



# Edmison Heights P.S.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Welcome to a new school year at Edmison Heights.

It is hard to believe that September is here and it's time to return to school. We hope that you had a wonderful summer and were able to take some time to rest and rejuvenate. Edmison Heights is a very special place where students continuously grow and learn, and this is due to the amazing dedication of our educators, support staff, parent community, and the support of the Edmison community at large.

Edmison Heights is a school community where we want our students to be respectful, feel challenged, and to achieve at his/her maximum potential. It is our commitment to prepare our students for a future where they will become the next generation of independent young citizens who will be ready to take their place in society. We know you want the same.

One thing we know for sure is that parents/guardians and schools are partners in education. The home school connection is a vital part of the success of our students. This does not mean that we will always agree, but it does mean that we are focused on doing what is best for the kids. One of the ways for parents/guardians to work together with us, is to become involved in our School Council. Meetings take place once/month. Our first meeting will be on **Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm** in our school library. We look forward to seeing you there. We look forward to a great 2019/2020 school year! Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

**D. Crawford**  
*Principal*

**Anji Hickey-Gillespie**  
*Vice-Principal*

## 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](http://studentabsence.kprdsb.ca) or 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.

## 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, parents/guardians and community members, 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
10:35-11:15 am	Break/Recess
12:55-1:35 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.

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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](mailto:parentshelp@schoolcashionline.com) for additional information and technical support.

## 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 approximately 7 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 Edmison Heights

parents and guardians. The first Council meeting will be held on September 16, 2019 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 the Hot Lunch Program will be offered again for the 2019/2020 school year. Hot Lunch will be available for participation through School Cash Online. If online is not an option for you, please contact Angela DeMarco [angela\\_demarco1@yahoo.com](mailto:angela_demarco1@yahoo.com) to make alternate arrangements.

Hot Lunch will be offered every Wednesday, during the first nutrition break, from October through 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.

Meal options will alternate between pizza from The Pizza Shack, pasta or salad from East Side Mario's, pitas from the Pita Pit, smoothies from Frozen Fruz, popcorn from Kernels and sub sandwiches from Subway.

All meals offered meet the dietary requirements of the KPRDSB nutritional guidelines.

Hot Lunch is organized, ordered and distributed by Edmison Heights parent volunteers. For it to keep going... and growing... it needs additional volunteers every Wednesday at 10:30 am, for about 15 minutes, to help distribute the meals. This is easy volunteer work that makes a HUGE difference to the success of this school fundraiser. If you are available to hand out Hot Lunch, every week or every other week, please meet us in the foyer any Wednesday that you are available at 10:30 am. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated! A valid police record check on file at the office is required before volunteering.

A Hot Lunch Program Information Sheet with more details will be sent home soon!



Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela



## OPEN HOUSE

Plan to join us for our Open House on **Wednesday September 11, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm**. You will have a chance to tour the school and meet your child/ren's classroom teachers. We look forward to seeing you on the 11th.

## Health and Medical Plans

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board 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

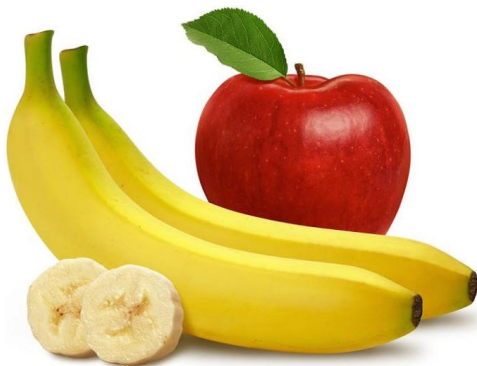
Care form to be filled out and returned to the school by Tuesday, September 10. As always, please contact the school at 705-745-0722 if there are any health or medical concerns we need to be aware of to support our students.

## School Choirs

The school choirs will start up practices the week of September 23rd. Please make your children aware to listen for announcements in the upcoming weeks. Please talk to your child/ren about what a choir is so they understand beforehand. Often our younger students may not be sure and anyone can come and try it out to see if choir is a good fit or not. No choir experience is necessary and all levels of ability are welcome! We have 3 choirs at Edmis-

on Heights: Kinderchoir (JK/SK), Primary (grades 1-3) and Junior (grades 4-6). The choirs are led by parent volunteers with a teacher liaison for assistance. Each choir practices once a week, at first break for 25 minutes in the gym or library. We have a lot of fun singing and sharing music together! We look forward to seeing our returning students as well as new faces in choir this year.

## Student Nutrition Program



The student Nutrition Program is excited to start up, providing all students healthy snack options during their day.

Want to volunteer? In school or at home volunteers ALWAYS welcome. Police checks are required.

Email Kristin Gibson at [kristinmackenzie@hotmail.com](mailto:kristinmackenzie@hotmail.com) or call or text 705-927-1014.

# 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.

## 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 12 months period.

Completed 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.

## FREE KPR Parent Conference

Calling all parents and caregivers: join us the morning of Saturday, October 19 at Port Hope High School for KPR's free, annual Parent Conference! **Dr. Michael Ungar**, world renowned expert on building resiliency in children and youth, will talk about The Risk-Taker's Advantage: **How to Make Kids More Resilient by Not Bublewrapping Them**. Take advantage of this rare

opportunity to hear his engaging advice, while also enjoying free child minding, light refreshments and information booths staffed by local organizations serving families. Stay tuned for more information and registration details later in September at [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca)

## Important Dates

September 3rd	1st Day of school
September 16th	School Council at 6:30 pm in the Edmison Heights Library
September 18th	Picture Day
September 24th	Junior Soccer Tournament
September 27th	PA Day—No Classes



