2025, with occupancy by students and staff likely early in the new year.

"Any construction delay is regrettable, and we will do everything we can to move the completion of this project forward as soon as possible," says Klassen Jeninga. "We know that this new 21st century learning facility will benefit the students, staff, families and members of this community for generations to come."









FUN FAIR ORDERS!

Save the wait in the line and order your game cards early! Food will be while quantities last.

To avoid any disappointment please be sure to pre order through school cash online.

The deadline to order is **May 12th**.

Burger and drink \$6.25 Veggie burger and drink \$7.25 Hotdog and drink \$5.25 Game cards \$5.25

Tickets for pre-ordered items will be sent home with your child on May 14th.

Fun Fair - Theme Baskets

Basket Theme	Class			
Baking	115 - Ms. Szagala			
Backyard BBQ	116 - Mrs. James			
Coffee Lovers	118 - Miss Scott			
Water Games/Activities	119 - Ms. Rae			
Sports	120 - Mrs. Luke-Hewitt			
Rainy Day Fun	123 - Mrs. Murru			
Summer Fun	124 - Ms. Carlisle			
Superhero Central	128 - Mrs. Johnston			
Gardener's Basket	129 - Mr. Fulford			
Gift Cards	180 - Mrs. McDonald & Mrs. Sutherland			
Lego Lovers	183 - Mrs. Morgan			
Outdoor Fun	188 - Mrs. Steffler & Mrs. Anderson			
Movie Night	190 - Ms. Reynolds			
Beach	191 - Mrs. McCaffery			
Art & Craft Time	193 - Mrs. Miriam			
Game Night	194 - Ms. Van Alebeek			



PLEDGE FORM

REGISTER ONLINE: www.cancer.ca/pedalforhope

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Pedal for Hope / Cops for Cancer

Online fundraising for Pedal for Hope - it's fast, it's easy and it's secure!

With the help of a parent or guardian, go to www.cancer.ca/pedalforhope to get started!

- Register by joining an existing school team (find your school)
- Enter your contact information
- Follow the steps until you complete your registration
- Use your login and password to access your participant centre

You will now be able to tell your friends and family your own story about why you are participating in Pedal For Hope.

Participant Waiver / Release Agreement

By participating in the Canadian Cancer Society's Pedal for Hope / Cops for Cancer event, I waive and release any and all claims for myself, heirs, executors and administrators against all sponsors, officials and organizers of Pedal for Hope / Cops for Cancer for injury, illness or death which may directly or indirectly result from my participation in this event. I have read and fully understand and agree with the contents of this Waiver/Release prior to participation in the Pedal for Hope / Cops for Cancer event.

I grant permission to the Canadian Cancer Society to photograph and videotape me in the course of my fundraising with Pedal for Hope / Cops for Cancer and to use my name and any photographs and videotapes of me for Canadian Cancer Society purposes in any media and territory in perpetuity. I acknowledge that I will not receive any financial remuneration for any of the above and that my compensation is the opportunity to participate in the event and contribute to the activities of the Canadian Cancer Society. If a participant is under 18 years of age, then a parent/guardian must sign this Agreement on the participant's behalf.

By signing below, you acknowledge that the information is true and accurate, that you have read and understand this volunteer agreement and have read and will abide by the EFFA code.

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Name of Student	Phone Number
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may also contact you from time to time with information al	information in order to process your registration and to keep you informed. W bout other ways you can help us in the fight against cancer. If you prefer not t have information about our privacy practices: www.cancer.ca 1.800.268.887





May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				HAPPYSCHOOL PRINCIPALS DAY	2	3
-Education Week -Canadian Mental Health Week -Red Dress Day	5 Jersey Day	Rainbow Day	7 Silly Hat Day/Kinder Orientation	8 Silly Sock Day	9 Costume Day	10
Happy Mother's Day	12	13 Track & Field Gr. 8 freezie	14	15 Fun Fair 4-7 pm	16 Gr. 8 freezie	17
18	19 Victoria Day	20	21 Mucho barr to	22	Gr. 8 freezie	24
25	School Council 5:30 pm Library	27	28 MADD for 7/8 Mucho	29	30 Popcorn	31