

# HIGHLAND HEIGHTS HURRICANE HOWLER NOVEMBER 2024

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Dear Highland Heights Families,

Welcome to November! We continue to focus on seeing all students as capable learners while holding high expectations for them. We maintain a learning environment that reflects all of our learners. Staff and students alike are setting goals and putting plans into action. We thank our parents and caregivers for their ongoing partnership in this process.

Progress Reports will be going home on November 20<sup>th</sup>. These indicate how a student is progressing at the beginning of the school year and do not include marks. Progress is indicated as Progressing Very Well, Progressing Well or Progressing with Difficulty. Parents will be invited to attend an interview according to the dates and times offered by the teacher. Interviews may look like a face-to-face meeting, a phone call, or a virtual call.

November is recognized in KPR as Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month. The month of November was chosen because of other special dates and events in November, including Inuit Day, Indigenous Veterans Day, Rock Your Mocs Week, Treaty Recognition Week and Louis Riel Day (Indigenous Education Dept.). At Highland Heights, we will focus on continuing our learning about Treaties, with the support of the Board's Passport to Reconciliation that all teachers can access.

On Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize Remembrance Day. We will honour those who have fought or who continue to work to help keep Canada safe and free. Our school ceremony will be at 11:00 a.m.

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, School Council will meet in the library at 6:00 p.m. Krispy Kreme donuts will be available for purchase once again this year! Sales take place between Nov. 8-24 and can be purchased through School Cash Online or with cash if needed. Please see the flyer included in this issue of the newsletter. A big thank you goes out to School Council for getting this fundraiser underway. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of classroom sports equipment for use at recess.

Breakdancer Jimmy Chapman will return to Highland Heights to teach students November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$5.00 per student and will be available for payment through School Cash Online or with cash.

The Peterborough Petes will join us on November 26 to share hockey skills and kick start our student involvement in ball hockey/mini-sticks for the winter season. They will encourage engagement in physical activity and fair play. We look forward to their presentation.

Continue to watch for the ongoing communication from us in your emails regarding updates and key messages from the board.

Have a great November everyone!

*Madame Haley-Twiss*

## Bell Times

8:50 – 9:00 AM	Schoolyard Supervision
9:00	Entry bell
9:05 AM – 10:45 AM	Instructional Time
10:45 AM – 11:25 AM	First Nutrition Break
11:25 AM – 1:05 PM	Instructional Time
1:05 PM – 1:45 PM	Second Nutrition Break
1:45 PM – 3:25 PM	Instructional Time
3:25 PM	Dismissal from School



## EMERGENCY MEDICAL PLANS

If you have not already done so, please notify the office of any medical conditions your child may have or update the plan from last year. If your child requires the use of medications while at school, please visit the office ASAP to pick up the required medical info package.

## Character in the School

November's Character Attribute/Grandfather Teaching

**Courage/Bravery:**

Mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty.



## Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day assembly for students will be November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.



## School Council

The next council meeting will be held on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the library. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. We are working on the Book Fair that will be in December! Our Krispy Kreme fundraiser runs from Nov. 8 – 24 with pick up on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.



fundraiser  
at  
Highland heights P.S.

**\$15 For a Dozen**

(ORIGINAL GLAZED ONLY)

**Nov 8-24, 2024**

Payments can be made starting on Friday, November 8th, 2024 on School Cash Online. Paper Order forms are available upon request.

**Order deadline is Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024.  
Paper order forms must include  
payment for the quantity ordered.**

Doughnut pick up will be at Highland Heights on Wednesday December 4, 2024 between 3:30 and 5:00 PM



# Halloween Door Decorating Contest

We had so much fun decorating our doors and walking the halls for our parade. Check it out!









## School Nutrition Program

Our nutrition program continues to run every day. If you need help with lunches at any time of the year, please let us know.

## Athletic fee

Highland Heights will collect \$5.00 from each child involved in an athletic event. This is charged for each sport students play and helps to cover our entry fees. This will be requested at the time of the event.

