

November 2020

Dear Families,

I hope that this letter finds you in good health.

November is KPRDSB's fourth annual Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month. We continue to be committed to bringing awareness to and education about the rich cultures and perspectives of First Nation, Métis and Inuit Peoples. I thank all staff at S.T. Worden for their focus and dedication regarding this important matter. I specifically celebrate the collaboration between Mr. Rocheleau, our Teacher Librarian and Melody Crowe, our Native Education Liaison Person, for their virtual interactive presentations. They work to further our students and staff's knowledge of Indigenous peoples and their contributions to our Earth and our relations for truth and reconciliation.

We highlight during November, National Aboriginal Veterans Day on the 8th and Remembrance Day on the 11th. Our students are working very diligently on a pre-recorded presentation for Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly. On November 11th, we will be honouring those who fought for our freedoms and for peace through a virtual assembly and over our PA system.

The week of November 16th is Bullying Awareness Week. As always, we always encourage all students to report to an adult, whom they trust, any incidents of bullying behaviours. Families and community members are also encouraged to contact the Principal as soon as possible if they are witness to any bullying behaviours.

On our PA Day of November 27th, Staff will be learning and planning around 3 main topics as directed by the ministry of education: improving Literacy and numeracy skills, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Bullying Prevention and Intervention.

I update you with some Key points regarding our cleaning pandemic protocols:

- Desks (student/teacher) are disinfected daily.
- Disinfection of Kindergarten desks/tables 2x daily.
- Touch points are disinfected 3 times daily. Touch points are but not limited to: doorknobs, faucets/taps, flush handles on toilets, fountain/bottle fill station handles, exit doors push bars and railings.
- Additional protocol should there be a confirmed COVID-19 case in a school

Families wishing to move their children from in-person learning to the Virtual Elementary School (VES) or vice versa, are asked to please contact the Principal at sanaa_soussan@kprdsb.on.ca as a first step. Parents will then need to **apply by November 20** if they would like their child to begin classes at the VES on the next available start date of Monday, November 30. After November 30, the next start date for moving into VES will be in early 2021, after Winter Break. More info to follow.

Lastly, in collaboration with our nurse, we are working on having a public health corner on our website. Please continue to visit our website as often as you can for updates.



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Newsletter



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Character Trait for November is:
Responsibility**

October Character Trait –Fairness

B. Cook/A. Stone- Carter C.

S. Gallagher/S.Kingdon- Tyler J.

C. Patrick- Elliot C.

S. Sharma- Raiven S.

N. Bonnici- Ollie H., David G.

K. Hossack- Ben E., Tanner S.

H. Graham /A. Haworth- Matthew D.

D. Rizzi- Simon G.

C. Walker- Kailey Ann L., Haley P.

R. Johnston- Stephen S.

Grandfather Teaching for January is: Humility



B. Cook/A. Stone – Skylar B.

S. Gallagher/ S. Kingdon – Jack O.

C. Patrick- Gokturk E.

S. Sharma- Rory W.

N. Bonnici- Maeve H

H. Graham/A. Haworth- Isla H.

D. Rizzi- Levi O.

C. Walker- Julian K.

R. Johnston- Jack H.

M. Mohammadi- Konnor W.

Equity and Diversity Strategy Thoughtexchange

Don't forget to let us know the priorities that you believe should guide KPR's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy for the next four years. Please visit

<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/517289218>

by November 9 to offer your thoughts, and to rate the thoughts shared by others.

Mental health resources

KPR has a variety of helpful resources for our students, families and staff at

<http://www.kprschoools.ca/en/MentalHealthResources.html>

In addition, we have posted Dr. Alex Russell's presentation from our October 17 Virtual Parent Conference for those who missed it. To hear Dr. Russell speak about how to Drop the Worry Ball, and to visit a virtual information fair with links to agencies that support families, please visit

http://www.kprschoools.ca/en/our_schools/getinvolved/parentresources/parentsconference.html

Free math tutoring

Free mathematics tutoring and online learning tools available at [TVO Mathify](http://www.tvomathify.com). Designed for Grades 6-10 students, Mathify offers live, one-on-one math tutoring with an Ontario Certified Teacher, as well as other digital learning tools. Tutors are available online Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sundays from 3:30-9 p.m. Students can start with Mathify at any time by registering at www.tvomathify.com



Personal Electronic Devices

- Computers
- Cell Phones
- Digital T.V.
- DVDs
- Digital Cameras
- Kindle
- iPods and MP3 players



The use of technology for student learning is a key 21st century skill to enable all of our students to learn and succeed. Under staff direction, Personal Electronic Devices can be used effectively as an educational resource, support or aid for teaching and learning. The teacher will determine and authorize the usage of a PED during instructional time. At all other times the device is to be powered off and kept in a students' backpack or locker. When the usage of a PED is inappropriate, the school designate or principal will apply progressive discipline strategies. Depending on the infraction, strategies may include, but are not limited to; speaking with the student, parent meeting, removal of the PED until the end of the school day, loss of privilege to have a PED at school or suspension. As with other personal property items, schools are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged PEDs. These guidelines apply to all stakeholders in the school including students, staff, parents, volunteers and visitors.

