

# James Strath Public School News

## Focus on Success



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### **From the Office...**

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Trish Froggatt, our longtime secretary who retired at the end of November. We thank her for her hard work and all that she has done for the students, staff, and community here at James Strath Public School. We wish Ms. Froggatt all the best in her retirement.

As the weather gets colder, it's important that our students dress appropriately according to conditions. Layering is recommended and students are reminded to wear their outdoor gear to cover the ears, nose, fingers, toes and head. The school will make decisions as to the appropriateness of outdoor play in accordance with School Board guidelines (i.e. avoid going outside when the wind chill is -26 C or lower).

As we enter the final month of 2018, it's a time to reflect on the past year and look ahead to the all of the opportunities that 2019 will bring. We wish you and your families a safe, restful, and relaxing holiday season and a wonderful start to the new year.

Glen Payne – Principal  
Matt Gennings – Vice Principal

### **James Strath Holiday Showcase**

The Holiday Showcase is an annual event that shines a spotlight on students from throughout the school. It will be held this year on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes and clubs will be performing, and this year we have so many participants that it will be split into two complete shows. Please check with your children to see which one of the shows they will be taking part in: 10:35 or 1:00.

We respectfully ask that, if possible, you stay for the remainder of the performance so that all students can enjoy an audience.

### **Book Fair**

The James Strath Book Fair will take place on:

Tuesday, December 4th  
8:30am-2:30pm, 6-8pm  
and  
Wednesday, December 5th  
8:30am-2:30pm.



Come out and start your Holiday shopping and support our school library at the same time. There are hundreds of great new books to choose from. We hope to see you there!

## School Council

The next meeting James Strath School council meeting takes place on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in the school library at 6:30 pm. The meeting is open for community members wishing to attend. We hope to see you there!

### James Strath School Council Executive – 2018/2019

**Chair:** Karen Smith [karen@kest.ca](mailto:karen@kest.ca)  
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## Character Council

The first Character Council fundraising event of the year, "Halloween for Hunger", was a resounding success! Through the movie night, dances and scavenger hunts the school raised over \$1700 for Kawartha Food Share. People directly in our community who are food insecure will benefit from the charitableness of James Strath.

Our annual "Basket Raffle" will be kicking off in December. Information has gone home about this exciting event. On November 28 students learned about our new global charity, "Canadian Feed the Children". Our raffle will also benefit local youth shelter, YES, through donated personal hygiene items. We look forward to this much loved and anticipated fundraiser that provides many opportunities to help multiple charities thanks to our community's generosity. Thank you for your continuing support!

## Sub and Pizza Day Information

Upcoming Subway Lunch Dates:



Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming Pizza Hut Lunch Dates:



Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

## Kindergarten Winter Showcase

On Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, the James Strath Kindergarten classes will be hosting their Winter Showcase in the school gymnasium.

From 6:00 to 6:30pm, parents and guardians have the opportunity to mingle and connect with each other in the gym, view student artwork and purchase raffle tickets for our fundraising baskets in the multi-purpose room, with proceeds going to Canadian Feed the Children. Students are to be dropped off at their classroom at 6:20 to prepare for the Showcase.

Performances begin at 6:30 and each class will perform one or two songs celebrating winter, friendship, and making the world a better place. Parents can pick-up their child(ren) at their designated classrooms after the Showcase. We anticipate the Showcase to be about a half hour in duration; please be mindful and attentive to all performances and to our young performers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Don't worry about finding a good seat. We will be having a "Mom and Pop-arazzi" section located at the front of the gym. Caregivers are welcome to move to this area when their child(ren) are performing and kneel for pictures or videos. When the performance is complete we ask that you return to your seat to allow for other "Mom and Pop-arazzi" to fill the area. We look forward to an amazing performance and hope to see you there!

## School Cash Online

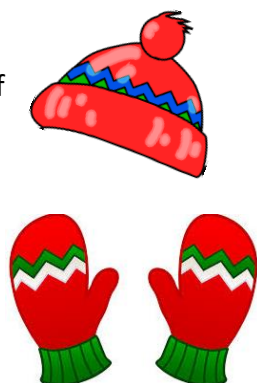
At James Strath, all school fees, field trips, team fees, and items can be paid for online from the comfort of your own home with School Cash Online. It's fast, simple, and secure. There is no need to send cash with your child or write cheques.

As we continue to transition to all payments being made online, we ask that your register now at <https://kprdsb.schoolcashionline.com>.

Please contact the office if you require any additional information or support with School Cash Online.

## Mitts for Kids

We would like to thank “Mitts for Kids” for their generous donation of mittens, gloves, and hats for the students at our school. Thank you to these volunteers for their time and hard work as they knit winter accessories of various styles and sizes to help our students stay warm and dry this winter.



## Inclement Weather – Bus Cancellations

On winter mornings, inclement weather and poor road conditions may lead to the delay or cancellation of school transportation services. On such days, bus delay and cancellation information will be posted on the [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca) website. Local radio stations and media outlets will also be provided this information to broadcast. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they are cancelled for the afternoon as well.

If your child rides a school bus and it's 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 inform the school if he or she is absent on an inclement weather day.

If buses are cancelled on a day when students would receive their hot lunch order, the order will be rescheduled, with the new date posted on the school website. Students will need to bring their lunch with them on a day when buses are cancelled.

## Proposed 2019-2020 School Calendar

KPR is seeking comments from students, parents, guardians, staff, and community members regarding the proposed school year calendar for 2019-20. Please review the proposed calendar and comment using the online survey available on the home page of [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca) by Monday, December 10, 2018. The dates being proposed for Winter Break next year are Monday, December 23, 2019, to Friday, January 3, 2020. Last day of classes before the break would be Friday, December 20, 2019, with students returning to class Monday, January 6, 2020. First and last days of school, March Break and PA Days can all be viewed on the proposed calendar.

## Student Nutrition Program

Did you know that the muffins served in the James Strath PS Student Nutrition Program are baked fresh at the school by a group of dedicated volunteers?

Recently the program received a donation of a new oven from President's Choice Children's Charity so the muffins can be prepared safely and on site. Thank you President's Choice Children's Charity!

If you are interested in making a donation to the Student Nutrition Program, follow these steps:

- Go to [foodforkidspetbo.ca](http://foodforkidspetbo.ca) - Click on the “Donate Now” button.
- Select “Food for Kids Peterborough” from the drop down menu. Include our school's name in the message box.
- If you would like to make a donation on behalf of a specific teacher, click “In Honor of” to choose a free eCard to send to them.

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## Be IB for a Day!

Experience the unique IB program for yourself



### Tuesday, December 11th • 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute: an IB World School  
[kenner.kprdsb.ca](http://kenner.kprdsb.ca)

RSVP to Peter Mullins • 705-743-2181

