



The Edmison Heights Flyer

September 2023

“Where Learning Takes Flight!”

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to another fun-filled year at Edmison Heights. It is my pleasure to work alongside our esteemed teachers, support staff, custodians and secretaries. Our staff looks forward to partnering with our families and caregivers to provide the optimal conditions for success for our students.

As a staff, we have started the year deeply investigating the question, “Who am I?” This will transcend to our students as we explore all that contributes to our identity and our being. We understand that what we see of one another is merely a perception, and that we must withhold judgement to create a trusting environment in order to allow for risk-taking and innovation. As a collective, we then ask ourselves, “Who are WE?” We are the JETS! We continue to uphold the values that represent this statement. Please join us in this journey of exploration as we honour the voices that make up the Edmison Heights community and our unique talents that contribute to a rich, purposeful and respectful school culture.

We continue to focus on who we are as a learning community and explore the many ways we can be inclusive to serve the diverse needs of all of our students. The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board is implementing a new School Improvement Planning approach that aligns with our School Board Action Plan and with Ontario Ministry of Education curricula. We are learning about the new Language Arts curriculum and will continue to work with our Literacy Coach this year.

I look forward to meeting you at our Open House September 21 from 6:00 –7:00 p.m. Please mark this on your calendar and be sure to see your child's teacher if you can. Volunteer forms will be available for pick up at this time.

Parents are encouraged to partner with Edmison Heights through involvement in the School Council. We meet Monday, September 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome. At the first meeting we will elect our Chair/Co-chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Regional Council Rep.

As Edmison Heights Jets, we are strapping ourselves in for a new adventure and can't wait to take flight!

Welcome back, everyone!

Sincerely,
Madame Haley-Twiss



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Meet the Staff

The staff of Edmison Heights 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.

English Division

Sarah Chambers	JK, Rm 100	RECE: Val Goodfellow
Tricia deRooij	JK/SK, Rm. 131	RECE: Jenna Basciano
Liz Maxwell	JK, Rm. 132	RECE: Jeanna Jones
Tracey Leeson	Grade ½, Rm. 4	
Julie Bagshaw	Grade 2/3, Rm. 5	
Nadera Gage	Grade 4/5, P. 10	
Rhonda Nolan	Grade 5/6, P. 8	

French Division

Jaclyn Mercer	SK FI, Rm. 2	RECE: Nicole Shill
Amelia Merrill	SK FI, Rm 3	RECE: TBD
Kathryn Toupin	Grade 1, Rm 7	
Robyn Smith	Grade 1, Rm 8	
Jessica Ironside	Grade 1, Rm 11	
Crina Soimu	Grade 2, Rm 9	
Anne Gilbert	Grade 2, Rm 10	
Janet Faurshou	Grade 2, Rm 15	
Emily Scott	Grade 3, Rm 6	
Aline Madian for Mandy Dufresne	Grade 3, Rm 17	
Jean Pierre Chenier	Grade 3, Rm 18	
Shelley Bouton	Grade 4, Rm 16	
Sarah Scholten	Grade 4, P. 7	
Sheila Potter	Grade 5, P. 6	
Andrea Blackburn	Grade 5, P. 3	
Brianne Plante	Grade 5/6 English to FI P. 2	
Dominique Gregory	Grade 6, P. 4	
Jodie Rennie	Grade 6 English to FI, P. 5	

Core French

Karen Liu-Crosby	Grade 4/5
Sarah Young	Grade 5/6

Special Education Resource Teachers

Nicole Stevenson, Sarah Young, Mary Heenan

Planning Teachers

Krista Lavery, Martha Hunter, Laura Dowkes, Kristie Tripp, Jennie Millard, Karen Liu-Crosby

Support Staff

Tanya Franken (Personal Care Assistant), Heather Kearns, Educational Assistant (EA), Kelsey D'altoe (EA), Sarah Thomas (EA), Judy Edmondson, Child and Youth Worker (CYW)

*one EA TBD

Custodial Staff

Brock Woodbeck
Ryan Elgeti/Brandon Taylor

Head Custodian
Night Custodians

Administrative Staff

Lorena Haley-Twiss
Mary Heenan
Nadine Norton
Patsy Scott for Kathryn Coleman

Principal
Acting Vice Principal
Head Secretary
Assistant/Attendance Secretary

Bell Times

8:30 AM	Schoolyard Supervision
8:55 AM – 10:35 AM	Instructional Time
10:35 AM – 11:15 AM	First Nutrition Break
11:15 AM – 12:55 PM	Instructional Time
12:55 PM – 1:35 PM	Second Nutrition Break
1:35 PM – 3:15 PM	Instructional Time
3:15 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.

