



# DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

June 2019

## “Soaring to Victory”

### *Principal's Message*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is June! How did that happen? We are having so much fun keeping busy with teams, clubs and projects that the year has flown by!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have had the opportunity to come out and support us throughout our various activities. Thank you to parents and guardians who continue to support student learning through their consistent homework completion and by providing a variety of opportunities for learning outside of the school setting. Our School Council has done a wonderful job this year, and we appreciate all that they do. We also wish to thank our community partners who work with us to sustain our stance that it takes a village to raise a child. Students have made great gains this year, and their positive sense of wellbeing continues to grow.

Importantly, I wish to thank our teachers, support staff, custodians and secretary for their exemplary contributions to school life on a daily basis. Dr. Emily Stowe boasts a talented and committed staff who care deeply for your children. We are lucky to work with such an excellent team who also enjoy many laughs together. This atmosphere allows us to focus on the important task of developing our teaching pedagogy in a trusting and collegial environment that translates to the advancement of overall learning in our building.

Staffing and class placements will be communicated in the final June letter of the year, along with report cards, that will come home June 25<sup>th</sup> for grade eights and June 26<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten to Grade 7. We still have one position left to hire this month.

In these final days of June, please remember to send your child with sunscreen and a hat as needed, as well as a water bottle to keep hydrated.

Enjoy the warm weather and take time to take in all that your child has become and is becoming.

Mme Haley-Twiss



### *School Council*

We're into the final stretch! Hard to believe it's already June (especially with the way the weather has been!) and the kids will be finishing another year of school soon. The School Council would like to take this time to thank our Stowe families for all of your support throughout the year by attending the events run by council and helping out with our fundraisers. Because of you we've been able to bring events to the school such as the Scientist in the Schools – both the family night and the ones run in our children's classes,

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Jimmy Chapman the Break dancer and paying for new books for the leveled reading program for our Kindergarten and Primary classes, just to name a few. Without your support none of these would have been possible so thank you! Just a reminder to place your orders for Healthy Hunger! The program runs through until the last week of June and while we do have some extra slices of pizza on occasion, we cannot guarantee that there will always be some leftover.

We hope everyone has an amazing summer break and we look forward to seeing you all in the fall! The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm in the library and the elections for council positions will be held at that time. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend and child minding will be available.

*Jackie Hester, Chair*

## Character in the School

### June's Character Attribute

#### Honesty

I am sincere, truthful and trustworthy.



## No Dogs Please



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! With the warmer weather, we are noticing more and more dogs, and would greatly appreciate your assistance in this regard.

## Jump Rope for Heart



We had an amazing day for our Jump Rope for Heart event. Our Grade 7 & 8 students ran skipping stations and the rest of the school had a great time participating in lots of heart healthy exercise. Thank you to all those who raised funds for this important cause. Prizes will arrive in June and we will find out which class has raised the most money and will be enjoying a pizza party from Mme Haley-Twiss.

*Mrs. McCaffrey*

## Jimmy Chapman

Students enjoyed breakdancing with Jimmy Chapman in May. His energy fueled the kids' excitement in learning some new moves! Special thanks to School Council for contributing to this expense. The kids had a blast!



## Pride Month at KPR

It is Pride Month at KPR. We proudly fly our Pride flag all year long to demonstrate our commitment to inclusion and acceptance of diversity everywhere. We particularly highlight our LGBTQ2 community this month and acknowledge that we are all valued members of our community who merit the same mutual respect.

## Stowe Gardens



A huge thank you goes out to Georgia Cairns for her help to beautify our front gardens. She also took initiative to clean up the pinecones and needles. Thank you, thank you, thank you! We appreciate your efforts on this. The gardens and pathways look amazing!

We also wish to acknowledge the planting of flowers by Mrs. Harding's class. Thank you for planting a colourful array of flowers for our pleasure.

## Report Cards

Report cards will be coming home **on June 26th (Gr. 8s on June 25)**. Please return page 3 from the report card by **June 28th**. This response form recognizes that parents play a critical role in the education of their children. Your expectations, ways of solving problems and guidance affect the student's work and attitudes at school. If you include information on this page about things that really helped your child this year, we can often use that information to continue to assist your child in the future.

## Grade 8s

On Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, our grade 8 graduates will be celebrating the completion of their year at a ceremony held at our school. After the ceremony there will be a dance hosted by a DJ. Festivities are set to end at 9:30 p.m. We want to wish all of our grade 8 students all the best and much success in their future!



## Library

Thank you to all parents and students for your continued support of our Library and ensuring all books are returned. We ask that all Library books are returned to the school by June 11<sup>th</sup> this year.

## Track and Field

The students had a wonderful day at the Civic Track and Field meet. Thank you to parents for supporting this great event. I would also like to thank the staff members who volunteered during lunches, and at the Civic meet to make this possible for the students. On June 12<sup>th</sup> the following students will be competing at KPREAA: Brooke A., Kaitlyn S., Hannah C., Ella M., Ben St. P., Brooke C., Charlie B., Taylor G., Emma R., Mia P., Kacie H., Kennedy S., and Ava K.

*Ms. Jackson*

## Student Epi-pens/Puffers/Medications

Parents are asked to come into the school either on the last day (June 27<sup>th</sup>), or the following week, to pick up any EPI-PENS/PUFFERS/MEDICATION that may be in the office. Paperwork for the 2019-2020 school year will be sent home with your child this month.

Does your child have a medical concern/allergy that the school is not aware of? Please let us know as soon as possible so that we can send home the appropriate forms to be completed over the summer so we have it ready for September.

