



DR. EMILY STOWE P.S.

June 2025

“Soaring to Victory”

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As June arrives, we find ourselves nearing the conclusion of our school year, which is hard to believe. This month brings a host of exciting activities. In preparation for fall, class lists will be created with careful consideration of several criteria: academics, social, peer compatibility, and class size. These factors are essential in ensuring a balanced group. Ultimately, the final groupings will be determined by the sending and receiving teachers and administration. It's essential to note that staffing changes may occur for various reasons, including grade assignments, transfers, and leaves of absence. Most of these adjustments are typically made in late June, throughout the summer, or into the fall, depending on when final staffing decisions are confirmed. Please note that all class placements are tentative and may be subject to change over the summer.

With the end of the year approaching, it's time to say goodbye to some of our remarkable staff members. We want to extend our best wishes to the following teachers as they move on to new schools in September: Ms. Scott, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Carlisle, Ms. Rishi, Ms. Leebody, Ms. Rae, and Ms. Reynolds. We are also bidding farewell to some of our dedicated support staff: Ms. McGhee and Ms. Nix. The staff and students at Dr. Emily Stowe will truly miss you and will always remember the positive impact you've had on our school.

As June draws to a close, I would like to congratulate our grade 8 students who will be heading to secondary school. You are a wonderful group, and we look forward to seeing all of your future achievements. Best of luck next year – you will be missed!

Sincerely,

Adel Nixon-Evans
Principal
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School Council

Hello Stowe Families,

I hope everyone had a fantastic May!

A big thank you to all the parents and teachers who came out to volunteer at our fun fair! It was a huge success raising a profit of approximately \$2200 for the school! It looked like everyone had a fantastic time! Congratulations to Omar A. from Mrs. James' class for winning the Wonderland tickets.

Healthy Hunger is running very well! We are well on our way working on plans to improve our outdoor area at Stowe. To help support this simply order any of our lunches.



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

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 prior to pizza deliveries), 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.**

Our council meetings are finished for the year. Our first meeting back to school will be Sept 22nd at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

Colleen Smiles, Chair
colleensmiles1@gmail.com



School Council Croc Charm Fundraiser

The Stowe croc charms are a huge hit!!! Charms can still be purchased on School Cash Online. They can also be purchased by the students in cash every Monday during the last recess. Charms are \$5.50 each and come in 2 different styles – a blue/orange charm and a translucent/orange charm that glows in the dark. All profits will go towards school improvement. Thank you for your support.



Character in the School

June’s Character Attribute

Honesty

I am sincere, truthful and trustworthy.



Report Cards

Report cards will be distributed in paper form and electronically, on **June 25th**. If you have not yet accessed your Edsby account, please do so as that is where the report cards will be posted for your child(ren). The Parents Portal is the suggested avenue to start with your log in into Edsby. <https://parents.kprdsb.ca/>

On a mobile device
select classes

Select View Report
Cards

Mobile View
(re-login to Edsby if prompted)

Left side of
Desktop/laptop View

Report Card will
display (you may
need to toggle
between report
periods)

Class Placements For 2025-2026



Here is our tentative list of teacher placements for 2025-2026.

Teachers – Staffing for 2025-26 (so far)

Teacher	Grade	Room #
Kim McDonald	JK/SK	180 (ECE Stacey Sutherland)

Sarah Szmyr	JK	188 (ECE Sarah Anderson)
Sarah Steffler	SK/1	192
Andrea McCaffrey	Grade 1	191
LTO for Kelly Brouwer (still on mat leave)	Grade 2	190
Miriam Johnson	Grade 2	193
Nancy Van Alebeek	Grade 3	194
Terri Johnston	Grade 3	128
LTO for Bailey Usher (still on mat leave)	Grade 4	119
Carlie Harding	Grade 4/5	124
Natalie Szagala	Grade 5	115
Matthew Fulford	Grade 5/6	129
Holly James	Grade 6/7	116
Candace Murru	Grade 7/8	123
Kelly Luke-Hewitt	Grade 8	120
Stephen Harper	SERT	Office
Dan Roberts	Planning – Music/Primary	148
Courtney K. Chartrand	French	117
TBD	Library/Planning	

Extras

Class placements will be communicated in the final report cards. IEPs will also be shared at this time.

In these final days of June, please remember to send your child with sunscreen and a hat as needed, as well as a water bottle to keep hydrated.