All students will need a water bottle. It is imperative that they bring their own. Water bottles are not provided by the school. Students may use the water filling stations or fountains.

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.



School Council

The first council meeting will be held on Monday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the library and the elections for council positions will be held at that time. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

PARENT COUNCIL WANTS YOU!!!

School council is an advisory committee made up of parents who volunteer their time to help improve our school community. Their role is to support the school in a positive way. There are many different roles on council so your involvement can be as big or as small as you like. This year, we look forward to creating various committees to serve the needs of the council and our community.

Details

- We meet approximately once a month, typically at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month
- Meetings are now hybrid, offering both in person and virtual attendance to promote inclusivity amongst those who perhaps live a bit farther or have young kids at home
- School Council is an elected board; positions available are Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional school council rep and voting member. These positions may miss one meeting only.
- Did you know that you do not have to be an elected member to come to our meetings? Meetings are open to any parent at the school. Feel free to come participate and share your feedback without feeling like you must commit to the year.

Previous School Council Initiatives

- Annual Book Fair
- We fund student participation in programming with Breakdancing Jimmy and Nature Nancy
- We raised the funds for a new climber on the yard (thank you for all contributions)
- We run fundraisers and provide monetary support to school clubs

Come check us out. Our first meeting is MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25th!

Open House

On, **September 21st 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** we would like to welcome you to Edmison Heights for our annual Open House. We are looking forward to meeting you and your child(ren). This is a great opportunity to visit the classroom and to talk with your child's teacher. Please note, that this is not an interview. We can't wait to see you!



School Nutrition Program

We will have our Student Nutrition Program running again this school year. We will have a bin in each classroom for easy access for our students in need of a snack. We are looking for parents/community volunteers who would get the bins ready on Monday mornings and volunteers who would clean up the bins on Friday afternoons. If you would like to volunteer, please email Samantha at winterose2007@yahoo.com to sign up. **Prior to volunteering in any capacity within our school, you will need to have a valid police record check on file at the office.** Please drop by the office to pick up a letter which you will need, to apply for a police record check. Thank you for your consideration.

Volunteers

We are accepting volunteers once again in schools! Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering and we will provide you with a letter for the police or OPP.

Volunteering in the school is always appreciated. Volunteers must have a valid police check on file and may be invited to assist with activities in the classroom or on school trips. Teachers will reach out when they are in need of volunteers. **Please use the sign in at the front door when you arrive and check in with the office to inform them of your arrival.** For newer parents to the school, please note that having a valid police check does not mean that you can stay in the classroom on a regular basis. Teachers are always eager to have an extra hand and will reach out to invite you to help with a particular need. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Terry Fox

Edmison Heights will once again be participating in the Terry Fox Walk/Run in 2023! The official day for this event is Friday, September 29th, weather permitting. We look forward to our 19th year of fund-raising for this great cause! There will be an opportunity to donate to the Terry Fox Run through their website in the coming weeks. More information will be coming soon.



Entry and Dismissal

Parents are encouraged to drop students off at the Kindergarten gate and at all other gates where possible. Parents are discouraged from being on the yard during school hours, for safety reasons. Parents are welcome to use our Parent Zone for pick up when needed. Teachers will walk students out to the Parent Zone at dismissal and if students are not picked up by 3:25 p.m. they will be brought to the office for follow-up.

Our office is a very busy place at the end of the day. We ask that parents make arrangements to meet their child in the Parent Zone between 3:05 and 3:15 p.m. Please help us by not picking up your child at the front office at this time, unless there is an emergency. We appreciate your help in this regard.

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 8:55 a.m. bell. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring students are on time for school. If you are late for any reason, please drop your child off at the front door and the office will ensure that they are properly signed into the school. No late students should be entering by any other doorways of the school.

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 and along the side streets. It is essential that we continue to use our crossing guards to keep everyone safe at the busy intersections.

