



DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

September 2024

“Soaring to Victory”

Principal’s Message

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer. I would like to welcome Ms. Emily Clarke as our new Grade 4 teacher in Room 124. Unfortunately, Mr. Brooks who was scheduled to teach Grade 7 in Room 118 recently accepted another position within the school board and will not be joining us. We are currently in the hiring process to fill this position. In the meantime, Ms. Papaleo will be joining us to cover the Grade 7 class until the hiring process is complete. Our school Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 19 from 6 to 7 pm. Families will be able to meet their child’s new teacher and tour the classroom. We look forward to seeing you at our Open House. Details regarding the School Council BBQ during the Open House will be sent home early in September.

There is a new Provincial School Cell Phone policy that comes into effect in September. Student cell phones are to be powered off and not accessed at school without permission of the teacher. Should you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the office and we can communicate your message to your child. Your help with supporting this new Provincial policy is greatly appreciated.

Once again, welcome back to Dr. Emily Stowe PS. I look forward to meeting you at one of the many events happening at the school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bryan Beers
Principal

School Council

Hello Stowe Families,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer break!

We have our hot lunch program through Healthy Hunger all set up. You will need to log into [Healthy Hunger](#) and register your child in their new classroom. If you have any questions please feel free to email colleensmiles1@gmail.com. We will have Domino's pizza Mondays, KFC on Tuesdays, Mucho Burrito on Wednesdays, Boston Pizza on Thursdays, and Booster Juice on Fridays. **Lunch’s will start Sept 9th** and is available to order now. **Remember you will need to order 5 days in advance of the date you wish your child to have that lunch.**



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

On Thursday September 19th we will be hosting a BBQ on our school open house night. More details will be sent home soon!

Our First council meeting will be on Sept 23rd at 5:30 in the library.

Hope everyone has a great first day!

Healthy Hunger message – in order to ensure the smooth distribution of our daily hot lunches, if your child is expecting a hot lunch and did not receive it, it is extremely important that they either tell a teacher on duty or come to the office to have the list doublechecked. If your child is absent on a particular day that hot lunch has been ordered for them, you are welcome to contact the office that morning to arrange to pick up their lunch. Pizza is not kept for anyone not in attendance (unless prearrangements have been made), but as the remainder of the week’s lunches are individually labelled, they are kept in the fridge. We try our best to ensure that those lunches are handed out the next day, but would also appreciate if you could remind your child (or teacher if in kindergarten) to come pick up from the office. After 2 days, unclaimed lunches are disposed of.

Colleen Smiles, Chair
colleensmiles1@gmail.com



Meet the Staff

The staff of Dr. Emily Stowe are extremely skilled and dedicated. Each one of them brings special talents and interests to their teaching, thus enabling us to offer strong academic and varied co-curricular programs.

Teacher	Grade	Room #
Kim McDonald	Kindergarten	180 (RECE Stacey Sutherland)
Sarah Szmyr (.2)/Andrea Morgan (.8)	SK/1	181
Sarah Steffler	Kindergarten	188 (RECE Sarah Anderson)
Kelly Brouwer	Grade 1/2	190
Andrea McCaffrey	Grade 1	191
Miriam Johnson	Grade 2	193
Nancy Van Alebeek	Grade 2/3	194
Terri Johnston	Grade 3	128
Bailey Usher	Grade 3/4	119
Emily Clarke	Grade 4	124
Natalie Szagala	Grade 5	115
Matthew Fulford	Grade 5/6	129
Holly James	Grade 6/7	116
TBD	Grade 7	118
Candace Murru	Grade 7/8	123
Kelly Luke-Hewitt	Grade 8	120
Stephen Harper	SERT	Office
Dan Roberts	Planning/Music	148
TBD	Planning/French	
Courtney K. Chartrand	French	117
April Leebody	Planning	

Support Staff

Robyn Brouse
Mary Ihasz
Chelsy McGhee

Child and Youth Worker
Educational Assistant
Educational Assistant

Custodial Staff

Donna Colpitts
Brad Colpitts

Head Custodian
Night Custodian

Administrative Staff

Anne Leggo
Bryan Beers

Administrative Assistant
Principal

Character in the School



September's Character Attribute

Initiative

I am eager to do what needs to be done without being prompted by others. I seize opportunities and willingly take the steps necessary towards achieving a goal.

