

# DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

November 2021

## “Soaring to Victory”

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to honour our veterans this month as we recognize Courage and how it manifests in our lives. This Remembrance Day, our ceremony will be conducted online to be seen in each class. We will remember the many acts of bravery taken during times of war and the role that Canada plays in maintaining peace around the world.

As part of Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month, staff will be learning with Melody Crowe, an elder from the Roseneath community and mentor to us all. We hope to extend our learning and continue to apply it in our classrooms. Part of our focus this year is to establish brave spaces in our classrooms that reflect our desire for inclusiveness and diverse thinking. We are learning to take risks in our teaching in the knowledge that we are doing this together as a team, and we will support one another. It is our hope that students feel safe in their environment to become brave in their analysis and critical thinking. Courage to question the status quo is always welcome.

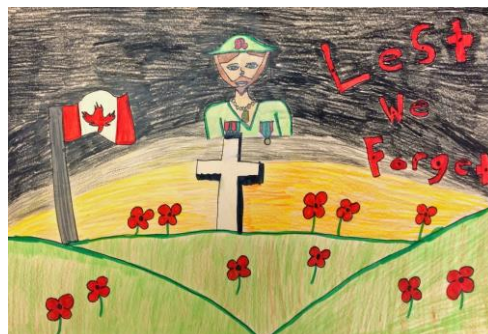
Thank you for continuing to honour the mask protocol. As recently outlined in a message from our Director, Rita Russo, masks are required on the yard. If you are picking up or dropping off students, please be sure to wear a mask. Also, parents should be well back from the pavement and avoid any contact with the students. Thank you so much for respecting this expectation.

A big thank you goes out to the fundraising efforts of our School Council. Spirit Wear orders are in, Poinsettia and Purdy's Chocolate orders are in effect, popcorn sales are booming and Healthy Hunger is a great success! We have so much more coming up, but we are celebrating this success so far! This allows us to purchase Chromebooks, support Scientists in Schools, Coding resources, and novel kits for classrooms. Our last meeting was a PJ party. Our next one will be LIVE at the school on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15 p.m. in the library. We won't be wearing our PJs, but we will be so happy to have you join us!

Parents, we continue to appreciate your partnership in all that you do to support learning at Dr. Emily Stowe. If you see us on the yard before or after school, please come and speak with us. We would love to talk with you!

Progress Reports come home November 19, and you may talk to your teachers then about your child's development. Again, we invite your input and important feedback.

Sincerely,  
*Madame Haley-Twiss*



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## School Council

Thank you to everyone that has made it to our first couple virtual meetings! We hope everyone enjoyed our first kernels popcorn day on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be having our next few popcorn days on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and December 15<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to order your popcorn on school cash online so you don't miss out!

Our poinsettia order forms have been sent home; they are due back November 12<sup>th</sup> and the pick-up will be November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Watch out for our Purdy's Christmas catalog coming soon!! Healthy Hunger has had a great start as well! We will continue with Subway on Mondays and Booster Juice on Fridays. If you haven't signed up yet, be sure to sign up at [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca) to order.

For anyone interested in attending our next meeting it will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15pm in the library (proof of your double vaccination will be required). Volunteers are also asked to attest using an online form, [available by clicking here](#).

Please note that we are prioritizing fully vaccinated individuals at this time (final dose received at least 14 days ago).

After completing the attestation process, volunteers and placement students must print or bring an electronic copy of their vaccination receipt to the school when volunteering. This can be shown at the school office or to your activity contact person at the school during the sign in process. When volunteering with students, an up-to-date police check must be presented to the school. This is not required to attend the school council meeting.

As a reminder, **all visitors to schools must also complete the provincial COVID 19 school self-screener prior to attending school each day:** <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Colleen Smiles, Chair  
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## Character in the School

### November's Character Attribute

#### Courage

I face challenges directly. I speak up for myself and others even when it may be unpopular. I ask for help when necessary. I recognize risks and dangers and do not take unwise chances to please others.



## Picture Day Retakes



Retakes are scheduled for **Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**, in the morning. We will call classes down for retakes – please be sure to remind your child that if you were interested in retakes, to come down.