Crossing Guards will be at Royal and Algonquin: AM 8:25 to 9:00 a.m. / PM 3:10 – 3:45 p.m.

Marina and Oriole: AM 8:25 to 9:00 a.m. / PM 3:10 to 3:55 p.m.

Picture Day

This year's picture day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2023. Please avoid wearing green due to the green screen. Retake photos will be on Wednesday, November 17th, 2023. Be sure to wear your best smiles!



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!



Website/ School News

Be sure to check out our school website! Keep in the know with what's happening and stay in the loop. Our school website can be found at <https://edmisonheights.kprdsb.ca/> and can be a point of access for our school community. If you need to email a staff member, please refer to the Staff Directory tab of our school website for all staff email addresses. We have discontinued our use of Twitter since our account continues to be hacked.

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 accurate 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.

No Dogs

For the safety of our children please do not bring your dogs on school property, especially during entrance and dismissal times. Of course, service or therapy dogs are permitted. Thank you for your support!



School Cash Online

To those of you new to our school, please be aware that most 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. There is a link on the school website to assist. Step by step instructions are also attached to this newsletter. Although we do not yet know how the school year is going to look as far as field trips or special treat days such as popcorn, etc., we use School Cash Online. If you have not registered, now would be a good time to do so in order that you are all set up.

Boys and Girls Club – After School Program

There is space in the program, as the Boys and Girls Club hopes to expand. If you are still looking for afterschool care, reach out to the club to get registered (info@bgckawarthas.com)



Student Verification Forms/Other Office Documents

Student Verification Forms will be sent home along with the Information and Communications Release Forms, Student Acceptable use of Technology Agreement, and a plan of care (if applicable). Please make any corrections that you may have, sign, and return to the school with your child. We request that you return all documents by Friday, September 15th, 2023.

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 and Ride area and be sure to follow the direction of any staff helpers wearing safety vests (we have had these repainted, so they are very clear). Please be courteous to other parents/families by not parking your vehicle in the flow of traffic or behind other cars. Remember, if you must park your car and exit your vehicle, please park on the right side of Royal Drive or another side street as our parking lot is for staff only.

For parents who would like to drop off in the Kiss and Ride loop, students are to exit their vehicle doors on the left-hand side, closest to the school. Using the left-hand side of the vehicle is a safety measure as the right-hand side of the lane will continue to be a lane for cars exiting without stopping. Kiss and Ride operates in the mornings only at Edmison Heights.

Absence Reporting

At Edmison Heights, 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!



Instructions for School Cash Online are posted below.



SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, *Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board* would like to reduce the amount of cash & checks coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Follow these step-by-step instructions to begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

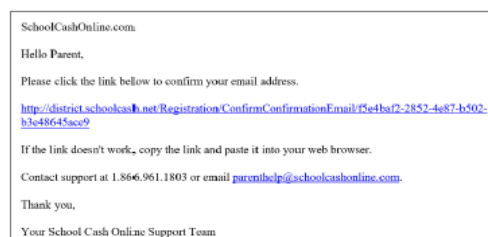
Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* home page <https://kprdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
**For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.*



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account. The confirmation link will open the *School Cash Online* site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name.
- Enter the School Name.
- Enter Your Child's First Name, Last Name and Birth Date.
- Select *Continue*.
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*.
- Your child has been added to your account.

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board? ☐

School Name: Eagle High School

Student Information

Do you have the student number? ☐

Student Number: ☒ I don't have the student number

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date: Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

(No students? [Click here](#))

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" and repeat the steps above. 8 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Edsby Parent Orientation and Sign-up