Bell Times

8:25 AM

Schoolyard Supervision

8:40 AM – 10:40 AM

Instructional Time

10:40 AM – 11:20 AM

First Nutrition Break

11:20 AM – 1:00 PM

Instructional Time

1:00 PM – 1:40 PM

Second Nutrition Break

1:40 PM – 3:00 PM

Instructional Time

3:00 PM

Dismissal from School



EMERGENCY MEDICAL PLANS



If you have not already done so, please notify the office of any medical conditions your child may have or update the plan from last year. If your child requires the use of medications while at school, please visit the office ASAP to pick up the required medical info package. Medications will NOT be administered without doctor's written authorization.

Entry and Dismissal

We are asking parents to have students arrive promptly for the 8:40 a.m. bell to line up. Classes will enter one at a time.

On the first day of school, students can proceed to the yard where teachers will be with name signs. Parents are asked not to enter the yard if possible (if you are with your little one, please stay well back from students). Grades 1-3 will enter by the primary doors at the back of building. Mrs. Johnston's grade 3 class will line up at the back doors with Mrs. Luke-Hewitt, Grade 7 (Room 118), Mrs. Murru's and Ms. Usher's classes. Mrs. James, Mr. Fulford, Ms. Clarke, and Ms. Szagala will enter at the west side doors (next to the park/dumpsters). Students can then line up with their teacher and enter one class at a time.

Weather conditions fluctuate as we all know in our climate. If you are picking up your child at the end of a school day, please ensure it is by their class exit doors. In order to maintain the consistency of our practice, and minimize disruptions to the office and the classrooms, and for safety reasons, unless extreme circumstances dictate, we do not encourage parents/guardians to ask for entry into our foyer to wait. Unfortunately this is just not feasible with the amount of students enrolled at our school, and we would greatly appreciate your assistance in helping to foster this continuity.

Lunch

Daily drop offs of lunches are discouraged. It is extremely important that you ensure your child has enough food to last them the entire day. Also please be sure to include extra forks and spoons in plastic baggies in your child's backpack to minimize the need to leave the class and ask for one at the office. Dropping off lunches regularly is disruptive to the school and student programming. We appreciate your help to respect our requests to eliminate these distractions.

Grade 7 and 8 students will be permitted to leave school property for the second break only. Only students whose parents/guardians have completed the appropriate documentation indicating that they have permission to leave school property will be allowed to leave during this time. **All students leaving the property will exit through the main entrance after signing out at the office. They should be returning to school in enough time to go to the back of the building and line up with their classes for entry at the 1:40 bell.** They should NOT be re-entering through the front door. If you are permitting your child to leave for lunch, please ensure you complete the appropriate section of the Student Information Form which will be coming home on the first day of school. **If we notice that your child is coming back from late from this period, this signing out at 2nd break privilege will be revoked.**

All other students must remain on school property. Permission in writing is required for all departures that occur at times other than our regular dismissal time. Please hand in any parent/guardian notes to the office first thing in the morning or email the teacher and/or office.

All students will need a water bottle. Water filling stations are available.

Picture Day

Scheduled for Friday, September 20, 2024. Retakes on November 7th. SK and Grade 8 grad photos January 9, 2025, with retakes Feb 6th. Class group photos will take place February 6th.



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:

- 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.**

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. A handy parent sheet is attached to this newsletter with guidance about setting up your account. 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. See the attached documentation regarding School Messenger Texting.

Student Agendas

Agendas are a valuable tool for helping with communication and organization. Students from Grades 1-8 will receive an agenda to be used all school year to track activities and assignments and to communicate between home and school. Some teachers may use a variation of this tool and also communicate directly with parents via newsletters and emails.

