



# DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

## February 2024

### “Soaring to Victory”

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KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to February!

We are currently in the process of finalizing marks and preparing Report Cards. Friday, February 2nd is a PA Day and reports will be coming home with the students on Friday, February 16th.

February is also Black History Month where we have the opportunity to learn about the stories that Black communities in Canada and around the world have to tell about their histories, successes, sacrifices and triumphs.

This is the mid point of the school year and planning is already underway for school events in the Spring.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the school. Dr. Emily Stowe PS is truly an incredible place to be.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Bryan Beers*

### School Council

Hello Stowe Families,

Happy February!

Healthy Hunger is running very well! We have pizza Mondays, **NEW KFC Tuesdays**, Mucho Burrito Wednesdays, Frantastic Thursdays and Booster Juice Fridays. Just to clarify, Domino's pizza, KFC, Mucho Burrito and Frantastic Cafe 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](http://www.healthyhunger.ca) to order your child's lunches.

For anyone interested in attending, our next meeting will be held on Monday, February 26th at 5:30 in the library

Colleen Smiles, Chair

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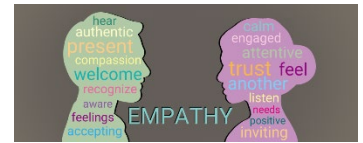


# Character in the School

## February's Character Attribute

### Empathy

I respect the feelings of others. I seek to understand what others are thinking to appreciate their perspectives. I listen and consider their views, even though we may not agree. I act with kindness and compassion.



## Black History Month

February is Black History Month, which provides many opportunities for all Canadians to recognize and learn about the significant contributions individuals and groups have made to the life of Canada in education, medicine, art, culture, public service, economic development, politics, human rights and more!

At Dr. Emily Stowe Public School, we continue to build a culture and community where all students feel represented and affirmed in their education experience. All students benefit from learning about Black Canadians.



## Class Photos/SK/Gr. 8 Retakes

Will take place **Thursday, February 8, 2024**. **All class group photos will be taken this day** as well as retakes for SK and Grade 8 graduates.

## Important Message Re Attendance

We have noticed a significant rise in the amount of students who are late in the mornings. While we understand some of those students may be late for appointments, inclement weather, etc., at Dr. Emily Stowe Public School we believe that the development of a positive learning attitude starts by teaching children the importance of regular and prompt attendance. We want your child to develop a respect for life-long learning that will lead to future success. It is a disruption to not only the classroom as lessons will have already started, the remainder of the classes in the same hallway, and to the office as well.

Parent-school partnerships are crucial to this success. If needed, we would like to work with you on strategies to ensure more regular, prompt attendance. If a pattern of lateness continues, our School Board Counsellor will be notified.

Please feel free to contact the Principal Mr. Beers, to discuss a proactive plan if you require support or assistance. Our school day starts at 8:40 and yard supervision at 8:25. ***Students should be at the school before the 8:40 am bell to line up with their classes outside in their designated area at the back of the building.*** We would greatly appreciate your assistance with this area.

## Valentine's Day

Class activities or celebrations for Valentine's Day on February 14<sup>th</sup> will be at the discretion of the teacher. **If you wish, you may send in Valentine cards or notes for your child to pass out to classmates (remembering to be inclusive of all children in the class).** If you require a list of student first names to help your child fill out their Valentines or if you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher.

## Junior Basketball

Stowe's Junior basketball team throughout the tournament showed persistence and determination along with great sportsmanship, which allowed them to capture victory in the recreational division. Congratulations Stowe! Team members include William J., Kalel A., Chloe C., Shrestha L., Ryan M., Bennett L., Senul G., Audrey F., Brooklyn H., Charly B.



Coaches Mme. Chartrand and Mr. Harper

## February PA Day & Family Day Weekend

A friendly reminder that **Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is a PA Day** scheduled for professional development for our educators and to allow them time to write and complete Report Cards for students. Students will not attend school on this day.

