



DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

April 2019

“Where Children Grow”

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Dr. Emily Stowe is a busy place! There are many school trips, guest speakers, sports teams and clubs. This month, The Kindness Program with canine visitor Liza, visited each of our classrooms with a message of understanding and empathy for others, as exemplified through our treatment and care of animals. All students wore fancy socks to recognize World Down Syndrome Day and we celebrated our own unique abilities. Our grade six, seven and eight students also participated in a full day of learning with a focus on well-being through our “Mission Possible” conference. As we all know, well-being means living with sound mind and body, helping us to be resilient to face the challenges life presents. This helps us in our academic endeavours and supports overall positive engagement with one another.

This April, Jimmy Chapman will be joining us to start a series of learning based on the art of breakdancing. He is extremely entertaining, skilled and knowledgeable, and I know our students of all ages will enjoy the delivery of his program. He will come for three sessions with each class into the month of May. School Council is funding this opportunity for our students, and we thank them for this!

It has come to our attention that Human Trafficking of young people in the Clarington area has become an issue of great concern. Victim Services of the Durham Regional Police will be providing a presentation about this issue on May 15th at Dr. Emily Stowe at 7:00 p.m. This is a presentation for parents only and we are inviting all local schools to participate with us in this endeavor to educate our parents. Please mark this on your calendar and join us to learn about this very serious issue in our community.

If you have a gift, a talent or time to share, please let your child's teacher know. We love to partner with our parents, friends and family to enhance our learning. Please be sure to complete a valid police check.

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School Council

Welcome April! After what felt like a very long winter it is nice to see the sunshine and spend some time outside once again! March was a busy month for the School Council; our kindergarten Epicure fundraiser finished up, our Spring Flowers fundraiser has been sent out, and we hosted a Wellness Night for our Stowe community. The Epicure fundraiser raised close to \$200 for our kindergarten classes and we are hoping to put it to good use very soon!

Our Spring Flowers fundraiser is in full swing! Orders must be completed by April 10th (School Cash Online closes on April 8th) and items can be picked up on April 17th between 3-6pm. This is great time to buy some beautiful flowers just in time for Easter!

We would like to take this time to thank Robyne Hanley-Dafoe, Nurse Brian, Danielle Lewis, and Alexandra Lily for their wonderful presentations at our second Stowe Family Wellness Night. It was also nice to see so many families out enjoying the evening!

Coming up in May we will be hosting a Family Science Night for our Stowe Families that will run from 6-8pm on May 8th. More information will be coming later this month about this fun, hands on, family event!

Our next School Council meeting has been moved to Tuesday April 23rd starting at 6:15pm in the library. Child minding is available and all parents or guardians are welcome to attend.

Jackie Hester, Chair
soccer147@yahoo.com

Character in the School

April's Character Attribute



Integrity

I behave in an ethical and honourable manner even when no one else is around. I am genuine, in that my actions consistently match my words.

Basketball



Congratulations to the Jr. Basketball team who spent the majority of the last two months building their individual skills as well as teamwork to prepare for the tournament on March 29th. We are proud of the hard work, determination, cooperation, respect, and perseverance demonstrated by all team members. We are thrilled to announce that the team went undefeated! We would also like to thank Ryan M for volunteering his time, expertise and encouragement at every practice.

Team members include Jaxon W, Ryan L, Meredith S, Sydney R, Logan M, Mitchell S, Leah P, Ashley P, Cayden J, Ayana H, Elijah F, Aaron M, Ethan C, Jayden F, Tyler O, Evan B, and Charlie B.

Mrs. Wiffen and Ms. Jackson



Our New Mascot 2019-2020



We are in the final stages of selecting our mascot and colours. A final vote on colours will take place with teachers April 2nd. The selected mascot by the majority of parents and students who were randomly selected is the Phoenix, suggested by Mrs. Skelding's class and designed by K. Ramdas. Congratulations on a winning design! We look forward to submitting this logo to our printer for its finishing touches. We will have samples of various types of apparel available at our September Open House, with our new mascot and logo included. We anticipate taking orders at that time to commence the 2019-2020 school year. New sports jerseys will also be ordered for Dr. Emily Stowe. We look forward to sporting a unique logo, with a mascot who inspires rising to a challenge and encompassing greatness!

Tape a Toonie

"Thank you again for your participation with our Tape a Toonie campaign on February 6th (Elementary and Day cares) and the month of March (Secondary). Together close to \$15,000 has been raised for Grandview Kids. Dr. Emily Stowe Public School has raised \$239. Thank you so much for your help!!!