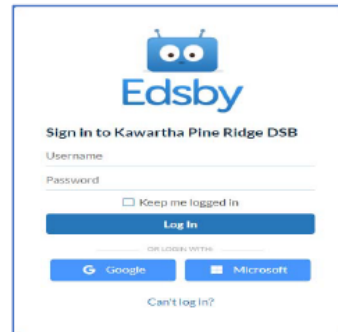
How to Register an Edsby Account

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

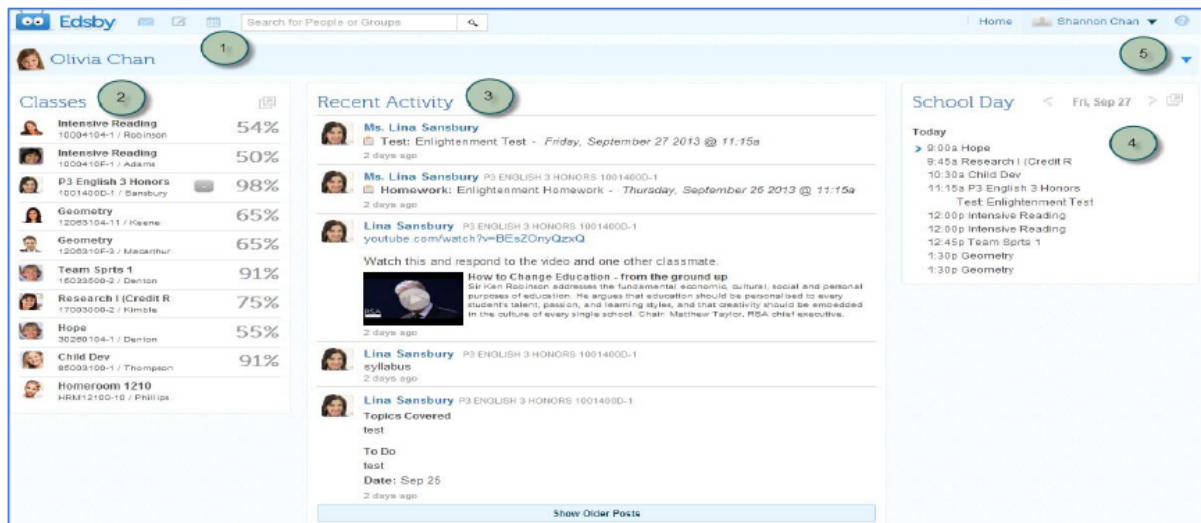
Username is your email account on file in office
Password is created first time you log-in

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



Class	Progress
Intensive Reading 16094104-1 / Robinson	54%
Intensive Reading 16094105-1 / Adams	50%
P3 English 3 Honors 16014000-1 / Sansbury	98%
Geometry 12083104-11 / Keane	65%
Geometry 12083105-3 / MacArthur	65%
Team Sports 1 16032500-2 / Denton	91%
Research I (Credit R 17032000-2 / Kinsale	75%
Hope 36285104-1 / Denton	55%
Child Dev 85093100-1 / Thompson	91%
Homeroom 1210 HRM12100-10 / Phillips	

Activity	Date	Time
Ms. Lina Sansbury Test: Enlightenment Test	Friday, September 27 2013	@ 11:15a
Ms. Lina Sansbury P3 ENGLISH 3 HONORS 16014000-1 Homework: Enlightenment Homework	Thursday, September 26 2013	@ 11:15a
Lina Sansbury P3 ENGLISH 3 HONORS 16014000-1 youtube.com/watch?v=BEsZOnyQzxQ		
Lina Sansbury P3 ENGLISH 3 HONORS 16014000-1 syllabus		
Lina Sansbury P3 ENGLISH 3 HONORS 16014000-1 Topics Covered test		

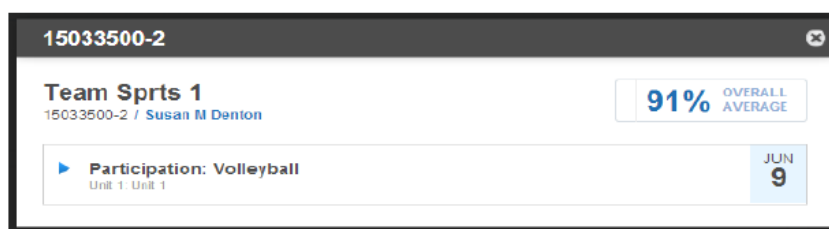
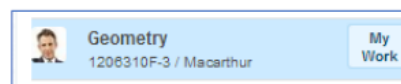
Time	Activity
9:00a	Hope
9:45a	Research I (Credit R
10:30a	Child Dev
11:15a	P3 English 3 Honors
12:00p	Test Enlightenment Test
12:00p	Intensive Reading
12:45p	Team Sports 1
1:30p	Geometry
1:30p	Geometry

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 log out 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Verification forms due	16
17	18	19	20	21 Open House 6:00 to 7:00 pm	22	23
24	25 School Council 6:30 pm in Library	26	27 	28	29 	30