



DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

December 2024 “Soaring to Victory”

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to December! It is going to be a busy month at Stowe with our Holiday Concert, Spirit Days, Door decorating contest and a variety of other activities. We are also holding our annual Bethesda House food and toy drive to support families in need during the holiday season. Your donations are truly appreciated! Information regarding upcoming school activities can be located within this newsletter. It is great to see the level of excitement in the students increases as the holidays approach. On behalf of the staff of Dr. Emily Stowe Public School, we wish each of you a safe and happy holiday season and all the best in 2025!

Sincerely,

Mr. Bryan Beers
Principal

School Council

Hello Stowe Families,

I would like to thank everyone for coming out to support our Christmas Market. It was a huge success!

Healthy Hunger is running very well! We will continue with Pizza on Mondays, KFC Tuesdays, Mucho Burrito Wednesdays, Boston pizza 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 Purdys Chocolatier and Poinsettia fundraiser was a huge success, Raising almost \$2000 to be put towards the music program and Improvements for the school . Thank you to everyone that supported! *Pick up date and time will be sent out once it has arrived at the school.*



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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. **Remember you will need to order 5 days in advance of the date you wish your child to have that lunch.**

For anyone interested in attending, our next meeting will be held on Monday, January 27th at 5:30 pm. There will be no meeting in December.

I hope everyone has a fantastic holiday!

Colleen Smiles, Chair
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Character in the School

December’s Character Attribute

Responsibility

I am responsible for my thoughts, words and actions. I am accountable for my choices. I admit my mistakes and work to correct them. People can depend on me to honour my commitments. I demonstrate active citizenship.



School Holiday Concert

On Wednesday, December 11th, at approximately 2:00 p.m. we invite parents/guardians to attend our Winter Celebration in the school gym. We will need some time to set up seating in the gymnasium after our dress rehearsal for the rest of the school during the middle block, so please wait until 1:45 pm before arriving.

Students will have an opportunity to view the performances during the dress rehearsal that day. Please note that we have limited space in our gymnasium.

Out of courtesy to the performers on stage, we would ask that anyone who attends please ensure you stay until the end of the concert, to avoid disrupting other performances. We will be finished by 3:00 p.m. so there will be no need to worry about picking up siblings early.

Remembrance Day

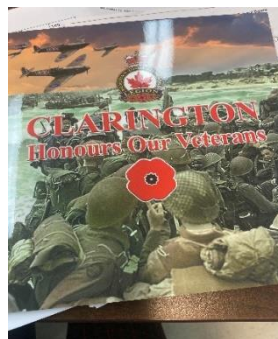
Thank you to Rowan G. (Grade 8, Mrs. Luke-Hewitt’s class) for representing Dr. Emily Stowe P.S. and laying our wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Clarington.



School's Class Wreaths



Thanks to the Legion Branch 178 for donation of this memorial book to the school.



Intermediate Student Signout

To clarify Grade 7 and 8 signout for not only this year, but going forward when your student may fall into this privilege, kindly take note of the following:

1. Students are expected to sign out at the office when leaving at 1:00 p.m. Parents would complete the necessary permission on the back of the Student Information Form at the beginning of the year, so only

those students as well as students with any occasional notes sent to the office, are the only students permitted to sign out. **Students are to only sign themselves out, not have other students do it for them.**

2. When students sign out, the expectation is that they leave school property as they are now out of school supervision with parent permission for them to leave the property. Although Stuart Park is technically not school property, it is utilized as part of our outdoor recess where all other students are supervised by staff. We ask that the students who have permission to leave at lunch, not linger around this area or the front of the school as there is no supervision for those students.
3. Students are expected to return to school **in time** for the 1:40 p.m. bell to line up with their classes at the back of the building, to enter the school. The Student Information Form states “if my child is late more than once when returning from this break, this privilege may be revoked at the school’s discretion.” We want to enforce the point with students that this is indeed a privilege and requires responsibility on the part of the student to ensure our rules are adhered to.

