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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! This is definitely the most unique start to a school year that we have experienced! Here's hoping that things will only get better this year, as we now have the promise of a new vaccine to protect us against Covid-19. Until then, we will continue to engage in healthy practices that will protect ourselves and others. This includes visiting with those in our own homes and avoiding contact with others as much as possible. Every contact we avoid may help to keep the Covid numbers down. This temporary measure could literally save lives. Please help us all by doing your part.

As we work remotely over the next little while, try to establish a routine at home for studying and establish a workspace for learning if you have not already done so. It is vitally important that every student engage in their learning every day, either by participating in live learning sessions, or by submitting their work on time. We are taking daily attendance and collecting student work. We understand that every situation is different, and we are flexible. Many of us are parents who are also working all day, so we understand the challenges! Reach out to your child's teacher if you need to arrange alternative plans for learning. We want to allow for student learning in any way we can during this time.

Once again, thank you for your steadfast patience and support. You have no idea how much your kind words mean to us. Knowing we are in this together gives us strength.

I encourage you to make the best of our present situation and persevere with a positive attitude to get through it!

Sincerely,

Mme Haley-Twiss

HAPPY NEW YEAR

School Council

Our next council meeting is Tuesday January 26th at 7:00 p.m. via WebEx <https://meetingsamer38.webex.com/meet/ColleenSmiles>. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. We will have final details of the success of our fundraising efforts over the past couple of months.

Colleen Smiles, Chair
colleensmiles1@gmail.com

Character in the School

January's Character Attribute

Perseverance

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



Spirit Wear



If anyone is interested in Stowe Spirit wear we have the following available for sale:

- 1 adult medium size full zip hoodie (pictured) for \$40
- 1 adult large size dry-fit long sleeve blue shirt with the Stowe emblem on front for \$28

The above do fit on the large size.

- due to an ordering error, 1 youth large size blue pullover hoodie with the name "Davis" in orange on the right sleeve - \$42.

If any of these appeal to you, please contact Ms. Leggo at anne_leggo@kprdsb.ca to make arrangements for payment and pickup.

Bethesda House

Thank you to all of the Stowe community for your support for Bethesda House. We raised \$527.00 for this worthy cause. Way to go Stowe!

A tax receipt can be provided for any donations over \$25. Simply email Ms. Leggo at anne_leggo@kprdsb.ca confirming the amount contributed, indicating that you would like a receipt, and provide your correct mailing address. Receipts will be issued in January directly from Bethesda House.

Courtice Secondary School Open House

Annual Information Night for Grade 8 Parents/Guardians and Students is in a virtual format this year. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend this presentation with their grade 8 child as it is very informative and will help you to make decisions for course selections next year and the following three years.

**VIRTUAL INFORMATION NIGHT
for Grade 8 students, parents/guardians
Thursday, January 7, 2021 6:30 pm**

When it's time, start the WebEx event here.

Host: Tracy McCarthy (tracy_mccarthy@kprdsb.ca)

Event number (access code): 178 473 2688

Event address for

attendees: <https://kprdsb.webex.com/kprdsb/onstage/g.php?MTID=edbdddfe848969ad89280eee77e5943857>

Transfers To Virtual Elementary School

The next opportunity to transfer students from in-school learning to KPR's Virtual Elementary School (VES) will be as follows:

- an Opt Out portal will be open on kprschools.ca from January 13-22 at 4 p.m., for families to complete if they wish to transfer their children to the VES
- the first day of class for new VES students will be Tuesday, February 2 (February 1 is a PA Day)
- VES teachers will contact families of new VES students beginning January 28.

Until February 2, students will continue to attend their home school; parents can discuss other learn-at-home options with their home school principal, if they wish, until their children start the VES classes February 2.

Welcome To Kindergarten

If your child will be four years of age by December 31, 2020, now is the time to register for Kindergarten starting in September 2021! Our school is a stimulating, caring environment with a broad range of programs to help students excel in learning, succeed in life, and enrich our community.

Visit www.kprschools.ca, and click on School Registration to find your local school with our online maps. To register you will need to provide the school with proof of age, proof of address and immunization in addition to completing the registration form online. Check out the wealth of videos and tip sheets we have to help you prepare your child for school. Students who live out of bounds from Dr. Emily Stowe must register at their home school.