The amount of engagement from everyone was unbelievable. Thank you very much for that.

The funds were raised from online and on site donations.

BobbiJo Penney@grandviewkids"

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



World Down Syndrome Awareness Day



*Sarah Morton
ECE at Dr. Emily Stowe Public School*

Thank you to everyone who showed their support on March 21! It was great to see the sea of blue and yellow or their fancy socks! Displayed by the office, you can find the variety of socks that were designed by the students in Mrs. Szmyr and Ms. Morton's class for this day.

World Autism Day April 2nd

On April 2, please remember to wear blue or a superhero costume to show your support for World Autism Day. Remember, masks are to be kept at home.

ETeam



The ETeam is gearing up for April in many ways. We celebrated Earth Hour here at Stowe on March 29 from 2 - 3 p.m. by turning off the lights and classes enjoyed activities that didn't require electrical energy including playing outside, sharing stories, and reading by flashlight.

Earth Week is April 15 - 18 this year and we always have an eye on ways to save the planet. We'll host our Toy and Book Swap on Wednesday, April 17.

Look for permission slips coming home soon. We're also planning an Upcycled Fashion Event for April 18 as part of a school assembly. Members of the ETeam are busy creating items to share that day made from clothing and material they already have.

L. Skelding and the ETeam

Class Placements For 2019-2020

Soon we will be receiving 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 decided by sending/receiving teachers and administration. Considering the above information and understanding there will be staffing changes (i.e., grade assignments and transfers) we will not be able to respond to parental requests for specific teachers. Most of these changes occur in late June, over the summer, or into the fall depending on when final staffing is in place.

If you have specific information about your child you would like us to consider (i.e., learning style), please communicate your thoughts in writing to the office by April 30th. Please consider the above factors listed above in your rationale for the request. **Requests for a specific teacher will not be considered.**

Fire Drill and Lockdown Practices

Spring is also a time when we review our fire drill and lockdown procedures. If you visit the school during one of these practices, 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.

Bikes, Scooters & Boards and other wheels...

With spring hopefully in the air in the next few weeks, we will undoubtedly see an increase in the number of students riding their bikes, scooters and skateboards to school. For purposes of safety, please remind your children to always wear a helmet, **dismount their bike, scooter or skateboard once they arrive on school property** and secure their bike with a lock. At no time should any student be riding their bike, scooter or board while on school property during the school day. A bike rack is provided at the front of the school but the school cannot monitor it. Scooter racks are located in the front foyer.



No Dogs, Please and Thank you!

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!



Don't forget!

Friday, April 5th is a PA Day.



Good Friday is April 19th and Easter Monday is April 22nd. Enjoy a nice long weekend!



Website/Facebook



Be sure to check out our school website! Follow us on Twitter and Facebook too! Keep in the know with what's happening and stay in the loop. If you are on 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 about 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.

Our Math Mission at Dr. Emily Stowe: We are growing our brains!

At Dr. Emily Stowe, we are learning specific strategies embedded in Number Talks to improve computational fluency with our students. Our commitment is as follows:

Teachers will build community in a trusting environment by honoring student voice as students build understanding in a collaborative setting, where a Growth Mindset is established. It is in this safe environment that mistakes are explored and clarified to develop mathematical fluency. Students will feel that all their ideas are valued and feel safe to express their ideas and explain their thinking.

Teachers help students to develop mathematical fluency by providing open ended prompts that are responsive to student needs within context and use questioning strategies to facilitate student learning. These strategies include providing authentic tasks, appropriate wait time and the acceptance of a variety of student thinking as teachers make student thinking visible.

During Number Talks, students will:

1. Listen carefully without interrupting
2. Value and respect all opinions and ideas
3. Pay attention to, engage in and think about what is being said
4. Take responsibility for their learning

Parents, please see the link below for reasons why making mistakes grows our brain.

<https://www.youcubed.org/evidence/mistakes-grow-brain/>

Absence Reporting

At Dr. Emily Stowe, the safety of our students is first and foremost. We have an Absence Reporting System where 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! <https://healthyhunger.ca/>





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!

POPCORN, POPCORN, POPCORN



Popcorn sales have resumed! Every Friday, \$1 a bag is sold at first break. All sales support the Grade 8s with their graduation ceremony expenses.



Dr. Emily Stowe School Council & VANDERMEER NURSERY SPRING FUNDRAISER STARTS TODAY!

Dear Families,

We are pleased to announce that you can now order your locally grown holiday plants!

Money that we raise this year will go toward Agendas for the school which benefits all of our students! Every order counts!

