



The Edmison Heights Flyer

October 2023

“Where Learning Takes Flight!”

Principal's Message

Dear Edmison Heights Families,

It has been a very busy start to the year. Students are involved in Announcements, Kindergarten Helpers, Soccer, Cross Country, Rugby, Running Club, Yearbook Club, Student Council, Library Helpers, Choirs and Volleyball skills starts next week. It is heartening to observe students participating in something they love and proposing new, upcoming clubs.

October 2 is National **Custodial Workers' Recognition Day**. I want to take the opportunity to thank our Head Custodian, Brock Woodbeck for his tireless effort to keep our school clean and safe. He has put in a great effort this September to address many items and is a pleasure to work with. His leadership of the custodial team is important, and we want to recognize the team's contribution to our school.

Lockdown practices are required two times a year. This Wednesday morning, we will have a practice with our Police School liaison Constable Cannon and his team.

This Friday we will participate in our Terry Fox Run. Students are learning about Terry and his resolve to support children undergoing cancer therapy. His drive and determination continue to motivate us to be the best that we can be in all that we do. Together, we can help to raise money for pediatric cancer research and help to make a difference. Thank you to Krista Lavery for her help with this day. Thank you to Mary Heenan and Martha Hunter for organizing our display. The link to donate is here: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/36478>

Orange Shirt Day was recognized September 28th by sharing presentations in the gym and teachers chose age-appropriate activities for their students in their classrooms. As part of our National Truth and Reconciliation Day, we recognize and participate in this solemn day of remembrance. A big thank you goes out to Robyn Smith and Manon Gagnon for their leadership.

Please join us for our School Council meeting Monday, October 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the library. At this meeting, we will be choosing new members to fulfill the roles of Chair, Co-chair, Treasurer, Secretary, etc. You are welcome to come and be a part of meetings at any time and do not have to be a member to participate in discussion. School Council plays a very important role in our life at Edmison Heights.

Thanksgiving is coming October 9th. We take this time to express our gratitude for the blessings in our lives. Please know that we appreciate you and your willingness to partner with us as we support your child(ren).

Halloween takes place October 31st at Edmison Heights. We will be celebrating “Come as you are” so that each child can freely make the choice to dress up or not. Please know that teachers will not be able to help with costumes, so prepare them how to manage their costume, modify it, or send them in black and orange if you wish. Dressing up is not a requirement, but a choice for those who wish to do so. **There is no need to send in anything that needs to be passed out, including homemade goods, which are not permitted. This is due to severe nut allergies in our building.** Students may choose to go trick or treating in their community in the evening when they will receive their Halloween treats.

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School Council

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. While there are several positions available that do require a commitment, you are also able to attend and participate in our meetings without being an active member of the committee. Fundraising and playground discussions will continue to be a large focus this year.

CHILD CARE WILL BE OFFERED AT THE SCHOOL DURING OUR MEETINGS BY AMAZING ADAM SCOTT STUDENTS. WE HOPE THAT THIS WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR THOSE INTERESTED TO ATTEND, WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT MAKING CHILDCARE ARRANGEMENTS.

We will also be online at 6:30 p.m. @ https://kprdsb.webex.com/meet/lorena_haleytwiss

The first Council meeting will be held on October 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Edmison Heights library. Elections for the limited number of voting seats on Council will take place at this meeting. The positions available are Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional School Council Rep and Voting Member (5 spots). If you would like to hold a voting spot, please make us aware of this at the beginning of the meeting. We look forward to another year working with teachers and staff to enhance the school experience for our children.

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



Character in our School

October's Character Attribute - Respect

Respect means to value yourself, others, property, and country. Understanding that all people are important and should be treated kindly.

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.

Friendly Reminder from the Baptist Church

Edmison Heights Baptist Church continues to lend us the use of their parking lot. This is a goodwill gesture. Please note that this is not KPR property and is not insured for our use. Use of this is taken at the risk of the individual. Please be mindful to drive slowly and carefully to ensure everyone's safety, minding the pylons. Thank you for your consideration of this information.

School Nutrition Program

Our Student Nutrition Program provides convenient and easy access to our students in need of a snack. We can always use volunteers! Duties include preparing food, stocking classroom food bins, and cleaning bins. If you would like to volunteer, please email Samantha at winterose2007@yahoo.com to sign up and discuss your availability. **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 contact the office if you are interested in volunteering and we will provide you with a letter for the city police or OPP. Thank you for your consideration.

Parents/Visitors to the School

KPRDSB requires all volunteers to have a Vulnerable Sector Screening done by the OPP, or the Peterborough Regional Police, prior to being considered for volunteer work at any school. Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering and we will provide you with a letter for the city police or OPP.

Entry and Dismissal

Parents are encouraged to drop students off at the kindergarten gate and/or at all other gates where possible. Parents are discouraged from being in the yard during school hours, for safety reasons. Parents are welcome to use our Parent Zone for drop off and pick up when needed. Teachers will walk students out to the Parent Zone at the end of the day and if students are not picked up by 3:15 p.m. they will be brought to the office for follow-up.

Our office is a very busy place in the morning and at the end of the day. We ask that you make arrangements to meet your child in the Parent Zone at 3:15 p.m. Please help us by not picking up your child at the front office at that time unless there is an emergency. Please also advise your child's teacher if dismissal plans change. We appreciate your help in this regard.

Halloween

Here at Edmison Heights, we celebrate Halloween by coming as we are. This means that our students can come to school in their Halloween costume, but please no masks or weapons of any kind. They may come in anything they are comfortable in. Please note if students choose to wear their Halloween costumes to school, we are not responsible for any lost or broken items. Please be reminded that we are not permitted to share homemade snacks at school. Even in special circumstances, if items claim to be nut-free, we ask that you discuss these matters with the teacher ahead of time. Please do not send in food at any time without first having this conversation. Thank you for respecting the health and welfare of our students.