# Remembrance Day



We will be recognizing Remembrance Day in a different fashion this year, as we are not permitted to hold full assemblies. Dr. Emily Stowe's ceremony will take place over WebEx. at 10:00 a.m. for all.



## Volunteers

KPR schools are now permitting volunteers. Please contact your child's teacher to inquire of the availability of volunteering, and provide the office with the following:

1. Proof of being fully vaccinated.
2. A valid, current police check with vulnerable sector search completed. The police check (with VSS) should have the seal from the police services. Checks from companies such as My Back Check are **not** acceptable.
3. Confirmation that you have completed the attestation using the online KPR form, [available by clicking here](#).
4. If your volunteer activity will involve supervising students, you will also be asked to sign an Annual Release and Indemnification Agreement Form.

<https://www.kprschools.ca/content/dam/kpr/documents/annualreleaseagreementforvolunteersupervisors.pdf>

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## Book Fair

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Virtual Book Fair November 15-25th. This is an excellent opportunity to shop for the holidays. Books purchased will be shipped directly to your house. All order will help support purchasing new books for the Library. Flyers with the shopping link will be sent home shortly. If you have any questions please e-mail Ms. Jackson at [amy\\_jackson@kprdsb.ca](mailto:amy_jackson@kprdsb.ca)

## Student Artwork

Stowe is very proud to announce that Gr. 8 student Khalia R. from Ms. Papaleo's class was selected to share her "Pandemic Art" piece with the ROM this Fall. It will be on display as of October 23rd. Khalia was asked by Ms. Papaleo to contribute to an art assignment in the Spring of 2021. The focus was on, 'My Pandemic Story' and students were asked to create an art piece of choice to submit to the class portfolio. Various types of art were submitted including, paintings, drawings, poetry and videos. Khalia entered her painting and was successfully chosen to share her Pandemic Art story. Congratulations Khalia! She is also the student responsible for creating our logo of the phoenix for Dr. Emily Stowe! What a contribution she is making!

Khalia

Idea: painting

Hearing the news constantly being about covid cases and deaths made me think of a rose in a way, the stages of covid too. Roses begin to bloom and become vibrant and beautiful, similar to the first stage of covid when life seems fine. Then, almost like a petal beginning to fall, you start experiencing symptoms and realize you have the virus. Sadly, sometimes people pass away from the coronavirus and that last stage of covid reminded me of a petal falling from a rose and losing its beauty.



## Raz Kids



Let's keep working together to improve literacy! We have renewed our subscriptions for all Kindergarten to Grade 3 students to have the opportunity to develop their literacy skills through an online reading program called RAZ Kids. This program features hundreds of interactive, leveled eBooks for your child to read on your home computer, tablet or mobile device. Please contact your child's teacher for usernames and passwords.

With each book, there are three steps:

- First, the book can be read aloud to you and your child by the program. This gives your child a chance to listen to the text, familiarize themselves with unfamiliar vocabulary and build their confidence as they get ready to read it independently.
- Second, once your child is ready, they can independently read the book aloud, and record their voice as they read it. After recording, children love hearing their recorded voices read the book back to them, which is motivating and gives them yet another opportunity to practice the book. After your child has finished recording their voice reading the book independently, they also have the option of sending that recording to their teacher.
- Finally, there is a comprehension quiz that tests your child's understanding of the text.

If you are unsure of the correct level (just right book) please contact your child's teacher. Once they have chosen a book, go through the three steps above. Reading a handful of levelled books each week will make a huge difference in your child's reading.

## Switching To Or From Our Virtual Schools

### Virtual School Transfers

Here's information you need to know if you are planning to transfer your child or teen between virtual and in-person learning.

### ***Virtual Elementary School (VES)***

- To move your child from in-person classes to VES, please complete the opt-in portal at <https://optin.kprdsb.ca/> between November 12 and noon on November 19.
- VES teachers will contact new VES families during the week of November 22. New classes will begin November 29.

### **Return to Bricks and Mortar Timelines:**

Families wishing to return to bricks and mortar are required to contact the home school. Home schools are free to accept students back at any time as they make space available. All transitions should be completed by **November 29<sup>th</sup>** at the latest.