Up Coming Dates

National Aboriginal Veterans Day	Nov 8
Remembrance Day-	Nov 11
Bullying Awareness Week-	Nov 16-20
Grade 8 Grad Photo-	Nov 24
Retake Photo-	Nov 24
Progress Reports	Nov 26
P.A. Day-	Nov 27



COVID -19 Self Screening

Important: please self-screen daily!

We remind families that it is extremely important to self-screen for possible symptoms of COVID-19 every morning, before heading to school. Please use the Ontario government's updated, online self-screening tool for this purpose. It will help you make an informed decision about whether you should attend school or child care, consult a health care provider, or get tested for COVID-19.

The new self-screening tool can be completed online at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. A printable version also can be downloaded from <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid19-cms-assets/2020-10/Screening%20Children%20v1.0%202020-10-01%20FINAL%20EN%20AODA.pdf>



Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO) Winter Newsletter

Dear Families, Parents and Guardians:

The winter season will soon be here, and it is very important that everyone using the school busing system is familiar with STSCO's winter weather procedures.

On winter mornings, inclement weather and poor road conditions may lead to the delay or cancellation of school transportation services. The decision to cancel bus service due to inclement weather is made based on the daily weather forecast and in consultation with area bus companies between 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. All cancellation notifications are posted on STSCO's website www.stsco.ca by 6:15 a.m. Radio stations and STSCO's social media accounts are also updated at the same time. If you have provided an email address to STSCO, you will be in receipt of the cancellation or delay notification for your child(ren)'s route(s).

As a parent or guardian, it is recommended that you use the attached "Inclement Weather Days" reference sheet and that you keep it in a prominent place for quick use on inclement weather days.

Also, keep in mind that you should:

- listen to your favourite local radio station for cancellation updates
- visit www.stsco.ca in the morning for delays or cancellations; or
- access STSCO's Parent Login at www.stsco.ca and sign up to receive delay and cancellation information by email and to obtain your child's bus route number as well as the bus company name and phone number.
- follow STSCO on Facebook or Twitter to learn about Mass Region or County Cancellations.

Other reminders include:

- If a bus is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled in the afternoon.
- Make sure that your child is at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time in the morning. If you meet your child in the afternoon, make sure you are at the stop 10 minutes before bus arrival.
- Review busing procedures with your child so they will know what to do if their bus is late or cancelled.

If you need to confirm your child's route number, you can visit www.stsco.ca and click on the "PARENT LOGIN" link and follow the onscreen instructions. You will need your child's 9-digit OEN student number, located beside their name on their report card, as well as their birthdate. For those who may not be aware of their child's OEN student number, contact your school to get the information.

On inclement weather days, you are encouraged to visit STSCO's website or listen to your favourite local radio station for updates. If you do not find the information you are looking for you can also call the bus company of your child's route.

In keeping the above information in mind, everyone will be better prepared to deal with winter.

Joel Sloggett, C.A.O.



Inclement Weather Days

Wondering if your child's school bus is running during bad weather?

- ✓ Visit the Student Transportation Services of Ontario website at www.stsco.ca and click on "Cancellations & Delays" at the top of the homepage.
- ✓ Listen to your favourite local radio station for bus cancellations.
- ✓ Voluntarily provided email address for direct email notices from STSCO by logging into the "Parent Login", at www.stsco.ca, with your child's OEN and Birthdate
- ✓ Fill out this handy reminder:

Child's bus company: _____

Route number/name: _____

Child's Ontario Education Number (OEN): _____
 (note: OEN is used to access child's bus stop information at www.stsco.ca and to sign-up to receive direct emails from STSCO)

✓ Please remember:

- Schools normally stay open even when buses are cancelled.
- If buses are cancelled in the morning, they won't run in the afternoon either.
- If your child rides a school bus and it is cancelled, you don't need to call the school to report the absence.
- If your child does not ride a school bus, you still need to call the school if he or she is absent, even on an inclement weather day.
- Please don't call the school to check on buses, as it ties up phone lines needed for possible emergency calls.

Peterborough City and County (also including Campbellford and area schools):

THE WOLF - 101.5 FM
 FRESH RADIO - 100.5 FM
 COUNTRY 105 - 105.1 FM
 ENERGY 99SEVEN - 99.7 FM
 OLDIES - 96.7 FM
 LIFE - 100.3 FM
 FREQ - 90.5 FM

Clarington (Bowmanville & Courtice) area:

DURHAM CLASSIC HTIS - 1580AM, 107.7FM
 THE ROCK - 94.9 FM
 KX 96 FM - 95.9 FM

Cobourg, Port Hope & Northumberland:

CLASSIC ROCK - 107.9 FM
 MY FM - 93.3 FM

Quinte West (Brighton):

CJBQ 800 AM
 MIX 97 - 97.1 FM
 COOL 100 - 100.1 FM
 ROCK 107 - 107.1 FM
 95FIVE HITS FM - 95.5 FM
 OLDIES - 100.9 FM

Bancroft (Apsley):

THE MOOSE - 97.7 FM

Lindsay:

91.9 BOB FM - 91.9 FM