



# The Edmison Heights Flyer

June 2024

“Where Learning Takes Flight!”

## *Principal's Message*

Dear Edmison Heights Families,

The year has flown by! This is one of the busiest schools I have ever experienced! No one can ever say there is not enough to do or not enough equipment on the yard to play on at Edmison Heights. We are so fortunate to have the wide variety of choices available on every front.

We also have a very generous and supportive community that contributes in many ways to ensure that our students have what they need, and beyond. School Council has helped to promote fundraising that contributes to our goals. Thank you for always being there for Edmison Heights and allowing us to serve your students in the best way possible.

Our staff are incredible. Their teaching is exceptional and their donation of time to provide extracurricular activities is greatly appreciated. They go above and beyond to provide excellent training and it is remarkable. They deserve a well-deserved rest this summer after a very busy year!

June includes many fun activities. Not all class trips or activities are recorded in the calendar at the end of the newsletter. Please see information from your child's teacher to consolidate dates and times of class trips or special events. Please also check with your child's teacher should you wish to bring in treats for students. We have students with serious allergies, and this must be considered. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

In September, I will be moving on to Highland Heights. I have enjoyed my time at Edmison Heights and getting to know our staff, students and their families. We have accomplished an incredible amount of work here in just two short years. I am proud of all that we have achieved and know that this hard work has helped to support the learning at Edmison Heights that will continue into the future.

Your new principal will be Rebecca Padgett, currently working at Keith Wightman. She is an experienced principal with many leadership experiences. I know that she will continue to support the many opportunities already in place at Edmison Heights, and also provide new and creative options to explore.

We have one more month to go! Here's hoping you have a wonderful summer and that it brings joy and relaxation to you and your family.

Sincerely,

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# Character in our School

## June Character Attribute – **Honesty**

I am sincere, truthful and trustworthy.



## School Council

Edmison Heights staff and students would like to thank School Council for their role in helping to erect our new playground. Their constant fund-raising efforts and perseverance have helped Edmison to achieve an unimaginable feat – a new playground in less than two years from the time our old one was removed! A big thank you to our School Council Chair, Kim Docherty, for her determination to see this through! .

Of course, none of this would have happened without the very generous donations from all of our Edmison Heights Families. Thank you all for ensuring that Edmison could afford a new play structure and allowing us to put this in place in a timely manner. We also wish to thank our colleagues at the board for organizing the installation.

**Jimmy Chapman will be at Edmison Heights June 24 for our Dance Athon!** School Council is sponsoring this event, and we will communicate information when it is ready.



## School Nutrition Program

Thank you so much for the very generous donations of cereal and granola bars for our program. This will certainly help us to fill any gaps. We are at the beginning stages of planning a golf tournament for next spring that should help to raise the funds we need to sustain our program. We will continue to investigate new funding as it becomes available.

## National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Metis. All year long, our staff are supported by the board with activities and reflection upon our Passport to Reconciliation. Each month, a new focus is shared. Learning is action and everyone in KPR has a role to play in Reconciliation. This year, our grade two classes will be attending a puppet show based on Indigenous cultural teachings at Trent University, sponsored by the office.

To find out more about our Passport to Reconciliation, please connect to our themes here: <https://www.kprschoools.ca/en/learning-and-programs/passport-to-reconciliation.aspx>

## Pride

June marks the beginning of Pride month. Students, staff, and school communities come together this month to celebrate, uplift and empower the voices of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. Students and staff will be celebrating Pride in positive and meaningful ways to ensure all students feel supported, reflected, and welcomed at school. While Pride month is an intentional time of celebration and learning, schools embrace opportunities to educate, promote acceptance and reaffirm values of equity, diversity and inclusion all year round.

As our flag has been stolen several times in the past, we have our flag inside of our building and also post this with our announcements on the television in the front foyer.



## Alice in Wonderland

Our presentations to students and families wrapped up May 31, and the show was a resounding success. Students learned how to work together as a team over the past several months and both cast and crew enjoyed the benefits of continued practice and creative direction.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of parent volunteers, Bobbie Carter, Jordan Lyall, and Samantha Dennis who helped with set and costume design, technical expertise, and make-up genius. Individuals who helped with make-up and hair the night of performances include Alison Potter, Elise Noriega, Trista Rutledge and Kelly Lauder. We also want to thank teacher Amelia Merrill for her work on costumes, Dom Gregory for t-shirt and sweatshirt sales, Aline Osmadian for make-up, Laura Dowkes for cast photos and front display, Nadine Norton and Katt Coleman for the program and Nadine for house support, Trish deRooij for organizing food and the administration for providing the many meals for after school rehearsals and show dates. Keely A. also designed our poster and front cover for our program. Robyn Smith and Elizabeth Maxwell served as Director and Assistant Director of the show. They donated an incredible amount of time and energy to the show, and we appreciate their leadership and dedication to this project. It would not have happened without them. Together, the community of Edmison Heights came together to support a wonderful experience for students and their friends and family. We are the Jets!



