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It is hard to believe that September has come and gone, and we are now moving into the second month of school. It has been an unconventional start for all schools in the board but together we persevered and all KPR schools are open. There have been many changes that have taken place over the past month, with that said we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your encouragement, unwavering support, and your patience as we continue to navigate our way during these unprecedented times.

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, feel safe, 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 kids. We look forward to the 2020/2021 school year. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or comments should you have them.

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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 use the mobile app, search for SchoolMessenger (one word) on Google Play Store or Apple App Store. In addition, students arriving late or leaving early must sign in/out at the office.

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.

In addition, for the safety of our students, parents/guardians and community members and because we have students with dog allergies, 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.

Furthermore, Edmison Heights is a **scent free** zone for the well being of our students, staff and community partners.





Parents and guardians are encouraged to register for school cash 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.

SchoolCashOnline


Fast. Safe. Convenient.

Are you a School Cash Online Member?

Become a member today!

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

Create Your Profile:

- 1 Go to <https://kprdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> and click on "Get Started Today".
- 2 Confirm Your Email: Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
- 3 Add a Student Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

- I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

Purchase these items and more online.

Use your computer, tablet or smartphone to register and pay online.



Why join the thousands of School Cash Online members?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. Why join?

- ✓ Membership is free!
- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Stop sending money to school with your child.
- ✓ Get automatic email notifications about upcoming school fees and activities.
- ✓ Help your school reduce the amount of cash coming through school doors.

Which payment methods are accepted?



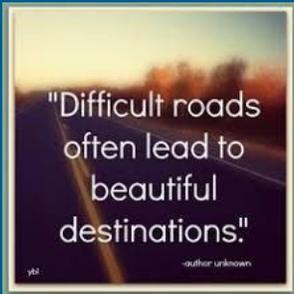
eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a checking or savings account can pay by eCheck on School Cash Online.



myWallet

An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and then used to pay for your child's fees on School Cash Online. myWallet allows you to allocate funds to pay for school fees at a later date.



For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com or 1.866.961.1803

Health and Medical Plans

Medical Plan of Care forms need to be filled out at the beginning of each school year for any students with medical issues, and returned to the school as early as possible in the fall. If you have not returned the Plan of Care form for your son or daughter who

has a medical issue, please do so as soon as possible. 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 Council

The Edmison Heights Council has been elected. The following parents have volunteered their time this year to serve s Council members:

Chair:	Kim Docherty
Secretary:	Emma Valliant
Treasurer:	Kat Munro
Regional Rep:	Mary Coulas
Voting Members:	David McDonald, Tonya Cowle, Becky Mills, Duane Hansford
Members at large:	Janet Dawson and Lauren Fitzsimmons

The next meeting of the School Council will be a virtual meeting held on October 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm. This will be our annual budget meeting. All meetings are open to all Edmison Heights parents and guardians. The link will be made available prior to the meeting.

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.

Message from the Health Unit

[As schools prepare to reopen, Peterborough Public Health is asking parents and guardians to ensure their child is up to date on all required vaccines.](#) To catch up on any missed vaccinations, just book an appointment with your healthcare provider before school starts. If you don't have a healthcare provider, you can contact Peterborough Public Health to book an appointment in our [Immunization Clinic](#) at 705-743-1000, ext. 129.

By making sure student immunization records are complete, you can avoid school suspensions. Under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*, students under the age of 18 must provide proof of up-to-date immunizations. Often the student's immunizations are up to date, and it's just the student's record that needs to be updated. This can be accomplished by calling 705-743-1000, ext. 139, asking your healthcare providers to fax immunization information to Peterborough Public Health, or submitting updates online via the [secure portal](#) found at www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca and searching for "update your child's record". With all the uncertainty and fear that COVID-19 has created, ensuring that your child is up to date with their vaccines is one less thing to worry about!

KPR Parent Conference Goes Virtual

Parents: Get expert advice on raising mentally strong, well-adjusted children, without having to leave home! Please join us online for KPR's 19th Annual Conference on:

Saturday, October 17
9 am – 11 am

Theme: Drop the Worry Ball

Featuring Dr. Alex Russell, clinical psychologist, well known and engaging speaker, and co-author of the book *Drop the Worry Ball: How to Parent in the age of Entitlement*. As always, the parent conference is free and open to all interested parents, guardians and community members. Registration opens on October 1st. Go to kprdsb.ca for more information and to register



Important Dates:

October 5	Crazy Hair Day
October 6	Jersey Day
October 7	Wacky Outfit Day
October 8	School Colors Day (Blue/green)
October 9	Red and White day Terry Fox Walk
October 12	Thanksgiving—School closed
October 19	Picture Day for Grades JK, SK & 1
October 20	Picture Day for Grades 2-6



Health Protocols

Hello Edmison Families.

When your child is sick at school, the following Board letter is sent home. We realize that sometimes your child will become ill when not at school. We ask you to read this thoroughly so we are all on the right path together, and ensure that your child stays home when feeling ill.

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

You are receiving this message because your child was sent home today due to illness.

In accordance with our Illness Protocol, which is based on guidance from Public Health and the Ministry of Education, it is very important that you take the following steps.

- Contact your health care provider or COVID Assessment Centre for guidance and follow their recommendations.

- If testing is recommended, please take your child for testing and keep them home from school until the test result is received.

- o If the test result is negative, but your child still has symptoms of illness, please keep them home until symptoms have been resolved for 24 hours (or 48 hours in the case of vomiting or diarrhea).

- o If the test result is positive, Public Health will be in regular contact and will inform you when your child can return to school.

- If testing is not recommended, please keep your child home until symptoms have been resolved for 24 hours (or 48 hours in the case of vomiting or diarrhea). Please note: this means that your child cannot attend school tomorrow.

- If the ill student is given no alternate diagnosis and is recommended for testing for COVID-19 but does not get tested, they must begin a self-isolation period for a minimum of 14 days from onset of their symptoms.

For more information about our Illness Protocol, please visit the COVID section of our website, at <http://www.kprschools.ca/>.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school once they are feeling better.

Thank you for your cooperation.

With Appreciations,

Dave Crawford
Principal