## **Important Reminders**

Please send your child with adequate food for lunches and breaks and all required items. Also please be sure to include extra forks and spoons in plastic baggies in your child's backpack so that they do not need to leave the class and ask for one at the office. **All students will need a water bottle. Water fountains will be closed, but water filling stations are available. Our supply of water bottles is almost empty. We would greatly appreciate your assisting in reminding your older children to bring their own bottles for refilling.**

## **Entry to School**

Please remember, if you have a reason to arrive at the school outside of entry/dismissal times, you are to ring the buzzer at the front door. We can only communicate with you via the intercom system. You will need to state your name and the reason you are present (bringing in child late, signing out for appt., etc.) and your child will be sent out to you, or you will be asked to send your child in on their own. We have one secretary. **Patience and kindness would be appreciated if your call is not answered immediately. Do keep in mind that if you arrive between 8:50-9:00 a.m. we are likely in the middle of O Canada and announcements, so the door will not be answered immediately.** Sometimes we are also on the phone and cannot speak to two parties at the same time. The buzzer is quite loud on the inside of the school so there is no need to repeatedly press it. If after a few minutes you are not acknowledged, please call the school 905-433-8747. **Parents/guardians are not permitted in the building without an appointment. There will be no exceptions.** Thank you for your understanding of these present circumstances.

## **Kiss and Ride**

Please be reminded to let students out of the vehicle on the right-hand side of the car. **Avoid getting out on the left-hand side, as this is into moving traffic and dangerous.** Please pull up as far as you can for drop off so that others behind you may pull up efficiently. Thank you for driving carefully as you go through the Kiss and Ride. No one should be speeding through this high traffic area.

## **Additional 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>

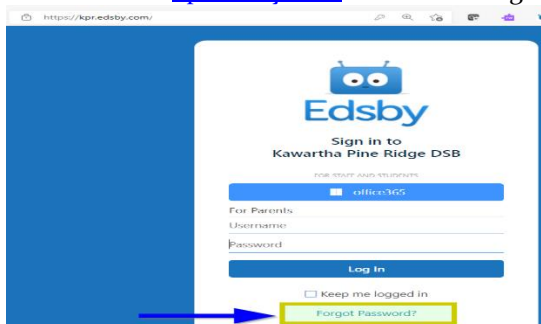


## Edsby & School Messenger

Our primary tool 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/>. If you have difficulties logging in, please email Edsby support at [support@edsby.com](mailto:support@edsby.com)

Otherwise you can follow the below steps to help troubleshoot Edsby login issues for parent accounts:

1. Attempt to reset your Edsby account password
- Go to [kpr.edsby.com](https://kpr.edsby.com) and select Forgot Password:



- If you receive any message that indicates that you cannot reset your password, please proceed to step 2. If you can reset your password, please follow the prompts to do so and disregard the remainder of this message.
2. Please search for an Edsby invitation email from [noreply@kpr.edsby.com](mailto:noreply@kpr.edsby.com). Ensure you are using the email address that you have registered with the school. If you can locate an Edsby invitation email, please proceed to step 3.
    - If you are unable to find the email, please let your school office staff know and disregard the remainder of this message.
  3. Once you have located the email, please open the link in the email to activate a new Edsby account, illustrated in the image below.

To activate a new Edsby account, or to connect this student to your existing Edsby account, please [click here to accept](#).

4. Once the link opens choose the second option to create an Edsby account.

I don't have an Edsby parent account at  
Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB

- Follow the prompts to create an account and connect with your student's Edsby account.
5. If you have additional students to connect with, please locate the invitation emails specific to each student and open the link in the email.

To activate a new Edsby account, or to connect this student to your existing Edsby account, please [click here to accept](#).

6. Select the first option to Login to your existing parent account to connect with your student in Edsby.

Login to your existing Kawartha Pine  
Ridge DSB Edsby parent account

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.

## Healthy Hunger

Subway is available on Mondays, and Booster Juice every Friday, both at first break. Visit the [healthyhunger.ca](http://healthyhunger.ca) website at [Healthy\\_Hunger](http://Healthy_Hunger) and register your child in his/her classroom which are listed by teacher and grade. You will be able to view all upcoming lunches and place your orders.



**Please note there is a cut off of 5 days prior to each lunch date. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [colleensmiles1@gmail.com](mailto:colleensmiles1@gmail.com)**  
Thanks for participating.