We encourage all students to ensure they are here promptly for the 8:40 bell. We are almost at the end of the year but there is still learning to be had. Please be mindful that announcements are from 8:50-8:55/9:00 am. With constant buzzing of the front door at this time, this becomes disruptive to not only the playing of O Canada but the projection of announcements over the school PA system as the buzzer is quite loud and can be heard over the entire school while announcements are taking place. There is a sign on the front door asking you to refrain from buzzing during this time. ***We would appreciate your cooperation with this consideration.***

Stowe Shout-Outs!

A new initiative started at our school includes Stowe Shout-Outs where anyone can nominate a student to receive a “shout-out” on the announcements for exemplifying thoughtfulness, kindness and/or compassion. Names are drawn each week from a box where all shout-outs are added, for students to win a small token to acknowledge their contribution toward these traits. Their names are then posted to our Gumballs of Goodness wall in the front foyer. This is becoming a huge success for everyone!



Gr. 8 Fundraisers

Thank you to all who supported our Grade 8 Fundraising ventures with freezies, pizza and popcorn. The Grade 8 trip is scheduled for June 6th, and the graduation is scheduled for June 23rd. The students are appreciative of everyone's generosity. The Grade 8s may have another freezie day in June – listen to announcements for any updates!

We wish all of our grade 8 students all the best and much success in their future!

Student Epi-pens/Puffers/Medications

Parents will be contacted to attend the school to pick up any EPI-PENS/PUFFERS/MEDICATION that may be in the office. Paperwork for the 2025-2026 school year will be sent home to prepare for the new school year, to give parents the opportunity to have their doctor complete and sign what may be required on the forms over the summer.

Does your child have a medical concern/allergy that the school is not aware of? Please let us know as soon as possible so that we can send home the appropriate forms to be completed over the summer, so we have it ready for September.

Pedal for Hope

We have finished off our Pedal for Hope fundraiser. Our school surpassed our goal of \$1,000. Through online fundraising, spirit week, and freezie sales, our school raised \$2,725.60!! Congratulations goes out to the following families for being our top fundraisers!

1st place: Bennett and Emerson L.

2nd place: Ella and Connor B.

3rd place: Levi and Aubrey D.

Thank you to Senul G, Liam K, Jack M, Bennett L, Talia T-H, Sophia H, Charley B, Nolan T, Parker E, and Jase F for being part of the Pedal for Hope Team! You all did a great job creating events and running the closing assembly!

Special thank you to Mrs. Steffler, Mrs Nixon-Evans, Mrs. Ihasz, Mrs. Colpitts, Mrs. Sutherland and Mr. Fulford for bringing the fun to the assemblies!

We hope to bring this fundraiser back next year!

Team Captains,
Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. McCaffrey

Competition between the staff in the Primary Hall and Junior/Intermediate Hall. Loser agreed to bucket of water. Joke was on them! Thank you to Mr. Fulford and Mrs. Sutherland for being good sports!



Track & Field

A huge shout out to the following athletes during our recent Track & Field days

The Grade 4 and the Grade 8 boy's relay team won 3rd place.

Rowan R. in Gr 5 placed 6th, Ben M. in Gr 8 placed 3rd in Running Long Jump.

Ben M. also placed 5th in Triple Jump.

Evan M. in Grade 4, placed 1st in the 100 m and 200 m.

For the 400 m, Samie J. in Grade 4 placed 5th, Avery M. in Gr 8 placed 3rd, and Liam A. in Grade 8 placed 5th.

In the 800 m race, Kyla M. in Grade 5 placed 2nd and Ashley G. in Grade 6 placed 6th.

For the 1500 m race, Kyla M. in Grade 5 placed 2nd, Leighton S. in Grade 6 placed 3rd, and Grayson E. in Gr 8 won 1st.

Congratulations to these winners! Athletes who placed top 3 in races or field events or placed in the top 2 for relay, will move onto KPREAA next Wednesday in Peterborough. We are so excited for you to represent Stowe and WEAA!



Mrs. Steffler, Ms. Scott and Mr. Fulford, Coaches

Volunteers

KPR schools welcome volunteers. Remember police checks expire one year after they are issued. It is suggested that you obtain your police check over the summer so that it does not expire during a school year. Please contact your child's teacher to inquire of the availability of volunteering, and provide the office with the following:

1. 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.**



Moving This Summer?

If you know that your child(ren) will not be attending Dr. Emily Stowe in September please notify the office as soon as possible, to help us better prepare for the new school year.