Also, a reminder of the upcoming long weekend later in the month due to **Family Day on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**. There is also no school scheduled for students on this day. Please take this time to enjoy together as a family!

## Term 1 Report Cards

Your child's report card will be sent home and available through Edsby on **Friday, February 16th**. Teachers will have spent many hours preparing comments which outline your child's progress, including strengths, areas of improvement and next steps in various subject areas. We encourage you to review the Report Card with your child and discuss setting some achievable goals for continued improvement.

Please look specifically at the **Learning Skills and Work Habits on page one of the Report Card**. This section will review how your child is performing in regards to independent work habits, initiative, cooperation with others, responsibility and self-regulation. These learning skills and work habits have a significant impact on how well your child will do academically.

We would kindly ask that you please return the Report Card envelope for use for Term 2.

## Pink Shirt Day



Pink Shirt Day falls on the last Wednesday of February every year; join us for Pink Shirt Day on February 28th, in our mission to create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness for anti-bullying initiatives. We encourage our students to wear something pink that day to symbolize that society will not tolerate bullying anywhere. You can visit [www.pinkshirtday.ca](http://www.pinkshirtday.ca) for more information.

## Headlice

Pediculosis, also known as head lice, is starting to make a comeback. We have not dealt with this until this year, since COVID. Head lice do not carry disease. They are a nuisance but not a health hazard. They do not result from a lack of cleanliness. Anyone can get head lice regardless of their hair length. If you discover head lice or nits, it is important to treat and remove head lice and nits to prevent spreading to others. Treatment products will kill the lice, but not all the nits (eggs). Nits must be removed by hand.

We are attaching links to KPR Guidelines as well as a Fact Sheet about how to treat. If you have any further questions, please connect with your pharmacy, the Health Department or your family doctor.

[KPR Guidelines 2024.pdf](#)

[Lice Info 2024.pdf](#)

## 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](http://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.

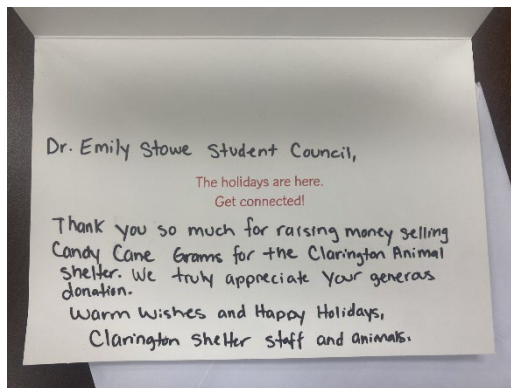
## Important Reminders

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.

As the temperature fluctuates, as with the conditions of the field, snowpants and/or splashpants become a must. An extra pair of socks in your child's backpack would also be helpful, to avoid calls home for changes of clothing.

## Thank You

A thank you received from Clarington Animal Shelter from our Student Council lead Candycane Grams sales in December.



## POPCORN, POPCORN, POPCORN



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

## 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.

## 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!



## 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.

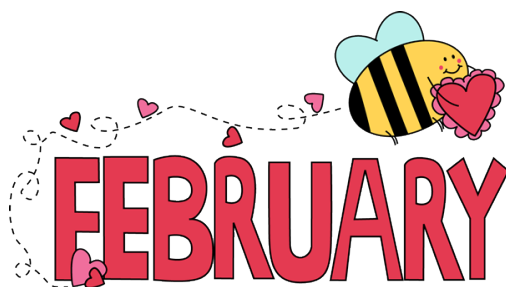
A total solar eclipse will be affecting all regions of the Board on April 8, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., causing diminished levels of daylight as it progresses. The peak of the eclipse will occur during dismissal time across the school board, increasing student safety concerns for safe travel and potentially 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.