## 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. Our school website can be found at <https://emilystowe.kprdsb.ca/> and should be the first point of access for our school community. If you need to email a staff member, please refer to the Staff Directory tab of our school website for all staff email addresses.

## No Dogs



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!

## 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](http://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!



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!

# From The Board

## Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month

In February, 2017, the Board was pleased to adopt a recommendation from its Indigenous Education Advisory Committee to recognize November as Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month each year. November was chosen as it includes Treaty Recognition Week, Louis Riel Day and Inuit Day.

“As a Board, we have identified the need to champion Indigenous education, achievement and awareness as a key commitment for our schools and within our organization as a whole. We are very proud for this work to continue within our schools to strengthen our understanding of Indigenous culture and history. We are gratified that our students and staff are so passionate about embracing this learning throughout the year,” says Diane Lloyd, Chairperson of the Board.

“As educators we want to ensure ALL students and staff continue their journey in understanding and awareness of Indigenous cultures, ways of knowing, and contributions to society as part of their educational experience,” says Rita Russo, Director of Education. “We are a learning organization, and it’s our work to continue to create environments that honour Indigenous knowledge, culture, perspective and history and ensure Indigenous students, staff and community see themselves reflected in their learning and working environments.”

## Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy: School Toolkit

As part of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and Program Review Committee reports, Trustees reviewed plans to support the Ministry of Education’s Equity Action Plan to identify and eliminate persistent inequities in education. This action plan identified a key aspect to removing barriers is to ensure that school and classroom practices reflect and respond to the diversity of students and staff. It was stated that existing structures, policies, programs, and practices may unintentionally disadvantage certain student populations, including racialized students, students experiencing poverty, Indigenous students, newcomers to Canada, students who identify as LGBTQ2S+, children and youth in care, religious minorities, French language minorities, students with disabilities, and students with special education needs.

To support these goals, board staff have created a Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy (CRRP) Toolkit to provide schools and educators with ideas, tools, and strategies to create learning environments that promote cultural identity, inclusive pedagogy, and proportional outcomes for all students.

“We need to ensure all students feel a sense of belonging at school,” says Rita Russo, Director of Education. “One path to making that happen is to ensure our teaching and assessment content and practices allow students to see themselves in their learning. We want the cultural identities and experiences of our students to be a part of their daily experience in the classroom.”

As part of the launch of the toolkit, professional learning was provided for all elementary and secondary educators in June and September, including an introduction to anti-racism and anti-oppression. Professional learning will be ongoing throughout the year to principals, equity leaders, and educators in these areas and other, and monthly activities and resources will be added to the toolkit throughout the year.

## Menstrual Equity

KPR is pleased to proceed with the Menstrual Equity (ME) program in participating schools over the coming weeks. In the first year of a two-year plan, all secondary schools and 36 pilot elementary schools will receive tampons and pads that students can access for free in at least one girls’ washroom and one all-gender washroom.

The ultimate goal of the ME program, championed by Student Trustees, is to be more inclusive of all individuals who menstruate, including those who identify as trans, gender non-binary or gender-fluid. ME also aims to ensure all students can participate fully in school, regardless of socio-economic status and ability to afford menstrual products.

The province-wide free menstrual product program recently announced by the Ministry of Education will help to support the Menstrual Equity program approved by KPR Trustees last spring.



## KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE



# Do not come to school if...



**You have any of the symptoms from the provincial screening tool**  
*and they are not related to known causes or conditions you already have (such as allergies, asthma, anxiety/depression, etc).*

### Students

- ☐ Fever and/or chills - 37.8° Celsius/ 100° Fahrenheit or higher
- ☐ Cough or barking cough (croup) - Continuous, more than usual
- ☐ Shortness of breath - Out of breath, unable to breathe deeply
- ☐ Decrease or loss of taste or smell
- ☐ Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea

### Staff/Visitors

- ☐ Fever and/or chills - 37.8° Celsius/ 100° Fahrenheit or higher
- ☐ Cough or barking cough (croup) - Continuous, more than usual
- ☐ Shortness of breath - Out of breath, unable to breathe deeply
- ☐ Decrease or loss of taste or smell
- ☐ Extreme tiredness or muscle aches