No Dogs, Please and Thank you!

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!



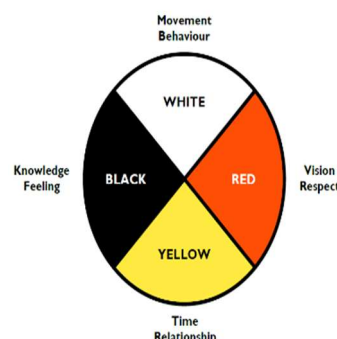
June is National Indigenous History Month

Msit wen Weli eksitu'k!

During this month, we invite you to take time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across Canada.

We honour the unique and meaningful contributions of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples. We are fortunate to work in relationship with local Indigenous partners from Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, as well as the The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council, the Oshawa and Durham Region Métis Council, and local urban Indigenous organizations. It is the strength of those relationships that we honour as we plan, develop, and support the learning of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students alike. [Read more about our community partnerships.](#)

This [learning portal](#) provides access to various resources to learn more about Indigenous history, languages, cultures and experiences. This learning material is Indigenous created or co-created.



School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week

The week of June 2nd is designated as School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week. We have 3 Guards servicing our school – right in front of the school, corner of Claret/Prestonvale and corner of Whitaker/Robert Adams. If your child is assisted in crossing the road by one of these Guards, please make a point of thanking them for their dedication to their job. They are out in all seasons.



Fire Drill and Lockdown Practices

Spring is also a time when we review our fire drill and lockdown procedures. If you are at the school during either a fire drill or lockdown practice, please be patient as they take only a few minutes to complete, but they are very important to the overall safety of staff and students. In the event of a lockdown practice, the secretary will not be at her desk to admit you to the building or answer the phone. A notice informing visitors that we are practicing a lockdown will be posted on the front doors of the 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 sales are done for this school year. Thank you to all who supported this Grade 8 venture.



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.**





March 2025



Fox Family at Terry Fox Secondary School
Port Coquitlam, 2025

Dr. Emily Stowe Public School
Attn: Kelly Luke Hewitt
71 Sandringham Drive
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Dear Principal, Staff and Students of Dr. Emily Stowe Public School,

Each year, words never come easy when we try to express our family's enormous gratitude for your commitment to Terry's dream. We can see the determination he displayed echo in your school community as students and staff embrace his call to help others. Your \$2,271 fundraising effort makes a real difference in the lives of Canadians facing cancer – our family is humbled by such a meaningful gift.

As we reflect on the 44th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope, we think about what Terry started back in 1980. As you know so well, he was driven to act after witnessing the suffering of others while undergoing chemotherapy. Terry explained in his November 1979 letter that he left the cancer clinic with a purpose and a promise: he would never forget those that he had left behind.

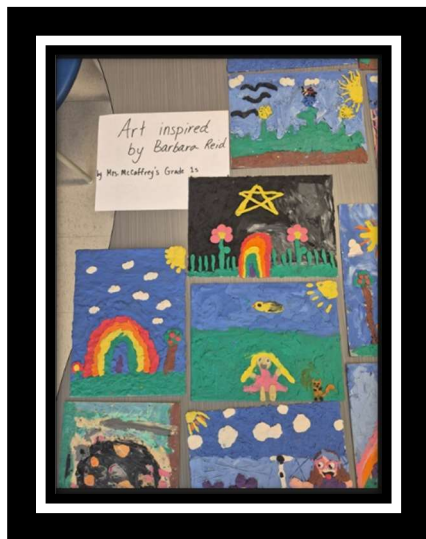
"...I was rudely awakened by the feelings that surrounded and coursed throughout the cancer clinic. There were the faces with brave smiles, and the ones who had given up smiling. There were the feelings of hopeful denial, and the feelings of despair. My quest would not be a selfish one. I could not leave knowing these faces and feelings would still exist, even though I would be set free from mine. Somewhere the hurting must stop...and I was determined to take myself to the limit for this cause."

It is this powerful message, and all his words of hope, courage, and determination, that drives us every day, NO MATTER WHAT obstacles, odds or journeys we face. More fundraising equals more life-changing research. We believe Terry would be so proud at how far we've come, knowing that his legacy is in great hands, and that lives are being extended and saved. Here's to another year radiating Terry's spirit and contributing to new advancements in cancer research.

