



DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

March 2025 “Soaring to Victory”

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

February has flown by with a significant amount of snowfall, and students have enjoyed playing in the snow at recess. In this newsletter, you will find updates on the many wonderful activities taking place at Dr. Emily Stowe.

In February, we held our first meeting of the Positive School Climate Team, which comprises of staff, community members, and students. The enthusiasm from our students has been inspiring, and they shared many outstanding ideas to celebrate the amazing students at Dr. Emily Stowe. Our first focus will be on acknowledging acts of kindness exhibited throughout the school day. We are launching “Stowe Shout Outs,” where staff can give students ballots for their displays of kindness and compassion. A ballot box will be in the office, and every Monday, we will draw five names to announce during our morning announcements. The selected students will have the opportunity to choose a prize. Additionally, we will implement a thermometer system that will lead to school-wide celebrations as we achieve specific milestones.

Please note that we will be conducting a practice lockdown on Tuesday, March 4th at 9:30. We appreciate your patience if you visit the school during that time. Don’t forget to check out the incredible artwork featured at the end of this newsletter, showcasing the talents of our students.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Please feel free to reach out at any time.

Sincerely,

Adel Nixon-Evans
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School Council

Hello Stowe Families,

Dr. Emily Stowe Public School is fundraising with Purdy’s Chocolatier once again, just in time for Easter!

All profits made will go towards purchasing **Rocks and Rings** kits for the school.

Deadline to order is **MARCH 23rd** with pickup no later than **APRIL 4th**. We will confirm the exact pickup date when known.

Our Healthy Hunger Program is going towards our outdoor yard improvements. We are very excited to get things started with this as soon as the snow melts!



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

To help support this simply order any of our lunches.

- Domino's Pizza Mondays
- KFC Tuesdays
- Mucho Burrito Wednesdays
- Boston Pizza Thursdays
- Booster Juice Fridays

All will be delivered at our second break at 1:00 with the exception of 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. Please remember the deadline to order lunches will be 5 days prior

Our fun fair will be held on Thursday May 15th so save the date! More details to come!

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 March 24th at 5:30 pm.

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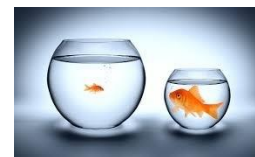


Character in the School

March's Character Attribute

Fairness

I am sensitive to the needs of individuals. I include others and value their uniqueness. I celebrate diversity. I treat people with dignity and consideration with which I would like to be treated. I gather as much information as possible in order to make a decision that is just.



Intermediate Boys & Girls Basketball

Great job to both intermediate teams at their tournaments on February 19th (boys) and February 25th (girls). We fought through some hard games and represented Stowe well. Both teams showed persistence and determination along with great sportsmanship. Congratulations Stowe!

Team members for the boys include Avery M-S., Jackson St.P., Lucas S., Jake S., Desmond S., Brayden C., Hamza M., Gavin D., Caleb B. and Colten B.

Team members for the girls include Tamara H., Mahum S., Ava S., Olivia W., Aurelia F., Dayna B., Addison K., Mara G., Eden W. and Savanna B.

Coaches Mme. Chartrand and Mr. Harper

Rocks & Rings

Took place at our school on Feb 3 & 4, 2025. All students were able to enjoy learning about curling in our gym. It seems it was a resounding success. Thank you to Rock Solid Productions for bringing this to our school.



Practice Lockdown

Dr. Emily Stowe has emergency procedures in place for both on-site and off-site emergencies. Fire drills and lockdown drills are conducted at various times throughout the year and classes have clear direction regarding their procedures for building evacuation. When lockdown drills are in session, a note will be left on the front door to indicate a practice session is taking place. Please wait patiently during these times. Our next lockdown practice drill is scheduled for *Tuesday, March 4th in the morning.*

Dental Screening

Taking place March 26th – information flyer was emailed to all parents. Please review for further information and what to do if you want your child excluded from examination.

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
- ✔ Aggregate data may be used for research purposes to create or improve dental programs that help children access care, improve dental education, and raise awareness about the importance of good oral health.

Who will be screened?

- ✔ All students in JK, SK, Grade 2 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?

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

Where does screening occur?

- ✔ Dental screening is 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 want your child excluded from the dental screening or if your child is not in one of the grades listed and would like them to participate, please contact the Oral Health Division at 905-433-5511 or 1-866-853-1326 ext. 4570 or email at dentalscreening@duham.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, please call our dental clinic at 905-433-5511 ext. 4567. We are here to support and encourage your efforts to provide the best dental health for your children.

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

Sept 2024

Harmful Behaviours

We continue to help our students learn the difference between conflict, that occurs incidentally, and bullying, which occurs over time. We continue to try to empower students to be problem solvers through the appropriate use of voice, giving them strategies for life.

Please help us by encouraging your child to talk out their issues and, if they have difficulty, to seek out their teacher or speak to the Principal where he will also help them to problem solve and understand their issues. We are a team who works together to support our students. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance of any kind.