**You have travelled outside Canada in the past 14 days and were advised to quarantine.**



**A health care provider or health unit has told you to isolate/stay at home.**



**You tested positive on a rapid antigen or home-based test in the last 10 days.**

**In addition to the points above, if you are not fully vaccinated** over 14 days ago, do not come to school if...



**You were identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, or have you received a COVID Alert, within the last 10 days.**



**Someone you live with is experiencing COVID symptoms or awaiting a test result.**

If you answer yes to any of these questions, stay home and follow the directions provided by the provincial screening tool: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening>



**Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19**  
[www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca)



4" Poinsettia

6" Poinsettia

Tri Colour

6" Cyclamen

8" Poinsettia

Red & White

11" Planter

12" Planter

Thank You for Supporting Our Fundraiser!

October 2021

For families new to the school, we offer a variety of poinsettias, mixed planters, and cyclamen. The plants are purchased from Rekker Gardens Ltd. in Bowmanville and are delivered fresh right to the school on the pick-up day.

Please fill out the attached order form and return it to your child's teacher no later than Friday, November 12th. Please make your payment by using School Cash Online. **No cash.**

Plants will be available for pick-up at the school Monday, November 29th between 3:30 - 6:30 pm.

**ORDERS AND PAYMENT DUE BY NOVEMBER 12TH.**

**We regret that we cannot accept late orders!**

Any plants unclaimed will be available in the office. No refunds will be made for unclaimed plants and we cannot guarantee their condition.

Thank you for your participation.

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### Information for Families

At the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, we inspire our students to excel in learning, to succeed in life, and to enrich our communities. We appreciate the support of parents/guardians and community members to help us achieve this goal. We are very fortunate to receive donations to our schools and programs from parents/guardians and community members. We wanted to let you know that we now have the ability to accept donations online for our schools and fundraising initiatives.

If at any time you are interested in making a donation to a particular school, please visit School Cash Online, at <https://kprdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>. Donors will automatically receive tax receipts through email for donations \$1 and over.

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#### **What qualifies as a donation?**

**Donations** must meet the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) criteria for a tax receipt:

- there is no benefit to the donor,
- the directed gift does not benefit any person not dealing at arm's length with the donor, and
- decisions about how the donations will be used will be made by the charity (in this case the school).

#### **What does not qualify as a donation?**

Examples of payments which do not qualify as donations (no tax receipt provided) and which **should not be made through the online donation module** include (but are not limited to):

- donations to external charities (i.e. Terry Fox Run)
- payment for a table at a fun fair to sell parent crafts, and
- donations where the donor has requested that the gift be used for a specific purpose or person(s).

#### **Questions?**

If you have any questions about donations and process please contact the school. For support with School Cash Online call 1-866-961-1803. School Cash Online support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### **Using KPRDSB School Cash Online to make a donation**

1. Sign into your School Cash Online account
2. Click on "Make a Donation"
3. Select the amount you wish to donate
4. Select the school name from the "Select" drop down menu
5. Choose the initiative from the "Initiative" drop down
6. Under "Message to School Board", you can provide further details such as Nutrition Program
7. Select "Add To Cart"
8. Other items can be purchased online (i.e. excursion, hot lunch...) and can also be added to the cart before going to Checkout
9. Proceed to checkout to complete your order
10. Print your Donation Tax Receipt

**Note:** All donors will be required to log in or register for an account before proceeding to the payment page. This will allow donors to retrieve and reprint donation receipts in the future. If you are a new user, please click on the hyperlink beneath the Sign in button, "Click here to register now" and follow the registration prompts.

[Home > Sign In](#)

#### **Sign In**

Email

Password

[Forgot your password?](#)













☐ Remember me?

**Sign In**

New to School Cash Online?

[Click here to register now](#)

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 PICTURE RETAKES 	4	5 	6
7 	8 	9	10	11 	12 	13
14 Bullying Awareness Week  Virtual Book Fair Nov 15-25	15 	16	17 	18	19 Progress Reports Home 	20 
21	22 	23 School Council Meeting 6:15 p.m. Library	24	25	26 PA DAY	27
28	29 Poinsettia pickup 3:30-6:30 p.m. 	30	