



DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

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“Soaring to Victory”

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! It's hard to believe that January 2025 has already arrived. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break.

My name is Adel Nixon-Evans, and I am honoured to serve as the Principal of Dr. Emily Stowe. Over the past five years, I have had the privilege of working in the Courtice area, including time at Courtice North and, more recently, at Courtice Intermediate. You will likely see me outside before and after classes, and I truly look forward to getting to know each of you over the coming months. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me by email or phone.

I am also pleased to introduce some new faces to our school community. Please join me in welcoming Kila Reynolds, who will be taking over Kelly Brouwer's Grade 1/2 class. Additionally, we extend a warm welcome to Katelyn Rae, who will be stepping in for Bailey Usher in our Grade 3/4 classroom. We wish them all the best in their new roles.

January is always an exciting month and our January newsletter highlights several upcoming events, including SK/Grade 8 photos and the Grade 8 Information Night at Courtice Secondary on January 16th. We are also celebrating the generous donations made to Bethesda House and the Candy Cane Grams for the Clarington Animal Shelter. A heartfelt thank you to all our students and families for their kind contributions.

Once again, welcome back! I am eager to meet each of you and to work together as part of the Dr. Emily Stowe team to make this a successful and rewarding year for all.

Sincerely,

Adel Nixon-Evans
Principal
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School Council

Hello Stowe Families,

Happy Holidays to everyone. Thank you for your ongoing support of our School Council Fundraisers. We truly appreciate it.



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.

Colleen Smiles, Chair
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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.



SK/Gr. 8 Photos

Will take place **Monday, January 20, 2025**. Orders for photos and the composite (Class of 2025) 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 will take place on February 24th.

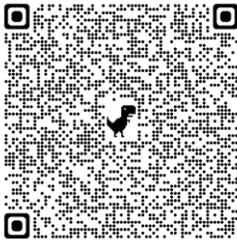
Parking Lot

There have been some concerns about entry and exit to/from our parking lot. We are reminding everyone to please **obey the painted arrows showing the flow of traffic**. Traffic signs are posted showing entry and exit. The beginning and end of each school day can be hectic with traffic. Being mindful of this is greatly appreciated. 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. We are all part of the Stowe community and need to work together to ensure everyone is safe.

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%252Fkevgroupscousprod.blob.core.windows.net%252Fkevgroupprodscostatic%252Fstatic%252FContent%252FSchoolBoards%252Fkprdsb.png>



Bethesda House

Thank you to all of the Stowe community for your support for Bethesda House. We collected quite a large number of food, toy, socks, hats, mitts, as well as \$130 in donations by way of cash and gift cards. A number of items were collected thanks to the visitors to the Christmas Market as well. 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 \$450.17 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 \$1,500 worth of books for our Library. I would like to thank the parents and staff who volunteered their time to make this fundraiser possible. Happy reading everyone.

*Andrea Morgan
Teacher Librarian*

Intermediate Volleyball Tournament

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team at their tournament on December 3rd. They placed 4th in their division. They kept the Stowe team spirit and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship.

Team members include Aurelia F., Rylee B., Addison K., Emersyn D., Alexis S., Ema C., Hadley I., Kaydance E., Mya P. and Ava B.

Congrats to the Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team at their tournament December 6th. The final game against the first place team in the other pool had everyone on the edge of their seats! They played well, had fun and really came together as a team.

Team members include Avery M., Desmond S., Lucas S., Grayson E., Colten B., Ben M., Kalel A. and Jackson St.

Thanks for a great season.



Coaches Mrs. Murru and Ms. Miriam



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. Steffler/Mrs. Anderson/Ms. McGhee's class (Room 188) took first place in the kindergarten category, Mrs. McCaffrey's class (Room 191) for primary, Ms. Carlisle's class for junior (Room 124) and Mrs. Murru's class (Room 123) for intermediate. Everyone did such an amazing job with all of their doors. It was extremely hard to choose!



Winner of Kindergarten Division – Advent Calendar



Winner of Primary Division – Santa's Coming Down the Chimney



Winner of Junior Division- Candyland



Winner of Intermediate Division -Mrs. Murru Got Run Over By A Reindeer

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.

Dan Roberts
Music Teacher

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 16th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

Welcome To Kindergarten

If your child will be four years of age by December 31, 2025, now is the time to register for Kindergarten starting in September 2025! 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.

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.

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. Exact change preferred.

PLEASE NOTE payment should be Canadian currency as we often receive game tokens and foreign currency that we cannot deposit, which then 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.**



WALKING THE HALLS AT STOWE....



Mrs. McDonald/Mrs. Sutherland/Mrs. Ihasz Christmas Trees



Ms. Morgan Snowbear's Christmas Party



Mrs. Brouwer's Advent Calendar



Ms. Miriam's Mittens



Ms. Van Alebeek's Grinches



Ms. Johnston's Snowglobes



Mrs. Szagala's Starlight



Mr. Fulford's Whoville



Ms. Usher's Santa & Elves



Mrs. James' Grinch Stole Our Door



Ms. Scott's Harry Potter



Mrs. Luke-Hewitt's Fun In The Snow



Mme. Chartrand's Taylor Swift!

January

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