



DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

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“Soaring to Victory”

Principal’s Message

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This month, we are pleased to honour all of our veterans and those who have fought for the freedoms we enjoy in our country. We recognize the trait of courage and how it manifests in our lives. This Remembrance Day, we will be conducting a live ceremony in our gymnasium on November 10th. 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.

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 continue to support one another. It is our goal to create an environment where students and staff feel safe, can take risks, and be brave in their analysis and critical thinking.

Parents, we continue to appreciate your partnership and contributions in all that you do to support learning at Dr. Emily Stowe.

A reminder that Progress Reports will be shared and sent home to parents on November 17. Our teachers will look forward to discussing your child’s progress and development in learning during this time. We welcome your input and important feedback to help our students achieve the greatest success.

Sincerely,

Mr. Beers

School Council

Hello Stowe Families,

A big thank you to everyone that supported our fresh from the farm and spirit wear fundraisers!

Along with all the changes that the new school year brings it also brings a new school council! Below is a list of the new members of our council:

Chair- Colleen Smiles
Vice Chair - Lisa Whitworth
Treasurer - Christina Gutterage
Secretary - Amy Brown



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Healthy Hunger has had a great start! We will continue with Pizza on Mondays, Mucho Burrito Wednesdays, Frantastic Thursdays and Booster Juice on Fridays. If you haven't signed up yet be sure to sign up at www.healthyhunger.ca to order your child's lunches.

Our Purdy's Christmas fundraiser will be coming home soon, make sure to keep your eye out. For anyone that would like a seek peek here is the link <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1218740-109058>

We are so happy to announce our Christmas Market will be back! Make sure to save the date Saturday Dec 2nd.

For anyone interested in attending, our next meeting will be held on Monday Nov 27th at 5:30 in the library

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 **Thursday, November 9th, 2023**, in the morning right after announcements. We will call classes down for retakes – please be sure to remind your child that if you were interested in retakes, to come down when called.

Remembrance Day



We will be recognizing Remembrance Day by hosting a Remembrance Day Assembly, on Friday, November 10th, to show our respect for all those who have lost their lives serving our country. We look forward to this special assembly. Poppies will be provided to all students. The assembly will begin at approximately 10:00 am. Please join us for this special occasion in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend. We would ask however, that you bear in mind that we will have limited capacity and are asked to arrive prior to 10:00.



Report Cards

A reminder that Progress Reports will be shared and sent home to parents on November 17. Our teachers will look forward to discussing your child’s progress and development in learning during this time. We welcome your input and important feedback to help our students achieve the greatest success. **Please ensure the labeled envelope is returned to your child’s teacher after you have reviewed the report**, for use for the next report cards this school year.

Below are instructions if you wish to view electronically on Edsby.

<p>On a mobile device select classes</p>		
<p>Select View Report Cards</p>	<p>Mobile View (re-login to Edsby if prompted)</p>	<p>Left side of Desktop/laptop View</p>
<p>Report Card will display (you may need to toggle between report periods)</p>		

Junior/Intermediate Rugby

The flag rugby season for KPR West has just wrapped up, and Dr. Emily Stowe did well! The junior teams were both in the recreational divisions, and while the boys were shut out in their first game, they weren't discouraged and continued to improve each game, scoring more tries than the game before! Our junior girls were undefeated. Way to go! Hopefully next fall, they'll represent us in the competitive division!

The intermediate girls team also were also in the recreational division, with victories over Lydia Trull, and Ross Tilley, and a heartbreaking loss to John M. James. The intermediate boys were playing in the competitive division, and with two wins, and one tie, they found themselves in the finals for KPR West, and won! After that, they went to the KPREAA finals, where their three victories got them a place in the playoffs. After a close game, where they beat Murray Centennial 8-7, they played James Strath in the finals, and took home 1st place in the school board, with a 6-4 win! Congratulations Stowe!

Junior team members include Girls – Anjal J., Kennedy K., Ava S., Ema C., Hadley I., Ava B., Chloe C., Aarna K., Ayta Z., Tida Z. Boys - Owen S., Braedy B., Nolan T., Jacob B., Alex H., Bennett L., Solomon B., Hunter P., Landon McC., Liam K.