Medication

This is a reminder that any medication that students take needs to be delivered directly to the office by an adult and not through the student. At no time should students have medication in their backpack or lunch bags. This includes Tylenol, Advil, Aspirin, etc. All medication must have a clear label with the name of the medication, the dose required and the name of the physician indicated. We will administer this at the office and complete the administration of medication log. Students take their medication at the office under our supervision. There is accompanying paperwork to be filled out for the office if we are administering the medication at school. This is an important Health and Safety matter that required clarification. Our procedures protect all individuals involved.

Regulation Code ES-1.5.1 of the Board policies states:

“Administration of Medication

5.1.1 Generally, administration of medication (e.g., Prescription or non-prescription medication, including pills, creams, drops, inhalants, etc.) shall be conducted outside of school hours by parent(s)/guardian(s).

5.1.2 When all other options have been attempted and the parent(s)/guardian(s) request the administration of a prescription medication at school on a regular basis, the parent(s)/guardian(s) are required to complete the appropriate Plan of Care form for the individual student.

5.1.3 Occasional requests may be made to administer short-term prescription medications (which may include prescription medications or non-prescribed medications directed by a physician). Parent(s)/guardian(s) must provide the original pharmacy labelled container or provide the labelled store bought container for non-prescription medications with the physician's prescription/script directing dosage."

Regulations go on to state:

"5.3 Role of the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) in the Administration of Medication

It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to:

5.3.1 complete the Plan of Care including the Administration of Medication section of the form which details the request and authorization to administer prescription medication;

5.3.2 provide updates annually and/or as the medication changes;

5.3.3 provide the medication in the container with the original pharmacy label indicating:

5.3.3.1 student's name,

5.3.3.2 physician's name and telephone number,

5.3.3.3 name of medication, and

5.3.3.4 dosage (quantity and frequency)"

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Inclement Weather School Closures

The KPR Board has made an important change to how we handle inclement weather days (snow days) this winter. We wish to let all families know that schools will be **closed** on inclement weather days this year, to protect student health.

Therefore, if all buses are cancelled to a school, a region of schools or all schools board-wide, those schools will be closed for the day.

More specifically:

- when ALL buses are cancelled across the entire board, ALL schools will be closed for the day
- when ALL buses are cancelled within a specific geographic region of the board, such as the Municipality of Clarington, Northumberland County or Peterborough County, schools in that region only will be closed for the day
- and, finally, if ALL buses are cancelled for a specific school or group of schools, only that school or group of schools will be closed for the day.

When only a few buses are cancelled, or buses are delayed, schools will remain open.

Schools will provide learning for students to work at home on these days in a variety of ways, either through previously assigned or new work through the classroom teachers' regular communication platforms, based on the age and grade of the students. Virtual elementary and secondary school programming on snow days will continue as normal.

We will inform families of school closures on snow days in several ways, including local news media, on www.kprschools.ca, through our social media channels (@kprschools on Twitter and Facebook), and by email or text from SchoolMessenger.

Please ensure that your school has up-to-date contact information for you, so that we can text or email you directly about what is happening at your child's school (**another reason to ensure you have updated the Student Verification Form online**). You can sign up for our direct text service by sending a text message to 978338 with the message of "Y" or "Yes".

COVID Resources

It is critical to screen ourselves every morning for possible symptoms of COVID-19. Students and staff who feel unwell should remain at home, even if their symptoms seem as minor as a mild cold.

For daily screening, simply use Ontario's online self-screening tool at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> or print it from

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid19-cms-assets/2020-10/Screening%20Children%20v1.0%202020-10-01%20FINAL%20EN%20AODA.pdf>

We also encourage you to download the Government of Canada's COVID Alert app, which can let people know of possible exposures to COVID before any symptoms appear. That app is available at no charge at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/covid-alert.html>

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 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!



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!



KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE



Do not come to school if...



You or someone you are in close contact with have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days



You have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19



You have any of the following symptoms





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| • Fever | • Chills | |
| • New or worse cough | • Runny nose/nasal congestion without known cause | • Barking cough |
| • Shortness of breath | • Nausea/vomiting | • Difficulty swallowing |
| • Difficulty breathing | • Pink eye (conjunctivitis) | • Falling down often |
| • Sore throat | • Difficulty walking | • For young children and infants: sluggishness or lack of appetite |
| • Headaches | • Abdominal pain | |
| • Diarrhea | • Decrease or loss of sense of smell or taste | |
| • Unexplained fatigue/malaise/muscle aches | | |

If you have any of these symptoms, do not come to school, and contact a medical professional for direction, or complete the Ontario government's online self-assessment for further direction: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment>



Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19
www.kprschools.ca

January

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24/31	25	26 School Council virtual meeting 7 pm	27	28	29	30