



# The Edmison Heights Flyer

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*“Where Learning Takes Flight!”*

## Principal's Message

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Dear Edmison Heights Families,

It is hard to believe that December is upon us. It is a busy time for us all this season, and we are looking forward to many fun-filled days and events at school!

Please see the information outlining our Special Spirit Days during the last week of school before the holidays. We hope to include everyone in our celebrations! We look forward to Door Decorating for all classes the first part of December. Our Winter Open House will take place on Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please note that your child/children's classrooms will be open from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and our Silent Auction will take place in the gymnasium from 6:00-7:30 p.m. During the last week of school, students will participate in singing in the gym and enjoy some Jib Jab videos with our staff. We can't wait!

Our staff at Edmison Heights does an excellent job of educating your children. They work hard to ensure that every child learns, and they put 100% into the effort of education. This is not a job like any other! The unique aspects of teaching make it demanding, tiring, joyous, and lots of fun. Please join us in thanking our teachers and support staff for all that they do with and for children.

It is at this time of year that we often reflect on our blessings and reach out to others who may be experiencing more challenging times. Please consider donating a canned food item for our Kawartha Food Share from December 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.

We wish you a holiday full of hope and happiness, as you create beautiful memories with loved ones and build relationships to connect us in the spirit of community.

We look forward to seeing everyone back January 8<sup>th</sup> in the New Year.

Peace,

Sincerely,  
*Mme Haley-Twiss and Mme Heenan*



# Character in our School



## December's Character Attribute – Responsibility

I am responsible for my thoughts, words, and actions. I am accountable for my choices. I admit my mistakes and work to correct them. People can depend on me to honour my commitments. I demonstrate active citizenship.

## School Council

The next School Council meeting will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Ashburnham Ale House. All are welcome!

The School Council Meetings for the remainder of the year will be held in the Edmison Heights library at 6:30 p.m. as per the schedule below:

January 15, 2024

February 26, 2024

March 18, 2024

April 15, 2024

May 27, 2024

All are welcome and childcare will be available.

## Edmison Heights' Food Drive

It is a wonderful time of the year to reflect on those in need in our community. From Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>, Edmison Heights is partnering with Central Smith and their "Fill a Truck" program. Non-perishable food items donated at Edmison Heights will be picked up by Central Smith Ice Cream Truck on the 15<sup>th</sup> and donated to Kawartha Food Share.



## School Nutrition Program

Our Student Nutrition Program 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](mailto: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 of this important opportunity.



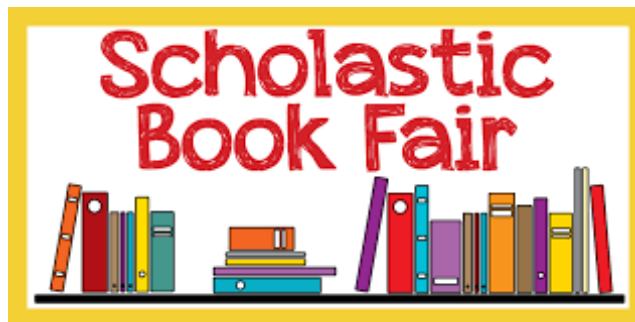
## Grade 6 Yard Sale



The Grade 6 Yard Sale will be happening in the gym on **Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>**. There will be all kinds of things on sale like games, books, puzzles, toys, movies and so much more for this student-only event. Free wrapping will be available for anything that is being purchased as a present. Donations of gift bags, ribbons and wrapping paper are welcomed between now and December 12<sup>th</sup>. Those can be brought to school with your students or dropped off at the main office. Students are encouraged to bring their money in a Ziploc bag that is labeled with their name. Mark the day on your calendar and get ready for Edmison 's busiest holiday event!

## Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is back and ready to welcome students during school hours on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Parents and guardians can shop from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> as well. This is a great opportunity to buy some books and treasures for loved ones on your holiday list. All proceeds will go toward supporting our library and homerooms' libraries.



## Edmison Heights Spirit Week!

To celebrate the upcoming school break with our students, we encourage everyone to dress their best according to the Spirit Days below:

Monday December 18

Holiday Colours:

Christmas – red & green

Hanukkah – blue & silver

Kwanzaa – black, red & green

Tuesday December 19

Holiday shirt/sweater

Wednesday December 20

Winter Vacation Day (beach wear)

Thursday December 21

Festive or Fun hat

Friday December 22

PJ/Comfy wear day

## Important Observances

The start of December marks many important human rights observances. The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is December 3. Learn more about KPR's [commitment to create more inclusive, accessible learning and working conditions](#) for people with diverse abilities. December 10 is [International Human Rights Day](#), a time to reflect on our commitment to embed principles of human rights in all that we do – to ensure equity and inclusion for all. On December 6, [National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women](#), we remember the lives of 14 young women who were killed at Polytechnique Montréal. KPR schools will join others across our country and lower school and Board office flags as a symbol of remembrance. We remember all those who have experienced gender-based violence and reaffirm our commitment to end all violence and discrimination.



## 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. Tim Hortons is not a nut-free facility, and we ask that you please check with teachers before sending any food in. Thank you!



## Kiss and Ride

Kiss and Ride is open in the morning only, starting at 8:30 a.m. We thank parents for following the direction of our staff and keeping at a slow speed to keep everyone safe. At the end of the day, we kindly ask parents to pick up their students in the Parent Zone in the yard and avoid parking at the front of the school. We thank you for following the arrows in the Kiss and Ride zone to travel in the accurate direction.

## Dog-free Yard



For the safety of our students 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 in the yard. New signs from the board have been posted around the yard.

# December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4 <b>Kawartha Food Share Drive Starts</b>	5 Kawartha Food Share Drive Scholastic Book Fair	6 <b>Food Share Drive</b> Pizza lunch Scholastic Book Fair National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	7 <b>Food Share Drive</b> School Council 7:30 pm @ Ashburnham Ale House <b>Hanukkah December 7-15</b>	8 <b>Kawartha Food Share Drive</b>	9
10 International Human Rights Day	11 <b>Kawartha Food Share Drive</b>	12 Kawartha Food Share Drive Grade 6 Garage Sale.	13 <b>Kawartha Food Share Drive</b> Pizza lunch	14 <b>Food Share Drive</b> Winter Open House 6-7 pm Homerooms 6-7:30 pm gym	15 <b>Kawartha Food Share Drive Ends</b>	16
17 Spirit Week!	18 <b>Red &amp; Green, or Blue &amp; Silver, or Black, red &amp; green Spirit Day</b>	19 <b>Holiday Shirt/Sweater Spirit Day</b>	20 Pizza lunch <b>Winter Vacation Spirit Day</b>	21 <b>Festive or Fun Hat Day Spirit Day</b>	22 <b>PJ/Comfy Clothes Spirit Day</b> Last Day of Classes!!	23
25 <b>Christmas</b>	26 <b>Kwanzaa December 26 to January 1</b>	27	28	29	30	31

**Winter Break - December 25, 2023, to January 5, 2024**

Please also see [Holy Days, Holidays & Days of Significance](#)