If there are any other questions or concerns about our policy, please contact Mr. Beers.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased books from our Book Fair. Congratulations go to Brody B. from Ms. Miriam’s class for winning the Family Event Door Prize! He won \$25 in books for his family as well as \$25 in books for his classroom.



Bethesda House

The Stowe community is once again accepting donations of non-perishable food items, toys and gift cards to help support Bethesda House during this holiday season. Items can be brought to the school until Friday, December 6th. Thank you for your support.

See attached flyer for more details of Student Council initiatives over this holiday season.

Junior Volleyball Tournament

Congratulations to the Junior Volleyball Team on their Triple Ball tournament on Friday, Nov 22nd. Well done Stowe! Stowe gave a great effort and really showed great sportsmanship.

Team members included Bennett L., Senul G., Nolan T., Keaton S., Ava H., Lily C., Audrey F., Charly B. and Leighton S.

Coaches Mme. Chartrand and Mrs. Szagala

Upcoming Candy Cane Grams

We will be selling Candy Cane Grams for students and staff to send to one another between **Monday, December 9th and Thursday, December 12th for 50¢ each or a class set for \$10.00.** Candy Cane Grams will be delivered the week of December 16th. All proceeds from sales of Candy Cane Grams will go to support Clarington Animal Shelter.



Edsby & School Messenger

One of our primary tools 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/>

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.

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.

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!



POPCORN, POPCORN, POPCORN



Popcorn will be sold every Friday during first break for \$2 a bag by the Grade 8s **starting Friday, October 4th**. Exact change preferred.

PLEASE NOTE payment should be Canadian currency as we often receive game tokens and foreign currency that we cannot deposit, which also lessens the profits for the Grade 8s.



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

The start of December marks many important human rights observances. The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is December 3. Learn more about KPR's [commitment to create more inclusive, accessible learning and working conditions](#) for people with diverse abilities. December 10 is [International Human Rights Day](#), a time to reflect on our commitment to embed principles of human rights in all that we do – to ensure equity and inclusion for all. On December 6, [National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women](#), we remember the lives of 14 young women who were killed at Polytechnique Montréal. KPR schools will join others across our country and lower school and Board office flags as a symbol of remembrance. We

remember all those who have experienced gender-based violence and reaffirm our commitment to end all violence and discrimination.

Please visit [KPR's Events Calendar](#) for a list of other upcoming significant dates.



NEW CANADIANS CENTRE
PETERBOROUGH

SWIS - SETTLEMENT WORKERS IN SCHOOLS

Everyone welcome.

New Canadians Centre

We are a registered charity dedicated to supporting immigrants, refugees and other newcomers.

Our Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS Workers) can meet newcomer families and youth from any KPRDSB or PVNC Catholic school. We can meet families in person, online or by phone.

SWIS Workers can provide information on such topics as:

- Learning English
- Finding a job
- Community services
- Immigration
- Government Program
- Housing
- Education in Canada
- Sports & Recreation
- Finding a doctor or dentist
- and more ...

Visit our website to learn more!
nccpeterborough.ca

newcanadianscentre
 @newcanadianscentre

We can contact you!
Please use this QR code to send us your contact information

Student Council Presents:



BETHESDA HOUSE FOOD & TOY DRIVE



November 18th - December 6th

Suggestions: Gift cards are preferred in \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 denominations from Walmart, Canadian Tire, Tim Horton's, Winner's, Shopper's Drug Mart, Amazon, Loblaws, Metro, new unwrapped toys or sports equipment, and non-perishable food items

SOCKS & MITTS DRIVE

November 18th - December 6th

Welcoming donations of new unwrapped socks, mitts, hats, and scarves for Bethesda House! (Organized by Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Murru)

DECEMBER SPIRIT DAYS

Friday, November 29th - Door Decoration Challenge Begins
Friday, December 13th - Door Decoration Judging
Monday, December 16th - Holiday Sweater Day
Tuesday, December 17th - Holiday Hat Day
Wednesday, December 18th - Holiday Socks Day
Thursday, December 19th - Holiday Twin Day
Friday, December 20th - Holiday PJ Day



CANDYCANE-GRAMS



Send a treat and a holiday message to your friends & raise money for the 'Clarington Animal Shelter'!

