

James Strath Public School News

Focus on Success



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From the Office...

As we move into the month of March, we continue to experience unpredictable weather. The temperatures will gradually start to rise, so please help ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the conditions. Strategies include having students dress in layers and having them bring a change of clothing to keep in their backpack or locker.

Report cards for Term One were sent home last month. This is a quick reminder to please return the Parent/Guardian Signature page at your earliest convenience if you have not yet done so.

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Bailey and Mme. Wilson, as they each welcomed new additions to their families in February. We are glad to welcome Ms. Speer and Ms. Bateman to the James Strath staff and community. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Mrs. Harmatare for her hard work and dedication to the students at James Strath and wish her all the best in her retirement.

Have a safe and enjoyable March Break and a wonderful rest of the month!

Glen Payne – Principal
Matt Gennings – Vice Principal

James Strath Drama Club

The James Strath Drama Club is proud to present this year's production, "Kid Frankenstein". This fast-paced comedy follows Frankie, a scientific child prodigy, along with her loyal sidekick Irving, aka Igor, who reanimate a human body using the brain of a brilliant monkey ... or is it?

The play will be presented three times on Tuesday, March 5th:

- 10:30 a.m for the school
- 1:00 p.m. for the school
- 7:00 p.m. for the community

Admission for the evening performance is \$10 dollars per person.

"Kid Frankenstein" is less than an Hour long and is full of laughs suitable for children of all ages, so please come for some family fun while supporting our young cast and crew.



March Break Dates

Parents and guardians are reminded of the following dates:

- The last day for classes for students is Thursday, March 7th.
- March Break begins on Friday, March 8th. Classes resume on Monday, March 18th.

School Council Update

The next School Council meeting takes place on Wednesday, April 10th 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
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School Parking and Drop-Off

If your student is registered for bus transportation, we ask that they continue to ride the bus to and from school to help reduce traffic at the school at the beginning and end of the school day.

If you are dropping off students at school, **please do not pull into or park in the right hand lane area** marked by yellow lines and the neon green characters. This is a designated emergency vehicle parking zone and a no parking zone for all other vehicles. Parking or stopping in this area also impedes access for buses and taxis to drop off and pick up students. Thank you for your co-operation.

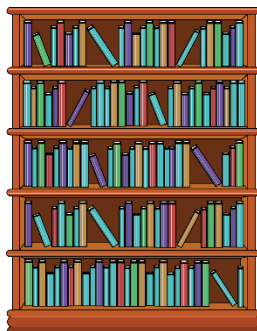
For students, we ask that you walk around the school to get to the appropriate yard at the beginning of the school day when you arrive in the morning. Students and guests are reminded to use the crosswalk when walking to and from vehicles.

We thank you for working together with our staff on duty, and other James Strath community members, in a safe and respectful manner.

Library Update

The Strath library needs help!

Any volunteers willing to donate a half day once a week to shelve books in the library are asked to contact Ms. Monis.



James Strath Sports Update

The James Strath basketball season concluded in February, with our Intermediate teams taking part in their respective tournaments.

Our Intermediate Girls' recreational Basketball team travelled to Adam Scott on February 22nd. The girls put forth an amazing defensive effort for the entire day, making it all the way to the championship game!



The Intermediate Girls' competitive teams travelled to Adam Scott on February 27th. Members of the competitive teams were wonderful representatives of our school. Strath Team 2 demonstrated terrific teamwork and played with heart and soul the entire day. Strath Team 1 won the Peterborough Area tournament and also captured the KPREAA championship on March 1st. Congratulations to all of our Girls' teams on their success.



The competitive Intermediate Boys' basketball team took part in their tournament at T.A.S. on February 26th. The boys played well throughout the tournament, playing four close games before a tough loss at the buzzer in their final game. Great attitude and effort, boys!

The recreational Intermediate Boys' team played in their tournament at T.A.S. on February 27th. The boys went undefeated on the day, winning one game and tying their four other contests. Way to go Colts!

