



DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

January 2024

“Soaring to Victory”

Principal's Message

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KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful holiday with family and friends. As we return to school with the winter weather upon us, please ensure that your child is properly dressed for the conditions. Although we are nearing the mid-point of the school year, plans are already underway for school events in the spring such as EQAO, class trips and Grade 8 and Senior Kindergarten Graduations.

I am amazed every day with the kind, caring and polite actions of our students. They hold doors open for others, kindly say “Hello” and are willing to help throughout the school. As I’ve mentioned before, Dr. Emily Stowe PS truly is an amazing school and I am grateful to be here! Thank you to parents, guardians and staff for helping to instill these values in our students. When we work together, great things happen.

I continue to look forward to working with you. As always, please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bryan Beers

School Council

Hello Stowe Families,
Welcome back, hope everyone had a great holiday!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Christmas Market and to the parents and school staff that volunteered; we couldn't have done it without your help!

Healthy Hunger is running very well! We have pizza Mondays, Mucho Burrito Wednesday, Frantastic Thursdays and Booster Juice Fridays. Just to clarify, Domino's Pizza and Mucho Burrito will be delivered at our second break at 1:00, Booster Juice will arrive for the first break at 10:40. If you haven't signed up yet be sure to sign up at www.healthyhunger.ca to order your child's lunches.

Thank you everyone who helped support our Poinsettia and Purdys fundraisers!

For anyone interested in attending, our next meeting will be held on Monday, January 22nd at 5:30 in the library.

Colleen Smiles, Chair
colleensmiles1@gmail.com

Character in the School

January's Character Attribute

Perseverance

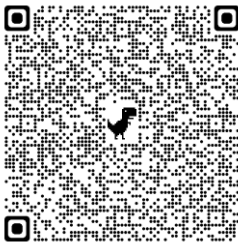
I finish what I start even when it is difficult. I do not give up when faced with challenges or obstacles. I complete all tasks and assignments to the best of my ability.



School Cash Online

As a reminder, to streamline financial processes for the Board and the School, **we are cashless**. There will be the odd situation where items will be purchased with cash (ie popcorn sales, Student Council lead boograms/candycane grams, etc) however, if items are posted on School Cash Online for payment, we are only accepting payment using that means. If you have not signed up for School Cash Online, we are attaching the link, or use the below QR code. If you have difficulty signing in after following the instructions or reviewing the Q & A, School Cash Online support can be reached at 1.866.961.1803

<https://www.kevclientsuccess.com/registration/index.html?d=Kawartha%2520Pine%2520Ridge%2520District%2520School%2520Board%2520&u=kprdsb&r=CA&p=eC&l=https%253A%252F%252Fkevgroupsco.usprod.blob.core.windows.net%252Fkevgroupprodscostatic%252Fstatic%252FContent%252FSchoolBoards%252Fkprdsb.png>



SK/Gr. 8 Photos

Will take place **Thursday, January 11, 2024**. Orders for photos and the composite (Class of 2024) photo can be done online through Edge Imaging with the code 'KES'. This code is not provided on the attached information, but please note that you will need it to place an order. Retakes of these will take place on February 8th.

KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE PHOTOS
CELEBRATE THIS MOMENT

Showcase Your Best Smile

- A white collared shirt with a tie makes a classic look, but wear whatever makes you feel great!
- Your photographer will take 4 photos, a selection of over 200 backgrounds will be available to view once photos arrive.
- Photos will be taken either with or without a green, depending on school policies.
- Approximately 2 weeks after photo day, your prints will arrive at school. Please place your order online at edgemilestones.ca/order

Remember the Whole Class

In addition to your photo day portrait session, you have the option to purchase a 15x15 Kindergarten Class Composite in a customized folder.

Go to edgemilestones.ca/composite to purchase your composite using school code.

Your composite must be purchased before photo order due date, which will be listed on your prints.

JUNIOR MILESTONE PHOTOS
CELEBRATE THIS MOMENT

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Bethesda House

Thank you to all of the Stowe community for your support for Bethesda House. We collected quite a large number of food and toy items as well as \$110 in donations by way of cash and gift cards. Way to go Stowe! Our Student Council was instrumental in retrieving items from the classrooms and assisting with pickup of the items.



Student Council Candy Cane Grams

Our Student Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the purchasing of candycane-grams this year. Thanks to you we raised a total of \$521.30 to ensure that our furry friends at Clarington Animal Shelter will be able to have a Happy Holiday!