With deepest gratitude,

On behalf of Terry's family,
Fred, Darrell, Judith, Kirsten, Erin, Jessie & Alexandra

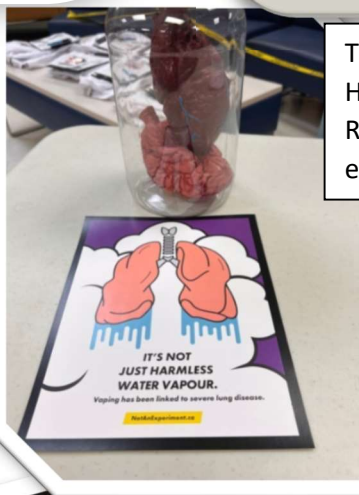
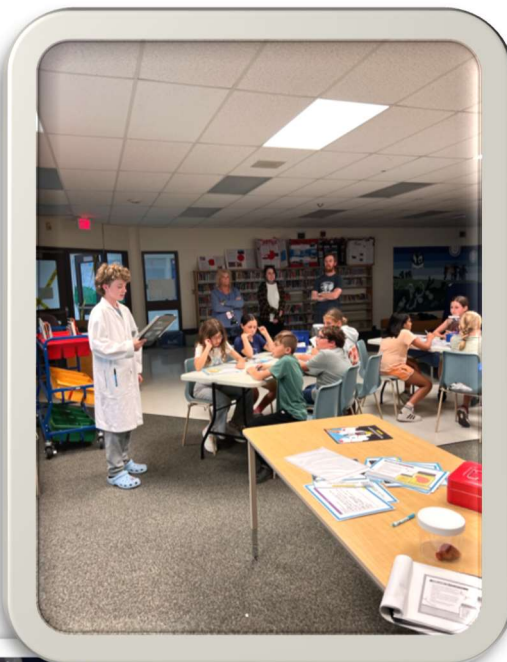
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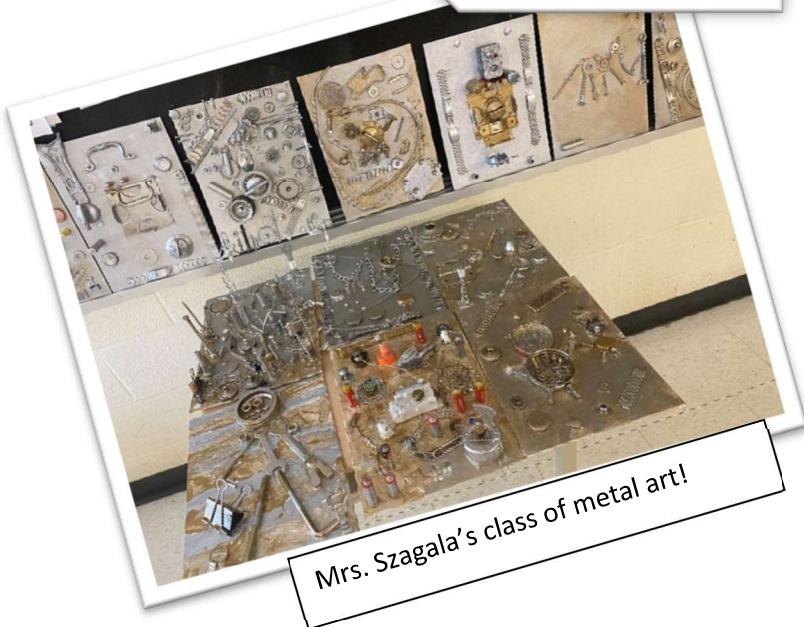
Art from Mrs.
McCaffrey's Class



Pedal for Hope – thanks to Mrs. Colpitts,
Mrs. Nixon-Evans and Mrs. Ihasz for
having their hair sprayed pink!



Thanks to Joanne our Durham Region Health Nurse, for her Vaping Escape Room for Grades 5-8 to learn the harmful effects of vaping!



Mrs. Szagala's class of metal art!



A couple of Ms. Miriam's Shoe Tying Experts with their Medals!

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EQAO Grs. 3 & 6	2 	3 	4 	5 	6 Gr. 8 Trip 	7
8	9 PA DAY	10 Int. Ultimate Frisbee 	11 Jr. Ultimate Frisbee 	12 	13 	14
15 	16 	17 	18 	19 Int. 3 pitch 	20 Jr. 3 pitch 	21
22	23 Gr. 8 Grad 	24 	25 Reports Home 	26  	27	28 
29	30					31