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As always, the summer flies by and it is time to return to school. We are very excited to get started here at Edmison Heights. Our amazing staff is eager to get to know each student that comes through their doors, and we all anticipate having a very successful year.

One of the things of which we are convinced is that parents and schools are partners in education. This does not mean that we will always agree, but it does mean that we are focused on what is best for the kids.

We want our students to be respectful and to be challenged. We look not for what is easy or convenient, but what will impel each student forward, to achieve at his/her maximum potential. We want to look beyond the immediate to the future, to grow independent young citizens ready to take their places in a future world, the parameters of which we have not yet envisioned! We know you want the same.

One of the ways for parents to work together with us is to become involved in our **School Council**. Our first meeting is **Monday, September 17th, 2018 at 6:30 pm** in the library. We value the time we work together to make our school the best it can be. It's a fantastic way to get to know other parents and hear first-hand about some of the school priorities.

We look forward to a great 2018/2019 school year! Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

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Arrival or Departure



Edmison Heights has a "safe arrival program". This means that we need to hear from you when a student will be late or absent for the day. This enables the attendance to be completed promptly and we know that all of our students are safe. Please note that you must call in before 8:55 am at 1-844-434-8119 to report for the same day. There are options for reporting in advance or for multiple days. In addition, parents/guardians have the option of reporting online. To register for reporting online, visit studentabsence.kprdsb.ca or if use the mobile app, search for SchoolMessenger (one word) on Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

Students leaving early must sign out through the office. Students are reminded that we expect consistency in arrival and departure habits. If a student is a bus student, we expect that most days, that student will be arriving and leaving on the bus. If there is any change to a student departure habit for any given day, a note must be handed in to the classroom teacher.

When picking up students at the end of the day, we ask that you please wait outside. We are trying to keep the school hallways free for the safe dismissal of all our students.

Monthly Newsletter

In an effort to be eco-friendly, we will no longer send home hard copies of our monthly school newsletter. Please visit our website at <http://edmisonheights.kprdsb.ca/> or on edsby to view our monthly newsletter

Allergies

When you are packing snacks and lunches, please avoid sending any products that have **nuts or nut by-products**. We do have students with nut allergies. Furthermore, Edmison Heights is a **scent free** zone for the well being of our students, staff and community partners.

In addition, for the safety of our students, please refrain from bringing your **dog** onto the school premises when dropping off or picking up your child. This includes the yard and areas in front of the school.

School Times

8:55 am	Entry
10:55-11:35 am	Break/Recess
1:15-1:55 pm	Break/Recess
3:15 pm	Dismissal

Yard supervision in the morning begins at 8:30 am. Students should not arrive before this supervision begins as they will be left unattended.



Parents and guardians are encouraged to pay school fees online. Field trips and hot lunches can be paid online. It is fast, simple and secure.

Please register at:

<https://kprdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Contact Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parentshelp@schoolcashionline.com for additional information and technical support.

Important Dates:

September 12:

Open House

6-7:00 pm

September 17:

School Council

6:30 pm

October 16:

Picture Day



School Council Update

Welcome Edmison Heights Families to the new school year!

Are you interested in volunteering with other parents and community members for the Edmison Heights School Council? This group of dedicated parents meets several times throughout the year to discuss issues affecting our students and the school and to plan and run events that enrich the lives of the school community. All meetings are open to all Ed-

mison Heights parents and guardians. The first Council meeting will be held on September 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Edmison Heights library. Elections for the limited number of voting seats on Council will take place at this meeting. If you would like to hold a voting spot, please pick up a nomination form at the main office. We look forward to another year working with teachers and staff to enhance the school experience for our children.

Hot Lunch Program

The School Council is thrilled to announce that our biggest school fundraiser, the Hot Lunch Program, will be offered again for the 2018/2019 school year.

Hot Lunch will be available for participation through **School Cash Online only**, so please get familiar with payment through this process now if you haven't done so already.

Hot Lunch will be offered every Wednesday, during the first nutrition break from October to May. Opportunities will be available to join in/opt out/increase or decrease meal days and modify meal selections four times throughout

the school year in September, November, January and March.

Meals will alternate between pizza from the Pizza Shack, pasta or salad from East Side Mario's and sub sandwiches from Subway. All meals offered comply with the dietary requirements of KPRDSB.

If you are interested in helping out with lunch distributions on Wednesdays, please join us in the front foyer of the school any or every Wednesday between 11:00 and 11:30 am. You must have a current police record check on file at the office before volunteering. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Student Nutrition Program

The Student Nutrition Program will be starting its 5th year at Edmison Heights Public School. This is a free daily program which provides fruits and vegetables, dairy and grains to all students needing a nutritional boost throughout the day. We are 100% volunteer run and appreciate the support of our EHPS families and friends to keep us going. We are in desperate

need of volunteers to bake muffins for our students and/or in school volunteers to prep food and clean up for 1 hour/week on Mondays or Fridays. Please contact Kristin Gibson at kristinmackenzie@hotmail.com to sign up or for more information about the program and volunteer opportunities.

Open House

Please plan join us for our Open House on **Wednesday September 12 from 6-7:00 pm**. You will have a chance to tour the school and meet your child/ren 's classroom teachers.

In addition, Jennifer Stephens, School Business Operations Support Officer for KPR will be here to answer any School Cash Online questions and assist parents/guardians with signing up. We look forward to seeing you on the 12th!

Health and Medical Plans

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School has updated the Health and Medical policy for all schools. If you have informed the school about a health or medical issue, please look in your student(s) backpack for the updated Health and Medical Plan of Care form to be filled out

and returned to the school by **Monday, September 10**. As always, please contact the school if there are any health or medical concerns we need to be aware of to support our students.

Criminal Record Checks

The staff and students appreciate the ongoing help and support provided by parents and community volunteers. We would like to remind you that police record checks need to be in place before you come in to volunteer. Police checks are valid for a 12 months period. Complet-

ed Criminal Record Checks must be handed in at the office prior to volunteering in any capacity. Please bring the original in to the office one week before volunteering.

Health and Physical Education Curriculum

We wanted to provide an update on the Health and Physical Education Curriculum for the coming school year.

As you know, the government has announced a broad public consultation on this issue. While this consultation is underway, the Ministry of Education has re-issued the 2010 Health and Physical Education Curriculum for elementary students. Secondary students will continue to receive the curriculum broadly revised and introduced in 2015.

We know that our teachers and school support staff are well-trained professionals who will continue to be committed to supporting the well-being and healthy develop-

ment of students.

We are obligated by legislation to follow the provincially approved curriculum. Our teachers are highly professional, and will teach the curriculum in a developmental and age appropriate manner as they have always done.

As with any questions you may have about anything related to your child's learning, the best place to start is with their classroom teacher. These conversations can strengthen positive relationships between parents and teachers, and resolve concerns at the level closest to the issue.

More information is also available on our board's website at www.kprschools.ca

Free KPR Parent Conference October 20

Mental Health, Math & Modern Learning is the theme for this year's Parent Conference, taking place Saturday, October 20 at Bowmanville High School. New this year are workshops that parents and guardians will be able to attend together with their children or teens. Keynote speaker Dr. Greg Wells will start the morning conference

with a presentation titled The Ripple Effect: Sleep, Think, Eat and Move Better. As always, the conference also will offer a choice of practical workshops, child minding, refreshments and take-home resources—all at no charge. Stay tuned for more information and registration details later in September at www.kprschools.ca