Intermediate team members include Girls – Avalyn B., Alexis S., Aurelia F., Logan T., Dru S., Brooke D., Maddie I., Emersyn D., Mara G., Briar I. Boys – Lawson W., Mateo E., Ryker W., Sawyer M., Dante B., Vansh L., Grayson E., Logan S. Ben M.

Mme. Chartrand & Mr. Roberts, Coaches



Scholastic Book Fair



We are very excited to announce that the Scholastic book fair will be returning to Stowe Nov 29th- Dec 1st. Classes will be notified by their teacher when their classes will be coming to the book fair. The book fair will be open to students during both recess breaks as well. For families wishing to purchase books we will open after school until 3:45 each day after school. If you are coming with your child after school, please pick them up at their regular doors and come in the main doors by the office. We will also be open during the Christmas Market. If you have a background check complete and are interested in volunteering, please e-mail Ms. Jackson at amy_jackson@kprdsb.ca. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser to add books to our school library.

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 should bring a water bottle. 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 have one secretary. **Patience and kindness would be appreciated if your call is not 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. Thank you for your assistance.

POPCORN, POPCORN, POPCORN



Popcorn will be sold every Friday during first break for \$2 a bag by the Grade 8s. Exact change preferred.

Website



Be sure to check out our school website! 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!

Parents/Visitors to the School/Volunteers

KPR schools welcome volunteers. Remember police checks expire one year after they are issued. Please contact your child's teacher to inquire of the availability of volunteering, and provide the office with the following:

1. 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 or any other online service are not acceptable.**

School Council is always looking for volunteers to help out with various events. If you do not wish to be a School Council member, but can offer you time for various things, please connect with our Chair Colleen Smiles. Her email is as noted at the beginning of this newsletter.

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/en/our-schools/resources/annualreleaseagreementforvolunteersupervisors.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. Please take some time to view the following links, to see what Edsby is all about as a communication tool between the school and you!

<http://www.edsby.com/help/parents/>. Bookmark the parent portal from the Board website for ease of access. <https://parents.kprdsb.ca/>



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.

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 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!



Board News

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AWARENESS MONTH AT KPR
As part of its ongoing commitment to championing Indigenous education, achievement and awareness, the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board will once again recognize and celebrate November as Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month.

Free! Durham Region Health Department
Senior Kindergarten (SK) Vision Screening Program

Why?
1 in 4 school-age children may have a vision problem. If left untreated, this can affect their learning and development. Young children may not know that they have trouble seeing and may not show any signs or symptoms. Vision screening provides a quick means of detecting common childhood vision problems so that further follow up can occur.

Who?
Vision screening will be conducted for all senior kindergarten students. If your child wears glasses, they will be screened with their glasses on.

What?
Vision screening is a series of short, non-invasive tests that can show the presence of a potential vision problem. A letter will be sent home with your child the day of the screening, indicating the results of the screening exam. Regardless of the results of the screening it is strongly recommended your child receives an OHP covered comprehensive eye exam with an optometrist before 6 years of age.

By Whom?
Durham Region Health Department Public Health Nurses will be conducting vision screening at your child's school. Vision screenings are performed in accordance with the Ontario Public Health Standards under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

Where?
Vision screening is being held at your child's school on _____.

IMPORTANT:
If you wish to have your child excluded from the vision screening this year, please contact the Health Department at 905-668-7711 ext. 2216 or 1-800-841-2729. Please leave your name, your child's name, child's date of birth, child's school and telephone number on the voicemail.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's vision, you do not have to wait for the school screening visit. Please contact a local optometrist to schedule an OHP covered comprehensive eye exam.
To speak with a public health nurse for more information please call the Durham Health Connection Line at 905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729.

Durham Health Connection Line
905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729
durham.ca/visioncreening

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month			1	2	3 	4
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12	13 	14	15 	16 	17 Report Cards 	18
19 Bullying Awareness Week	20 	21	22 	23 	24 	25
26 Nov 27-29 SK vision screening	27 School Council meeting 5:30 pm Library 	28	29 Book Fair 	30 Book Fair 	Book Fair	Christmas Market & Book Fair