Book Fair

The book fair was a tremendous success this year. Thank you to all your support. We are able to purchase approximately \$4,500 worth of books for our Library. I would like to thank the parents who volunteered their time to make this fundraiser possible. Happy reading everyone.

Amy Jackson
Librarian

Intermediate Boys Volleyball Tournament

Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team at their tournament on December 4th. They placed 2nd in their pool and fought hard to advance. Thanks for a great season.

Team members include Logan S., Dante B., Lawson W., Vansh L., Michael S., Ilyas M., Desmond S., Grayson E., Ben M., Colten B.

Coaches Mrs. Murru and Ms. Papaleo

Holiday Door Decoration

An annual tradition of classroom doors being decorated for the holidays took place yet again this year. Judges were asked to review and provide an opinion on the winner of the event from each of the kinder, primary and junior/intermediate halls. Mrs. McDonald/Ms. McGhee's class took first place in the kindergarten category, Ms. VanAlebeek's class for primary, and Mrs. Usher's class for junior/intermediate. Everyone did such an amazing job with all of their doors. It was extremely hard to choose!



Mrs. McDonald/Ms. McGhee
JK/SK



Ms. Van Alebeek
Grade 2/3



Mrs. Usher
Grade 3/4

School Holiday Concert

Thank you to all families who came to enjoy our School Holiday Concert. It was so great to see everyone! Special thanks to all who assisted in getting this concert together, as well as all student volunteers who participated.

Courtice Secondary School Open House

Courtice Secondary will be hosting a **Grade 8 Information Night and Open House** for Grade 8 students/parents/guardians on **Thursday, January 18th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

Dental Screening

Please see attached information regarding Durham Region Dental Health School Screening. This has been set for January 9, 2023 at the school and **will include all students in JK, SK, Grade 2, 4, 6 and 7** as well as any others interested.

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. 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.

Welcome To Kindergarten

If your child will be four years of age by December 31, 2024, now is the time to register for Kindergarten starting in September 2024! 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 they have to help you prepare your child for school.

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!

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

KPR NEWS

Change to April PA Day

The Board has approved a change to the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar, reflecting that the scheduled April 26, 2024 Professional Activity Day has been moved to April 8, 2024.

A total solar eclipse will be affecting all regions of the Board on April 8, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., causing diminished levels of daylight as it progresses. The peak of the eclipse will occur during dismissal time across the school board, increasing student safety concerns for safe travel and potentially damaging eye exposure to the sun at that time. Resources to support learning and student safety on that day will be shared throughout the school board community.

To get a small glimpse into the dedication and passion of our Student Trustees, Jillian Thomas and Albatoul Alshraide in their [message to fellow KPR students](#), they share insight into their leadership journey and encourage all students to continue to reach out and share their voice!









Durham Region Health Department Dental Health School Screening



Dental screenings are done every year in all elementary schools. Here is some helpful information about the program.

Why screen?

- ☞ Teeth are important! We assist eligible children and youth to access FREE dental treatment programs
- ☞ Dental screening is mandated by the Ontario Public Health Standards

Who will be screened?

- ☞ All students in JK, SK, Grade 2, 4, 6, 7, and special education classes
- ☞ Any student previously identified as having an urgent need
- ☞ Any additional student by parent/guardian request
- ☞ Children identified with an urgent need may have additional screenings throughout the year

What happens at the screening?

- ☞ Dental screening is a visual assessment. They do not replace your child's regular dental examination
- ☞ Sterilized mouth mirrors are used for each student
- ☞ Screening results will be sent home with your child



Where does screening occur?

- ☞ Dental screenings are done at your child's school
- ☞ Screenings can also be scheduled from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at our dental clinic located at 200 John Street West, Unit E8, Oshawa ON L1J 2B4

If you wish to have your child excluded from the dental screening or if your child is not in one of the grades listed and you would like them to participate, please contact the Oral Health Division at 905-723-1365 or 1-866-853-1326 ext. 4570 or email at dentalscreening@durham.ca

PLEASE NOTE: Exclusion and inclusion requests will not be carried over to the next school year.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's oral health, you can call our dental clinic. Our community dental health programs are designed to support and encourage your efforts to provide the best dental health for your children.

**For more information please call Durham Region Oral Health Division at
905-723-1365 or 1-866-853-1326 ext. 4567**

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

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Winter Break	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 BACK TO SCHOOL 	9 Dental Screening	10 	11 SK/Gr. 8 Grad Photos 	12 	13
14	15 	16	17 	18  Gr. 8 Info Night CSS 6:30 pm	19 	20
21	22 School Council 5:30 pm Library 	23	24 	25 	26 	27
28	29	30	31			