After widespread consultation with students, staff, families and communities, and many months of dialogue and visioning among our Board of Trustees and Senior Administration – we are pleased to introduce [KPR's Strategic Plan for 2023-26: Inspiring Excellence in Learning, Success in Life and Community.](#)

#### Share your Feedback!

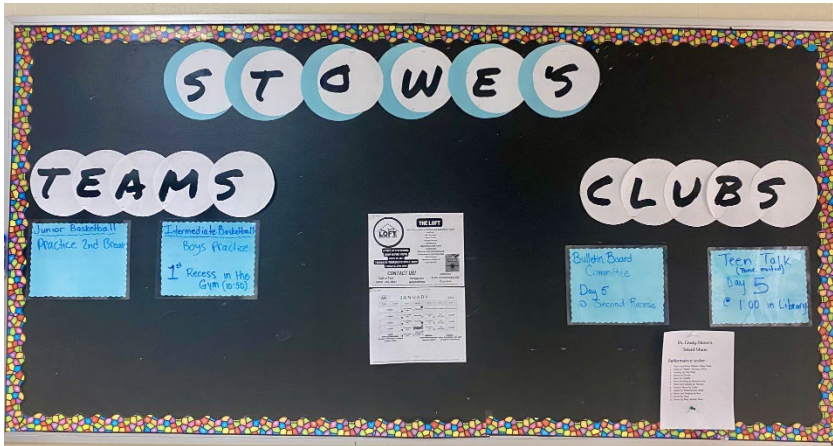
We invite KPR students, staff and families to provide feedback on the following:

1. **The proposed 2024-25 School Year Calendar:** The proposed school year calendar is available on our website, and the [online survey](#) will be available until February 5. After the survey closes, the calendar will be brought to the Board of Trustees and then submitted to the Ministry of Education for final approval.
2. **Pediculosis Regulation and Guideline Review:** Based on public health guidance, changes are being recommended to operational practices around pediculosis (head lice) in schools. School councils, staff and families are invited to [review the proposed changes and provide feedback using an online form](#), by March 24, 2024.

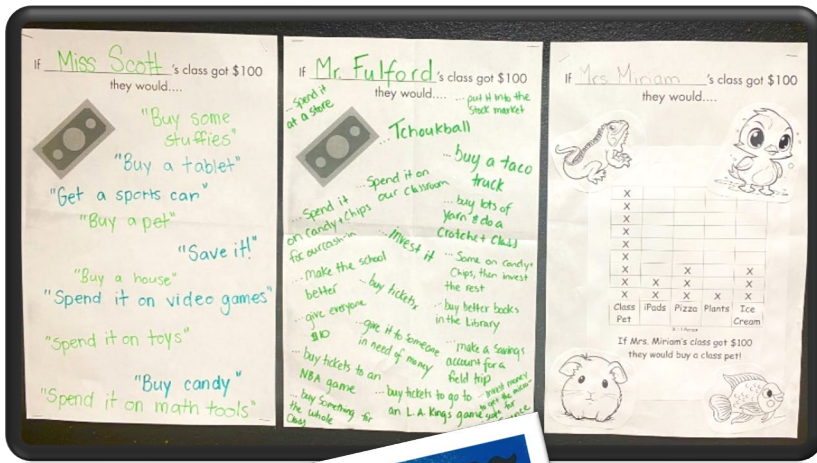




# STOWE PRESENTS....



Need to know what's going on with clubs or teams or events?? Check the Stowe Bulletin Board just outside the main office.












100<sup>th</sup> Day of School is Coming Up? What would you do with \$100??

Ms. Miriam's Artists



# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BLACK HISTORY MONTH				1	2 PA DAY	3
4	5 	6 	7 	8 SK/Gr. 8 Grad/Class Photos 	9 	10
11	12 	13 	14  	15 	16 Reports Go Home 	17
18	19 	20 	21 	22 	23 Int. Boys Basketball 	24
25	26 Int. Girls BB  School Council 5:30 pm Library 	27 	28  	29 		