Late Policy

Under the provision of The Education Act, all children are required to regularly attend school punctually. If late arrivals become a significant problem, the school is obliged to inform the parent and to take any steps required to ensure that the child arrives at school on time for class. Late arrivals also create disruption to the learning environment of others. If students are persistently late arriving, parents are notified and a plan is established in consultation with the Principal. We therefore ask for your assistance to ensure your child arrives at school promptly and before the 8:40 a.m. bell. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring students are on time for school. **Students should not be dropped off at the front of the school at the bell.** We encourage your assistance in ensuring students are dropped off early enough that they have time to walk around to the back of the building.

School Cash Online

To those of you new to our school, please be aware that any payments to the school are to be made through School Cash Online. The Board has directed that schools are to use School Cash Online as their primary source of fund collection. Please be sure to visit School Cash Online to register. <https://www.kevclientsuccess.com/registration/index.html?d=Kawartha%20Pine%20Ridge%20District%20School%20Board&u=kprdsb>

New! Credit cards, Google Pay and Apply pay will now be acceptable methods of payment through School Cash Online. Further information will be sent out as we become aware!

Crossing Guard Information

Students who walk to and from school are reminded of the importance of walking across the street with the crossing guard. Now more than ever, we should be encouraging students to walk to school, easing the congestion of cars in our parking lot. It is essential that we continue to use our crossing guards to keep everyone safe at busy intersections. **The Municipality has indicated there will not be a crossing guard for those intermediate students leaving the property at 2nd break.**

In front of school

8:20-8:40

3:00-3:20

Claret/Prestonvale

8:20-8:40

3:00-3:20

Whittaker/Robert Adams

8:10-8:35

3:05-3:35



Student Forms

We will be sending home a Student Verification Form, Student Information Form and a Computer Form during the first week of school. Please ensure all documentation is reviewed, amended where necessary, signed where required, and returned to the school as quickly as possible.

Parking

Having students walk to school has health benefits and eases parking concerns. If you must drive your child to school, please obey the painted arrows showing the flow of traffic for our Kiss n' Ride area and be sure to follow the direction of any staff/student helpers wearing safety vests. Please be courteous to other parents/families by not parking your vehicle in the flow of traffic or behind other cars while in the parking lot. Remember, if you must park your car and exit your vehicle, please park in a designated parking spot or on the street. We ask that you do not block other cars.

The bus loop in front of the school is used for our Kiss n' Ride drop off in the morning and pick up at dismissal time. Please be reminded this is a FIRE ROUTE; the Fire Department and Bylaw officials periodically conduct inspections. If you exit your vehicle while parked in this fire lane you could be fined. If you need to park and exit your vehicle, please use one of the designated parking spots in the parking lot or park on the street obeying the traffic signs.

For parents who would like to drop off or pick up their child in the Kiss n' Ride loop, students are to exit their vehicle doors on the right-hand side closest to the school. Using the right-hand side of the vehicle is a safety measure as the left-hand side of the lane will continue to be a lane for cars exiting without stopping. Please remind your child if they are being picked up in the Kiss n' Ride

lane to exit the school promptly after the dismissal bell to be respectful of those waiting behind in the line. For those individuals who require the use of the handicapped parking spaces, they will continue to be accessible. The left-hand lane must be kept open for emergency vehicles.

Please do not leave your vehicle at Kiss n' Ride, but rather park and walk your child up to the school if needed.

Dr. Emily Stowe is a walking school, with no buses. We expect that most of our students will be able to arrive to school on foot.

NEW



You will have noticed the new signage by the school lowering speed limits. Please be mindful in our school zone.

<https://www.clarington.net/en/news/clarington-to-lower-speed-limits-in-school-zones-to-30-kilometres-per-hour.aspx>

Nut Aware School

We have several students with life-threatening allergies. Please help us to keep our students safe by checking the ingredient list of any food items that are brought to school and avoiding all products that contain nuts or have been processed in a facility with nuts. Thank you!