Please help our students by taking orders and payment from family, friends, neighbours and co-workers for fundraising items. Complete the Order Total Sheet (see below) and return with payment to the school by April 10th 2019. Please make cheques payable to Dr. Emily Stowe Public School. Payment can also be made by School Cash Online.

Ordered items will be available for pick up at the school on April 17th promptly between 3:00pm-6pm. Any orders not picked up will be held in the office over the holiday weekend. There will be no refunds given for any unclaimed plants.

Thank you for supporting our students!

Participant's Name: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fundraising Item	Total Units	Unit Price	Total
Pensy Teacup 4" Pot		\$18.00	
Martha Washington Geranium 6" Pot		\$11.00	
White Easter Lily 6" Pot		\$11.00	
Sunny Egg Planter 4.45" Pot		\$18.00	
Boston Fern Hanging Basket 10" Basket		\$22.50	
Blue Hydrangea 6" Pot		\$22.50	
Gift Card		\$30.00	
April Showers Planter 12" Pot		\$39.00	
Succulent Planter 8.5" Pot		\$30.00	
Culinary Mix Herb Planter 7" Pot		\$30.00	
Easter Bloom Planter 6" Pot		\$25.00	
Total			

Cheque _____ Online Reference # _____
Teacher: _____ Room #: _____

JOIN SCIENTISTS IN SCHOOL FOR A HANDS-ON, FAMILY FUN

SCIENCE NIGHT



Wednesday May 8, 2019

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Dr. Emily Stowe Public School
71 Sandringham Drive, Courtice

Presented by:



Scientists in School is a Canadian registered charity: 86713953780001. www.scientistsinschool.ca



YOU ARE INVITED TO A MENTAL HEALTH EVENT FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS



HOSTED BY

DURHAM TALKING ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS (TAMI) COALITION



Presenters:

Dr. Kofi Belfon, Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Belfon will provide an overview of mental health and mental illness in children and youth and will share information about mental health resources.

Val, TAMI Speaker:

Parents/caregivers will also have an opportunity to hear from a TAMI speaker who will share her personal story of hope and recovery.

Followed by Q and A session

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School / J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate
1375 Harwood Ave. N., Ajax**

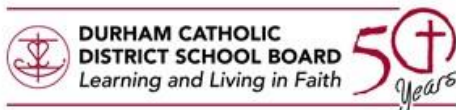
~ Please park and enter on North (Notre Dame) side of building ~

Register at: <https://tami4parents.eventbrite.ca>

(Walk-ins also welcome)

Doors open at 6:30. Come early to visit our community displays.

The Durham TAMI Coalition is a partnership between 3 local school boards, 2 local hospitals, Public Health, mental health agencies and community supports servicing children, youth and families in Durham Region. To learn more about the Durham TAMI Coalition, visit: www.TAMIdurham.ca



SUITS FOR YOUTHS

Free Suits, Shirts, Pants & Accessories
For Grade 8 and 12 Students!

School I.D. required

April 17th and 18th, 2019 3:30pm-6:30pm
Oshawa Centre ~ Food Court Entrance
To lower level
419 King St W Oshawa, Ont.

Accepting donations at any Durham Regional Police Service
Station or the Oshawa Centre Guest Services

For more info contact: suitsforyouths@drps.ca



Suiting up our Youth for Success!

OSHAWA
CENTRE
GUEST SERVICES

Hosted By:

Durham Regional Police Service in partnership with the
Oshawa Centre

GOWNS for Girls

FREE
Prom Dresses,
Shoes, Jewellery...

GIVEAWAYS
for hair & makeup

Choose from Hundreds
of Dresses!

Tuesday April 16 - Wednesday 17th, 2019
3:30pm-6:30pm

Bobby Orr Public School
7 Waterloo Street, Oshawa

Donations can be made at:
Any DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE STATION, or
One Love, One Dream Bridal (1418 Hwy #2, Courtice)

* Accepting donations of dresses, shoes, and jewellery *

For further details, please contact gownsforgirls@drps.ca
OPEN TO GRADS IN GRADE 8 & GRADE 12



















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April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  	2  	3 MADD presentation for Grs. 7 & 8	4 Assembly 9/9:30 	5 PA DAY	6
7 	8 	9 	10 International Day of Pink	11 Clarington Student of Character Awards 	12	13
14	15 	16 	17	18 Badminton at Lydia Trull 	19 GOOD FRIDAY	20
21 	22 EASTER MONDAY/ EARTH DAY	23 6:15 School Council 	24	25 	26 Gr. 8 Around the World Presentations	27
28	29 Breakdancing 	30 with Jimmy Chapman 