Medical Plan of Care

If your child requires a medical Plan of Care, we require each plan to be reviewed each September. A Plan of Care was sent home in June or early September. Please return this to the office as soon as possible. A physician signature is required each year.

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!



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). Please make sure you are entering if your child is going to be absent, late, if they have an early pick up, and or if they are getting picked up and then returning to school. 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!



Exiting during Kiss and Ride

For parents who would like to drop off in the Kiss n' 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 n' Ride operates in the mornings only at Edmison Heights and start at 8:30 am.



Dog-free Yard

For the safety of our children please do not bring your dogs on school property, especially during entrance and dismissal times. We also continue to have students fall in excrement that is not picked up on the yard. New signs from the board will be posted around the yard in the coming days.

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. Bookmark the parent portal from the Board website for ease of access. <https://parents.kprdsb.ca/>

Likewise, School Messenger will continue to be used 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.

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 parents 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 consistently 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 your child is properly signed into the school. No late students should be entering by any other doorways of the school.

School Cash Online

To those of you new to our school, please be aware that any 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, 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.

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 to 3:40 p.m.

Marina and Oriole: AM 8:25 to 9:00 a.m. / PM 3:10 to 3:50 p.m.

Amazing Accomplishments!

Orange Shirt Day

To commemorate National Truth and Reconciliation Day on Sept 28th, classes from SK to Grade 6 participated in presentations hosted by Robyn Smith and Manon Gagnon. As we continue to learn and work together toward reconciliation, we encourage families to explore the many resources and opportunities at www.nctr.ca



Pride Parade

A big, warm thank you to all the families who came out to walk in the PRIDE parade with Mme Robyn and Mme Potter. It could not have been a more beautiful day for celebrating diversity and LOVE!



Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser



Fresh from the Farm is a healthy fundraising program for Ontario schools. Since Fresh from the Farm's launch in 2013, 2200 schools have raised over 1.9 million for school initiatives selling 4.3 million pounds of fresh Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables to Ontario families. This October, our Student Nutrition Program will be running this fundraiser and all proceeds will contribute to our funds to sustain our School Nutrition Program here at Edmison Heights.

Orders will be accepted from Wednesday October 4, 2023, to Tuesday October 10, 2023, via **School Cash Online only**. Delivery to the school will take place between November 6th and December 7th. We will notify parents to pick up at school once we are alerted. Parents will need to do the pickup as the food will be too heavy to send home with students.

The School Nutrition Program will be offering the four following options:

1. Eight-pound box of Ambrosia apples at \$24.00.
2. Eight-pound box of Ambrosia apples at \$24.00, to be donated to the Kawartha Food Share
3. Fourteen-pound vegetable bundle, containing 5 pounds of potatoes, 3 pounds of sweet potatoes, 3 pounds of yellow onions and 3 pounds of carrots, at \$22.00.
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Fruits and vegetable products are supplied by growers throughout various regions in Ontario. **We receive 40% of the profits from every box sold.**

Thank you for your support!

KPR Parent Conference

Parent Conference - What My Child's Behaviour is Telling Me

We are excited to announce that registration is NOW OPEN for KPR's annual Parent Conference! Join us on Saturday, October 21, from 9:30am – 11:30am for this **FREE** virtual event, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Jean Clinton.

Through the context of building resilience and healthy relationships, Dr. Clinton will provide parents and caregivers the opportunity to learn about self-regulation strategies, how to overcome and manage challenging behaviours and tips for supporting healthy, positive, social behaviours. For more information about this event, and to register, please visit our [website](#).

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.

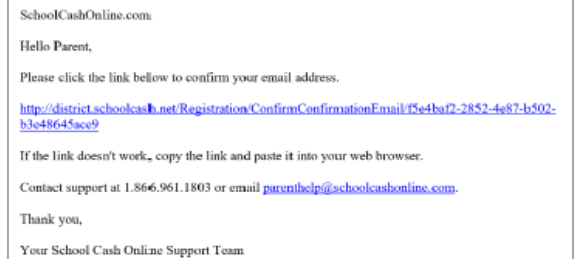
Step 1: Register

- 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? ☐ [Help](#)

School Name: [Help](#)

Student Information

Do you have the student number? ☐

Student Number: [Help](#)

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date: [Help](#)
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.



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.

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 National Custodial Day School Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	3	4 Lockdown Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit Peoples (MMIWG2S) Honouring and Awareness	5 World Teachers' Day Junior Soccer Tournament @ Beavermead & Eastgate	6	7
8	9 Thanksgiving (School Closed) 	10 Cross Country at Beavermead	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 KPR Parent Virtual Conference: What My Child's Behaviour is Telling Me
22	23	24	25	26 Junior Rugby tournament	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween 				



**MONARCH
FESTIVAL
PETERBOROUGH**

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 12-4



**LIVE MUSIC BY VIVA MEXICO MARIACHI,
AND WISHKIIGOMANG HAND DRUMMERS**

**OTHER PERFORMANCES BY MONARCH DANCERS,
SONGS BY MICAIAH, GLEN CARADIS PUPPET SHOW,
AND ZUMBA LESSONS WITH ANA MARIA ZAPATA**

**ALSO FEATURING FACE PAINTING, CRAFT TABLE,
PTBO LIBRARY KID'S READING CORNER, BOOKS,
ENVIRONMENTAL INFO BOOTHS AND SPEAKERS**