DR. EMILY STOWE
PUBLIC SCHOOL

HARMFUL BEHAVIOURS



| BEHAVIOUR CONTINUUM | | | | | |
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| PHYSICAL AGGRESSION | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pushing ◆ Shoving | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Kicking ◆ Hitting ◆ Spitting ◆ Inappropriate touching | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Defacing property (vandalism) ◆ Stealing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Physical acts that are demeaning and humiliating, but not bodily harmful (eg. De-panting) ◆ Locking in a closed or confined space | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Physical violence against family or friends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Threatening with a weapon ◆ Inflicting bodily harm |
| SOCIAL ALIENATION | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Gossiping ◆ Embarrassing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Setting up to look foolish ◆ Spreading rumors about | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Racist comments (also homophobic, sexist, classist, etc.) ◆ Setting up to take the blame | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Publicly humiliating (eg. revealing personal information) ◆ Excluding from group ◆ Social rejection (by gender, race, sexual orientation, etc.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Maliciously excluding in order to achieve rejection ◆ Malicious rumor mongering | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Threatening with total isolation by peer group |
| VERBAL AGGRESSION | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mocking ◆ Name calling ◆ Dirty looks ◆ Taunting/teasing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Teasing about clothing or possessions ◆ Purposeful misgendering | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Teasing about appearance (body shaming) ◆ Swearing at others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Intimidating telephone calls ◆ Cyberbullying (e-mails, texts, use of social media) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Verbal threats of aggression against personal property or possessions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Verbal threats of violence or of inflicting bodily harm |
| INTIMIDATION | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Graffiti ◆ Publicly challenging to do something | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Defacing property or clothing ◆ Playing a dirty trick ◆ Threatening to get an innocent person in trouble | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Taking possessions (eg. lunch, clothing, toys, etc.) ◆ Threatening to reveal personal information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Extortion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Threats of using coercion against family or friends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Coercion ◆ Threatening with a weapon |

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

Due to the decrease in sales this year, we have decided to sell popcorn on the last Friday of the month for the remainder of the year. The dates for popcorn sales are as follows:

- Friday, February 28/25
- Friday, March 28/25
- Friday, April 25/25
- Friday, May 30/25



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.**

Board News

February 25, 2025

BOARD APPROVES CHANGES TO TRANSPORTION WALK DISTANCES FOR STUDENTS

At this evening's meeting, the Board approved revisions to its transportation policy creating standard walk distances for all elementary students.

Student Transportation Policy Revisions

As part of the Resource Committee report, the Board approved changes to the Student Transportation Policy, including adjustments to eligibility distances for students accessing transportation. The walk distance for students in Grades Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten has been moved from 1.0 km to 1.6 km. This change provides for a standard walk distance for all elementary students JK to Grade 8. There is no change to

the existing eligibility distances for Grade 1 to Grade 8 students. Maximum allowable ride times for students have also been increased from 60 minutes for Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 students, to 75 minutes. Staff noted that these approved changes will contribute to increased cost efficiencies as the total number of students on buses would decrease. In addition, extending the ride times reduces the number of vehicles servicing routes providing a reduction in expenses. The overall cost savings achieved through these policy changes is approximately \$500,000.

“These changes bring us in-line with most all other neighbouring school boards in and around our communities,” says Jaine Klassen Jeninga, Chairperson of the Board. “The reality is that we have ongoing and expanding funding pressures in a number of key areas, including transportation. We must continue to explore all efficiencies available to close the gap between funding and on-the-ground expenses we are incurring.”

School Year Calendar – 2025-2026

Also at tonight’s Board meeting, the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar was approved. It will now be submitted to the Ministry of Education for final approval.

Highlights of the approved calendar include:

1st day of classes – Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Last day of classes – Thursday, June 25, 2026

Winter Break – Monday, December 22, 2025 (Friday, Dec 19, 2025 will be the last day of school) through to Friday, January 2, 2026 (Monday, January 5, 2026 will be the first day of classes)

March Break – (March 16 to March 20, 2026)



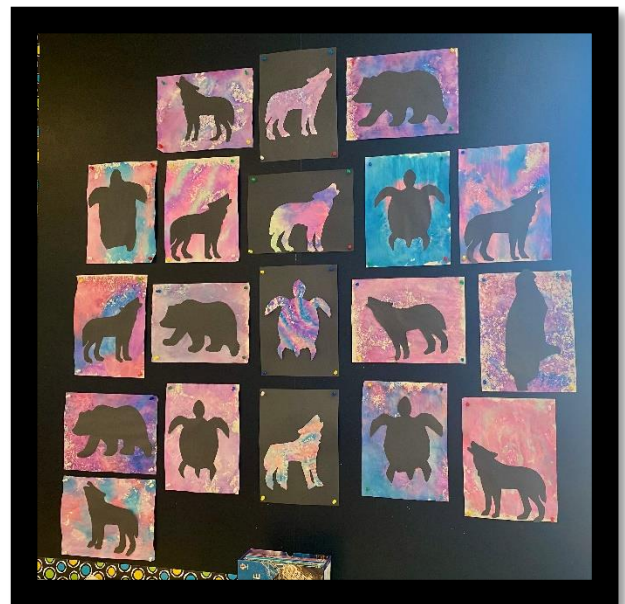
WALKING THE HALLS AT STOWE....



Ms. Rae's Snow Art



Ms. Reynolds' Artists



Ms. VanAlebeek's Animals



Mrs. Miriam's Pizza Fractions



















Ms. Morgan's People



Pink Shirt Day!

March

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3  | 4 Lockdown Practice  | 5  | 6  | 7 MARCH BREAK starts | 8 |
| 9  MARCH BREAK | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17   | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22 |
| 23 Deadline to order Purdy's | 24  School Council 5:30 pm Library | 25  | 26 Dental Screening  | 27  | 28  | |