Students will have the opportunity to perform two more shows on June 10 and 11 for Queen Elizabeth and R.F. Downey students, respectively.

## **New Floors**

Exciting News! Edmison Heights will be getting new flooring in the library and all of the portables over the summer months. After the submission of a project request in the fall of 2023, we are looking forward to this upgrade.

## **Track and Field**

A big thank you goes out to Krista Lavey and Val Goodfellow for organizing the Track and Field Day at Adam Scott this month. This is a tremendous amount of work, and we appreciate the time and effort it takes to bring this all together! We had great weather for the event and students enjoyed the day. Congratulations to all participants and to those moving on to the finals.

We wanted to acknowledge that our grade six students were instrumental in suggesting a new long jump pit at the school. They came forward in the fall to share their idea at the office and it was put in this spring! Student voice in action!

## **School Registration**

Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year! If you have a child or know of anyone that has a child who is eligible to attend either Junior or Senior Kindergarten for September 2024, please register online at [www.kprschoools.ca](http://www.kprschoools.ca). If online registration is not an option for you, contact us at 705-745-0722 to make other arrangements.



The following information will assist you with the registration process: Junior Kindergarten students must be 4 as of December 31, 2024. Senior Kindergarten students must be 5 as of December 31, 2024. Proof of age by birth certificate or equivalent, proof of address, immunization, and Legal Custody Agreement, if applicable, must be provided. Accurate enrollment projections are key to acquiring funding from the Ministry of Education and to the Board's budget process. Please note that if your child is attending JK already, you do not need to re-register.

## **Kindergarten Orientation**

Kindergarten Orientation will take place for any students entering JK (Year 1) for next year. Parents will receive an invitation to this event for Tuesday June 11, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. There will be a bus for students to ride at the end of the night for those who may need to practice.

## **Epi Pens/Puffers/Medication**

Epi Pens and Puffers located at the office/in classrooms will be sent home on the last day of school. We kindly request that any other medication be picked up from the office by parents/guardians on the last day of school. Medical Plans need to be updated yearly and they will be sent home during the first week of school in September 2024. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child has any medical concern/allergy that the school is not aware of.

# School Climate Survey

As part of our commitment to maintaining safe, inclusive, and welcoming schools, all students from Grades 4 to 12 in the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, their parents/caregivers, and school staff are being asked to participate in an anonymous School Climate Survey.

Class time will be provided to complete the School Climate Survey. The survey is required every two years by the Ministry of Education and asks students for their opinion on areas that impact student learning – with a focus on sense of belonging, relationships, safety, and well-being.

Students will share their experiences and help us make our school better. The survey is anonymous and voluntary. The more responses we receive, the better understanding we will have of our school climate.

# Volunteer Appreciation Tea







## Moving This Summer?

If you know that your child(ren) will not be attending Edmison Heights in September, please, notify the office as soon as possible, to help us better prepare for the new school 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. 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 & Dismissal

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. All students should exit the left side only of the cars and we kindly ask that parents remain in their vehicles to speed up the process.

At the end of the day, we kindly ask parents to pick up their students in the Parent Zone in the yard at 3:15 pm 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 and please note that there is no parking on the right end side of the Kiss and Ride zone for the safety of all staff and students.

# June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	<b>3</b> Grade 6 EQAO	<b>4</b> Grade 6 EQAO	<b>5</b> Grade 6 EQAO  Gr. 6 Adam Scott Family Open House 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<b>6</b> Grade 6 EQAO  Junior KPRAA Track and Field @ TASSS	<b>7</b> <b>P.A. Day</b> No school for students	8
9	<b>10</b> Alice in Wonderland for Q.E. @ 11:30 a.m.	<b>11</b> Alice in Wonderland for R.F. Downey @ 11:30 a.m.  Orientation for new K students 5:30-6:30pm	<b>12</b> Junior Ultimate Frisbee	<b>13</b> Girls 3-Pitch	<b>14</b>	15
16	<b>17</b> Boys 3-Pitch	<b>18</b> Junior Ultimate Frisbee – Hastings  Primary Play Day	<b>19</b> Talent Show	<b>20</b> Volunteer Tea	<b>21</b> National Indigenous Peoples Day	22
23 / 30	<b>24</b> <b>Dance Athon by School Council</b>	<b>25</b> Kindergarten Picnic	<b>26</b> Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony & Clap out @ 11:00 a.m.	<b>27</b> <b>Last day of school</b> Report cards go home	<b>28</b> <b>P.A. Day</b> No school for students	29