



DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

January 2019

“Where Children Grow”

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to continuing our journey together as the school year progresses. We maintain our commitment to your child's success. As a staff, we are taking part in our own learning to further this endeavor. We will partner with parents and guardians in an effort to support our students.

To this effect, research tells us that family involvement is critical to a child's development and achievement. A family's involvement in their child's education can influence higher achievement rates, attendance rates, lower delinquency and dropout rates, and higher high school completion and college or university rates. Researchers agree that parental attitudes have a major effect on children's learning and acceptance of school. Moreover, a cooperative relationship between home and school promotes a caring, supportive, and protective environments in which children can reach their fullest potential (Wilson, 2014).

Please continue to communicate closely with your child's teacher and consider becoming involved as a volunteer. We value your input and appreciate your contribution to school life.

We continue to offer many opportunities for students at Stowe to be involved this month, such as basketball, dance, games club, Mindfulness Monday club, French club and Student Council. We encourage all students to be active citizens in the Stowe community as it stimulates their curiosity and commitment to one another.

Enjoy your conversations with your children and encourage them to pursue their passions through the opportunities we provide.

Sincerely,

Mme Haley-Twiss

School Council

Happy New Year Stowe families! We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and that you all had a chance to relax and prepare for a new year! Thank you to everyone who volunteered at, and attended, our annual Stowe Christmas Market. We appreciate all of your support and thank you for taking the time out of your busy holiday schedules to help out our school!

Please see the attached flyer for our family pizza night on Wednesday, January 9, 2019. A family pizza special is available from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. only, with \$5 from every order coming back to the school. Oshawa Grandview location only.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday January 22 at 6:15pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend and child minding will be available.

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Character in the School

January's Character Attribute

Perseverance

I finish what I start, even when it is difficult. I do not give up even when faced with challenges or obstacles. I complete all tasks and assignments to the best of my ability.



Student Council

Student Council was very busy in November and December planning and organizing various events such as the Food & Toy Drive for Bethesda House, Candycane-grams for the Clarington Animal Shelter and Spirit Days for the staff and students. We would like to thank students, parents, and staff for their overwhelming support with these events. We raised over \$330.00 along with donations of food and toys for the Bethesda House. We'd like to especially thank the Marquis family for their generous donations of games and books from Chapters. In addition, we raised \$125.00 for our furry friends at the Clarington Animal Shelter through the sale of Candycane-grams. Thanks to the entire Stowe community-your thoughtfulness and generosity is very much appreciated.



Television in Front Foyer

We had a new television installed in the front foyer over the holidays. This will provide us a new method of communication as you enter the building. We are hoping to share active and current photos of students participating in their learning, as well as current announcements for students and parents. In future, we hope to add some colourful accents to the front foyer that will support a student work space, and be invitational to all visitors entering the building.

Shed

A new shed is to be installed in January. This was ordered last February, so we are very excited that it is arriving! It will be placed just outside the Kindergarten yard and will house the Kindergarten equipment. A request was submitted last year to extend the Kindergarten fencing to enlarge the yard. We are hopeful that this will happen over the summer.

March Well-Being Conference For All Grades 6-8 Students

On March 27th all grade 6-8 students will participate in a full day Well-Being conference. If you are interested in helping with this event, or to present a workshop for students, please contact Mme Haley-

Twiss at Lorena_haleytwiss@kprdsb.ca or call 905-433-8747 for more information. We will need help with setting up snacks, a water station, preparing conference material, etc. Nurse Brian Dallaway will be assisting with this event, as well as our key note speaker, Professor Robyne Hanley-Dafoe from Trent University. This promises to be an exciting day, full of learning for all!

Website/Twitter



Be sure to check out our school website! Follow us on Twitter too! Keep in the know with what's happening and stay in the loop. If you are Facebook, School Council has a page that we do our best to keep updated as well! From Facebook, search "School Council at Dr. Emily Stowe Public School" and request to join.

With the expanding use of technology, in addition to or replacing the school connects automated calls, you will see more emails coming from us about important events in the school. Newsletters will start to come out to email this way as well, as we feel it is important for our school community to keep current as to what is happening in the school. 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.

Likewise, the use of Edsby is being used more and more by teachers. If you have not "activated" your Edsby account, please contact the office and an invitation can be sent to you.

Cold Weather Wear

Now that the cold weather is here to stay, it is important that your child(ren) come to school prepared for the weather. Warm coats, snow pants, hats and mittens are essential this time of year. Also, it is a great idea to send a spare pair of mittens, if the first pair gets wet. A pair of indoor shoes is another must, in order to help keep the hallways and classroom floors dry and safe.

Courtice Secondary School Open House

Courtice Secondary School invites Grade 8 students & their parents/guardians to the Grade 8 Information Session and Open House on Thursday, January 17, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Volleyball

A big "thank you" to the Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams for a great season. Both teams demonstrated excellent skills, leadership and teamwork at the tournament on December 7th. Congratulations to both teams who went on to play a crossover game for a chance to play at KPREAA. The hard work, effort and skills were evident and you should be extremely proud of yourselves.

Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team: Taylore G., Abby L., Abeigh R., Emma R., Morgan J., Hailey W., Audrey L. Brooke C., Brooke A., and Lauren G.

Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team: Gavin W., Hariz S., David B., Takumi H., Emerson R., Hayden W., James B., Owen P., and Avin B.

To combat the spread of head lice, although it is not mandatory that your child's head be checked, we encourage all parents and guardians to allow the checks to assist with preventative measures.

Absence Reporting

At Dr. Emily Stowe, the safety of our students is first and foremost. We have a new Absence Reporting System so that you may 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 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 have not yet signed up, there is a link on the school website. **We have now added gluten-free pitas!** These purchases help to support students at Dr. Emily Stowe. Place your orders now!



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.

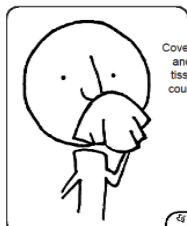
POPCORN, POPCORN, POPCORN



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.

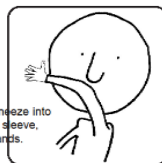
Stop the spread of germs that make you and others sick!

Cover your Cough



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze

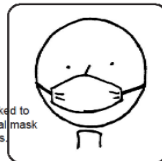
or
cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.



Put your used tissue in the waste basket.



You may be asked to put on a surgical mask to protect others.



Clean your Hands

after coughing or sneezing.



Wash with soap and water or clean with alcohol-based hand cleaner.



Family Literacy Day - January 27th

ABC Life Literacy Canada encourages families to have “15 Minutes of Fun” learning together every day. Engaging in literacy activities as a family improves a child’s skills and also helps adults keep their skills sharp. Get creative! Here are some ideas of activities you can do as a family: (from <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy>)

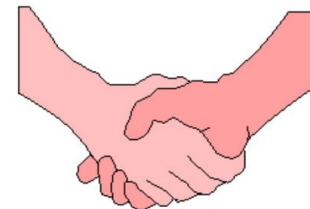
- 1. Lights out, talk on:** After your bedtime story, turn the lights off and talk about new endings to the story you just read together.
- 2. Surfing Snacks:** Go online together to find out how your favourite foods are made. Are they something you can make together at home?
- 3. Find A-B-C:** Have an alphabet scavenger hunt to look for things that begin with each letter of the alphabet. If you can’t find some letters, go outside or try looking in books and magazines.
- 4. Travel the World:** Use your library card as your passport to check out books on different countries. Learn about their traditions and celebrations.
- 5. Float in a Boat:** Work together to fold a family fleet of origami boats. (Find all the steps in the FamilyLiteracyFirst.ca sample module!)
- 6. Let's go Shopping:** Have kids write the family grocery list out themselves, then bring it to the store. Let them check each item off the list. (Hmm, wonder how jelly beans got on the list...)
- 7. Number Walk:** As you put on your shoes, choose something you want to count during your walk. It could be dogs, trees, stop signs, cars—anything you want! On your walk, count how many you can find.
- 8. Word Wall:** Learn one new word every day. Display them by creating a family word wall with Bristol board and markers. Can you make a sentence with the words on your wall?
- 9. How was your day today?** Exchange notes (or write a journal) with your child telling each other about the best part of your day. Or switch it up: what’s the best thing you expect to happen tomorrow?
- 10. A Course of Course:** Build an obstacle course through your family room, and draw a map of how to go through it from beginning to end.
- 11. Sing chat:** Sing a conversation with your kids to the tune of your favourite song. Bonus points if you can make your song rhyme!
- 12. Snow You Tell Me:** Use emptied dish soap bottles filled with water and food colouring to write messages and draw in the snow.
- 13. Know it All:** Together, look online for the meaning of funny words like “collywobbles” and “onomatopoeia.” Test your parents' word power!
- 14. Have a Book-nic:** Organize an indoor picnic with books and tasty treats. Choose a theme – try honey-flavoured cereal and read *Winnie the Pooh*.
- 15. Game On:** Start family board game night and play a different game each week. Family members can take turns reading instructions and game cards as well as keeping score.

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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“Emily Stowe” Family Pizza Night



Call Domino's on Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 and order the “Emily Stowe” Family Special

For only **\$22.99** + taxes & delivery charge

Domino's Pizza will donate \$5.00 per order to our School.

The “Emily Stowe” Family Special consists of Two Medium 3 topping pizzas and your choice of Cheesy Bread, Cinna Sticks or Bread Sticks.

This special is **only available on Wednesday, January 9th, 2019** from your local Domino's Pizza store.

This Special is
Available for
Pick-up & Delivery

Domino's Pizza

600 Grandview St. S

905-434-2555

This special is available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. only

Help us make this night a success by supporting our school.

Remember make Wednesday, January 9th, 2019

“The ‘Emily Stowe’ family pizza night”

Delivery Charge
\$3.75 + tax