Congratulations to all of our basketball players for their hard work and sportsmanship and a big thank you to the coaches for their time and dedication.

The school Gymnastics teams will be continuing their practices in March in preparation for the city meet in April. Thank you to the coaches for their time and effort. Keep up the hard work on your routines, gymnasts!

March Sub and Pizza Day Dates

Upcoming Subway Lunch Dates:



Tuesday, March 5th
Tuesday, March 26th

Upcoming Pizza Hut Lunch Dates:



Friday, March 1st
Friday, March 22nd

Every Student Matters Census

The *Every Student Matters Census* is a voluntary census that will help KPRDSB to better understand the needs of our students and our school communities and provide valuable information to improve our programs and services for the benefit of all students.

Each student from K to Grade 8 has received a postcard with information and instructions for accessing the census. These postcards were enclosed in your student's report card envelope.

For students from Kindergarten to Grade 6, the postcards provide a student-specific access code to enter for parent/guardians to complete the census. Students in Grade 7 and Grade 8 will complete the census in school. The census will take about 15 minutes to complete.

While this survey is not anonymous, it is strictly confidential and information on individual students will not be shared.

If you have questions or concerns about the census, or if you would like to request that your student not participate, please contact the KPR Census Research Team at census@kprdsb.ca or call 877-741-4577, ext. 2157.

School Cash Online

If you have not yet done so, please register for School Cash Online now at

<https://kprdsb.schoolcashonline.com>.

Information regarding how to sign up is available at the office and can be found on our school website by typing in "school cash" in the search bar below School News.

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School Cash Online Registration

The attached file contains instructions for how to register for School Cash Online. ...

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At James Strath, we are continuing to transition to all school fees, field trips, team fees, and items being paid for online, with a goal of being a cashless school as of September 2019. Please contact the office if you require any additional information or support with School Cash Online.

Milk Orders Online

For the upcoming milk orders from April through June, we will be transitioning to online orders only.

Please see the information above if you have not yet signed up for SchoolCash Online and contact the office if you require additional information or support.

Earth Hour

It's back! Earth Hour takes place this year on Saturday, March 24th, from 8:30-9:30 p.m.



Participation is easy; just turn off your lights and electronics for the hour. Please join us in recognizing the importance of protecting our planet. Further information is available at: www.earthhour.org

School Nutrition Program Update

Did you know March is Nutrition Month? Nutrition Month is a public campaign dedicated to unlock the potential of food. Dietitians will help Canadians realize the potential of food to fuel, discover, prevent, heal and bring people together.

For more information on Nutrition Month, or to find healthy recipes you can go to <https://www.dietitians.ca/Media/Nutrition-Month/Nutrition-Month.aspx>

Our Student Nutrition Program is committed to providing fresh vegetables and fruit as well as dairy products and whole grains for students every day. If you are interested in volunteering with the program, or if you know a high school student looking for volunteer hours, please contact the school for more information.

At this time we are looking for one individual to help out for 30 min. every other Wednesday afternoon, and one individual to bag crackers for about 30 min. once a week.

Register Online now for Kindergarten at KPR Schools

All children who will be four years old by December 31, 2019, will be warmly welcomed to begin Kindergarten this fall in KPR's supportive, stimulating and inclusive classrooms. Parents and guardians can visit www.kprschoools.ca/kindergarten at any time of the day or night to:

- confirm which school serves their area
- register their child online
- get practical resources to help prepare their little one for a smooth transition to Kindergarten
- find out if there's a before- and after-school child care program offered at their school
- complete a voluntary, online provincial survey to help the Ministry of Education improve services for families.

Families also can find a wealth of resources at www.kprschoools.ca/kindergarten. School staff members welcome families' questions, as does the KPR Board at 1-877-741-4577.

Strath-MacLean March Break Camp

There are still spaces available for the Strath-MacLean March Break Camp for Kindergarten students.

For additional information regarding registration and availability, please call 705-749-9856.