POPCORN, POPCORN, POPCORN



Popcorn will be sold every Friday during first break for \$2 a bag by the Grade 8s. Exact change preferred. Listen to the announcements to confirm start date!

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!





If you mention Dr. Emily Stowe before your items are scanned through, 5% of sales comes back to the school! Show your support for your school! **Please note this is only at the King/Townline location.**

Board News

 2024-2025 School Year Calendar Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board																												
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Edsby Parent Orientation and Sign-up

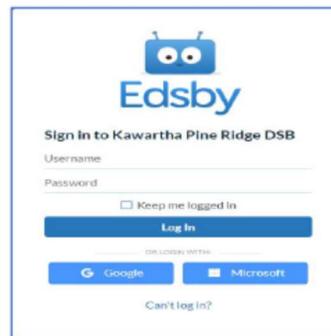
How to Register an Edsby Account

Upon receipt of your invitation from the school
Open an Internet Browser and navigate to kpr.edsby.com

Username is your email account on file in office
Password is created first time you log-in

Forgot Your Password?

If you have an existing account and cannot remember your password
Click Can't log in and you will be able to re-set your password



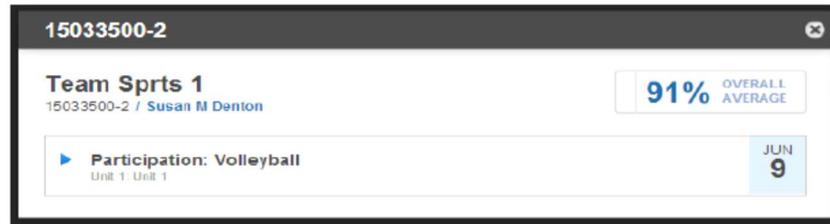
Edsby Parent Homepage Tour

1. **Edsby Banner** - From here the message inbox, new message, and calendar can be accessed. Also, the "Edsby" logo will take you back to the parent homepage
2. **Classes** - Here you see a list of your child's classes. More details about specific assignments are also available here by clicking My Work
3. **Activity Feed** - The activity feed is a running list of everything going on in your child's classes. Assignments, Tests, Reminders, Video or Reading Links and other pertinent information will display here throughout the year
4. **School Day** - The School Day below the student name provides your child's schedule. Clicking the pop-out opens a larger calendar that displays all of their assignments, reminders and events
5. **Parent Dropdown** - By dropping down this menu, parents can change their profile information and logout of Edsby

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How to Access Student Assignments

1. Left side of screen – student’s classes are listed
2. Click My Work button
List of assignments will display for selected class
More details for each assignment, such as teacher’s comments, can be found by clicking the blue triangle



How to Keep up with what is going on in each class

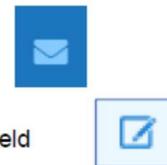
There are two places that provide information about what is going on in your child’s class.

Activity Feed The activity feed provides a running record of assignments, tests, events, and other important class information for your child’s classes. The feed stays in chronological order with the newest post at the top.

School Day / Calendar Pop-out The School day view provides a student schedule as well as any overdue assignments. By clicking the pop-out button on School Day, a larger calendar opens and displays events and assignments.

How to Message a Teacher

1. Click View My Messages icon
2. Click Compose Message icon
New Message Screen displays
3. Type the teacher(s) name(s) that you wish to message in the “To” field
4. In the box below “Message” type the message to the teacher
5. Click “Add File” to add attachments to the message
6. Click “Send” to send the message to the teacher(s).



Edsby App for Mobile

Server is 'kpr'.
<https://edsby.com/help/parents/navigating-the-edsby-app-2/>

Can't log in?
Please contact School Office to verify required information for log in to Edsby *(correct email MUST be on file at the office)
Visit <https://edsby.com/>



Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

KPRDSB utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can opt into this free service* now just by sending a text message to 978338 with the message of "Y" or "Yes". You will receive a text confirming your registration.

You can opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".



SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

Opt-In from your mobile now! Just send "Y" or "Yes" to now 978338.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.

September

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