Monday, December 9th - Thursday, December 12th
50¢ each or a class set for \$10.00
delivered the week of December 16th

Items suggested from Bethesda House

Non-perishable Items 2024

- All-purpose spice
- Almond milk
- Apple cider vinegar
- Biscuit mix
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Cake mix
- Canned beans and legumes
- Canned beets
- Canned chili peppers (including chipotles)
- Canned corn
- Canned meat (chicken, corned beef, tuna, salmon)
- Canned mushrooms
- Canned peas
- Canned pumpkin
- Canned roasted peppers
- Canned pasta
- Canned vegetables
- Cereals
- Coconut Oil
- Coconut milk
- Couscous
- Coffee
- Cornstarch
- Crackers
- Curry powder
- Flour
- Fruit (dried and canned)
- Garlic powder
- Ground ginger
- Honey
- Jam
- Jello
- Ketchup
- Kraft Dinner
- Legumes
- Maple syrup
- Mayonnaise
- Mrs. Dash
- Muffin Mixes
- Mustard
- Noodles (Ramen, Indomie)
- Oils (olive, avocado, canola...)
- Olives (canned)
- Pancake/waffle mix
- Paprika
- Pasta (dried)
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Pepper
- Pickles
- Potato flakes (instant potatoes)
- Pudding
- Quinoa
- Rice
- Rolled oats/Instant Oatmeal
- Salad dressings
- Salt
- Soy sauce
- Spices
- Sugar (White and Brown)
- Taco kits
- Tea
- Canned Tomatoes
- Tomato paste
- Vegetable shortening
- Wheat

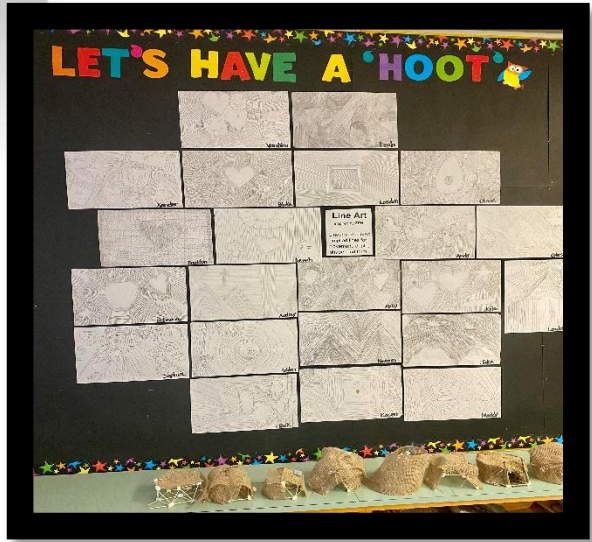
WALKING THE HALLS AT STOWE....

Ms. Miriam's Penguins

Mrs. Szagala's mosaic art



Stowe's Starting Lineup (staff football)



Mrs. Szagala's line art and wig wams

Bethesda House thank you! Let's fill up the tree!



Ms. Scott's Grade 7 Artists



Ms. Carlisle's Grade 4s

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 	3 Int. Girls VB 	4 Int. Boys VB 	5 	6 	7
8 Candycane Gram sales Dec 9-12	9 	10 	11 Christmas Concert 	12 	13 	14
15	16 Holiday Sweater Day 	17 Holiday Hat Day 	18 Holiday Socks Day 	19 Holiday Twin Day 	20 Holiday PJ Day 	21
22	23 Holiday Break ←	24	25 	26	27 →	28
29	30 ←	31 	BACK TO SCHOOL JAN 6TH			