## Warm Weather at Last



It is now the time of year to consider the harmful effects of UV radiation on exposed skin. Our students are outside for 20 minutes at a time which is ample time to damage their skin from exposure to the harmful effects of UV rays. Please reinforce the importance of covering up as much as possible and to make use of sun screen and/or sun block products. Also provide a hat as needed.

Students are reminded of the dress code, outlined in the agenda. Boys are to wear t-shirts, and no muscle shirts. No underwear or undergarments should be visible, and students should be dressed in a respectful manner at all times. Revealing shorts and skirts are not to be worn at any time. Thank you for overseeing this at home.

## Classes For Next Year

Teacher assignments have been determined and we continue to build our classes. Much discussion and careful consideration goes into this process. As always, we will make every effort to balance classes according to gender, ability and student needs. The date for requests has passed and we have acknowledged these. We have one more part-time position to be filled on staff. Staffing and class allocations will be communicated in the last June newsletter of the year. We wish to thank you in advance for your respect of the professional judgement of our staff who teach your child and who have taken great care to place them in their class for next year.

## Do You Want to Volunteer Next Fall?

The Board requires all of our volunteers to have a current police reference check completed. This check, which can be completed at Durham Regional Police or the OPP must include a vulnerable sector search. It can take between six to ten weeks to receive a return statement. This statement is then brought to the school to “clear” you for participation in school volunteer work. All volunteers must have completed this entire process in order to be considered for volunteer work at the school. By starting now, you will allow enough time for the process to be completed and neither you nor your child needs to be disappointed. Police reference checks are only good for 1 year. If you have one but it was completed over a year ago we will require an updated one. You can pick up a volunteer letter from our office to start the process. Please allow yourself enough time to complete this process should you wish to volunteer.

## Moving This Summer?



If you know that your child(ren) will not be attending Dr. Emily Stowe in September, or if you are moving within our district, please notify the office as soon as possible. This will help us better prepare for the new school year.

## Lost and Found

Please pass by the Lost and Found in the school to claim any unclaimed items or clothing by the end of June (June 27th). Please note that any items unclaimed by the end of June will be given to charity.



# Eye See ... Eye Learn



The Eye See... Eye Learn® program is designed to detect, diagnose and treat children with vision problems when they begin Junior Kindergarten, so that every child can see and learn to the best of their ability. Junior Kindergarten (JK) students receive an OHIP-insured eye exam by a participating OAO member, and if prescribed, one complimentary pair of glasses courtesy of our exclusive industry partners, and participating optometrists.

Don't miss the opportunity to have your child's eyes examined and be able to participate in the Eye See...Eye Learn program. The ESEL program will **end for the current JK students (born 2014) on June 30th.**

## **Why should a child have an eye exam?**

**If vision goes uncorrected...** Eye co-ordination problems can cause:

- Discomfort
  - Reduced concentration
  - Slower processing speed
  - Interference with phonetic or eidetic decoding and spelling
  - Reading deficiencies
- In preschool children, reduced depth perception and reduced accommodation were found to be predictors of reading performance in kindergarten and grade 1.
- Risk of injury to sound eye increases.
  - This could arguably be the biggest public health issue concerning the vision of young children
  - One study from the UK showed that when the sound eye is injured, only 35% of people were able to continue in paid employment
  - Social consequences
  - Lower self esteem
  - Negative Self Image
  - Frustration
  - Embarrassment
  - Shame
  - Increased likelihood of criminal activity
  - Academic Performance
  - Reduced visual acuity at near has been reported to be more common in children with learning difficulties
  - Hyperopia has been shown to strongly linked with reduced literacy skills
  - Correction of hyperopia has been shown to result in improved reading achievement
  - Anisometropia has been demonstrated to be more common in children with poor reading skills
  - Decreased likelihood of higher education

Kim Giles  
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## Absence Reporting



At Dr. Emily Stowe, the safety of our students is first and foremost. Please do not call the school. 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](http://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/>

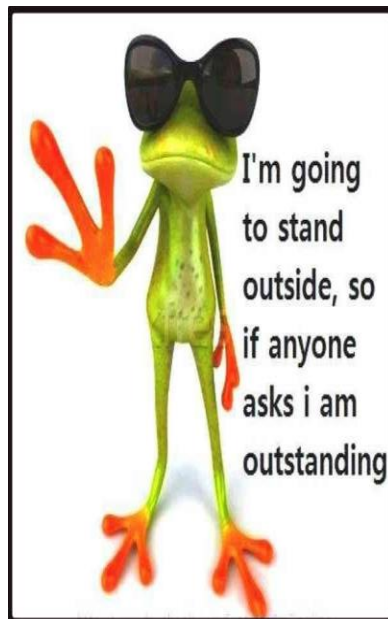


If you mention Dr. Emily Stowe before your items are scanned through, 10% of sales comes back to the school! Show your support for your school. Every little bit helps!

## POPCORN, POPCORN, POPCORN



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






**MABEL'S LABELS FUNDRAISER**

Dr. Emily Stowe is excited to announce that we have once again partnered with Mabel's Labels in a wonderful fundraising initiative. If you purchase labels for your child's belongings for camp or 'back to school', please consider using Mabel's Labels, as our school will receive 20% of all orders placed through the school.

Thank you for your support!

# June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 	4 	5	6 	7 PA DAY	8
9	10 	11 Jr. Ultimate Frisbee 	12 KPREAA Track & Field	13 	14	15 
16 	17 	18 	19	20 	21 Play Day	22
23/30	24 	25 Gr. 8 Grad 	26 Report Cards Home	27  	28	29 