## Late Policy

**We continue to have several students arrive late to school each day. Under the provision of The Education Act, all children are required to regularly attend school punctually.** If late arrivals become a significant problem, the school is obliged to inform the parent and to take any steps required to ensure that the child arrives at school on time for class. Late arrivals also create disruption to the learning environment of others. If students are persistently late arriving, parents are notified, and a plan is established in consultation with the Principal. **We therefore ask for your assistance to ensure your child arrives at school promptly and before the 9:00 a.m. bell.** We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring students are on time for school. If you are late for any reason, please drop your child off at the front door and the office will ensure that they are properly signed into the school. No late students should be entering by any other doorways of the school.



## Volunteers

We are accepting volunteers once again in schools! Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering and we will provide you with a letter for the police or OPP.

**If you are volunteering, please use the sign in at the front door when you arrive and check in with the office to inform them of your arrival.**

## Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day is November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to avoid wearing green due to the use of the green screen.



## Nut Aware School

We have several students with 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. Thank you!



## No Dogs Please

For the safety of our children please do not bring your dogs on school property during instructional time, especially during entrance and dismissal times. Of course, service or therapy dogs are permitted. Thank you for your support!



## School Cash Online

To those of you new to our school, please be aware that most payments to the school are to be made through School Cash Online. The Board has directed that schools are to use School Cash Online as their primary source of fund collection. Please be sure to visit School Cash Online to register. There is a link on the school website to assist. Step by step instructions are also attached to this newsletter. We use School Cash Online to pay for school trips, Spirit Wear, etc. If you have not registered, now would be a good time to do so in order that you are all set up. **This year, payment has been extended to credit cards, Google Pay and Apple Pay!**



# Absence Reporting

At Highland Heights, the safety of our students is first and foremost. Our Absence Reporting System allows you to report an absence 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-844-434-8119 or register at [studentabsence.kprdsb.ca](http://studentabsence.kprdsb.ca) or download the app (available through your app store). If late, please remind your child to report to the office on their way to class, so we can record that they have arrived safely. Thank you!



## Instructions for School Cash Online are posted below.



## SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, *Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board* would like to reduce the amount of cash & checks coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Follow these step-by-step instructions to begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

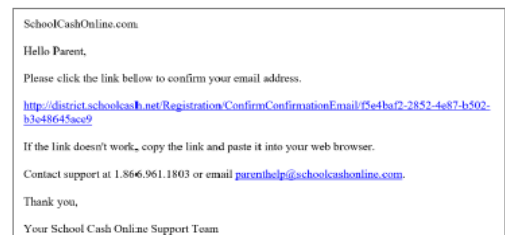
### Step 1: Register

- a) If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* home page <https://kprdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps  
*\*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.*



### Step 2: Confirmation Email

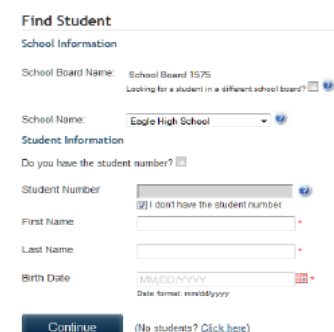
A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account. The confirmation link will open the *School Cash Online* site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



### Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- a) Enter the School Board Name.
- b) Enter the School Name.
- c) Enter Your Child's First Name, Last Name and Birth Date.
- d) Select *Continue*.
- e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*.
- f) Your child has been added to your account.



### Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student



## Edsby Parent Orientation and Sign-up

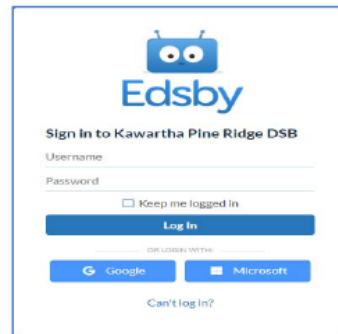
### How to Register an Edsby Account

Upon receipt of your invitation from the school  
Open an Internet Browser and navigate to [kpr.edsby.com](http://kpr.edsby.com)

Username is your email account on file in office  
Password is created first time you log-in

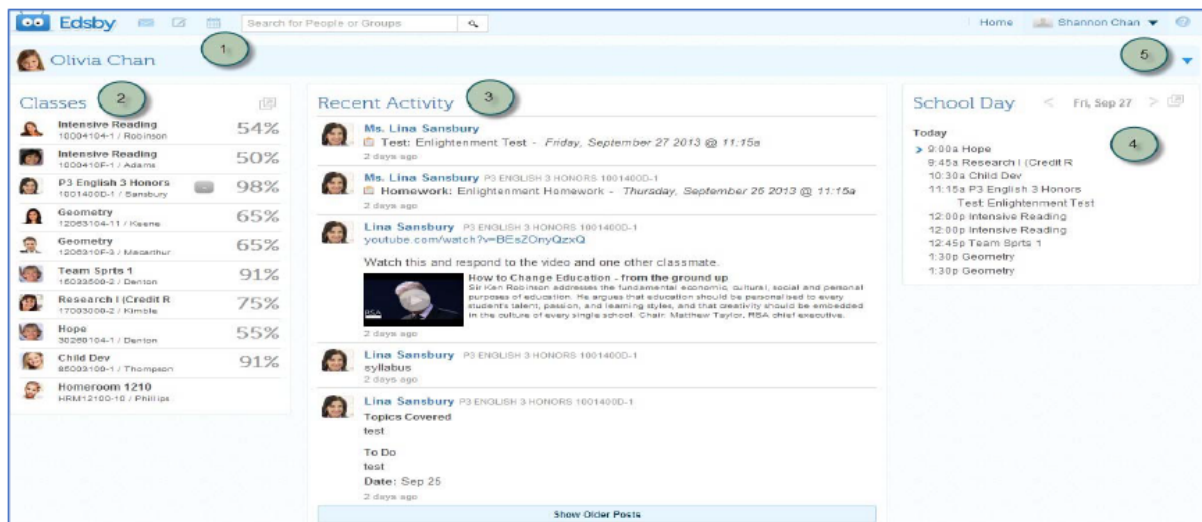
### Forgot Your Password?

If you have an existing account and cannot remember your password  
Click Can't log in and you will be able to re-set your password



The image shows the Edsby login page. At the top is the Edsby logo, a blue robot head. Below it is the text "Sign in to Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB". There are input fields for "Username" and "Password". A checkbox labeled "Keep me logged in" is below the password field. A blue "Log In" button is centered. Below the button is the text "OR LOGIN WITH". There are two buttons: "Google" with the Google logo and "Microsoft" with the Microsoft logo. At the bottom is a link "Can't log in?".

### Edsby Parent Homepage Tour



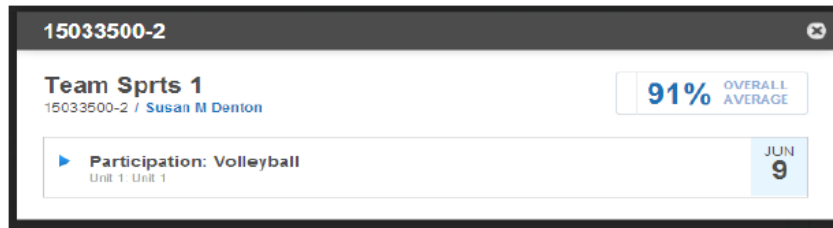
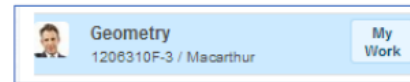
The screenshot shows the Edsby parent homepage for a user named Olivia Chan. The page has a navigation bar at the top with the Edsby logo, a search bar, and the user's name "Shannon Chan". The main content area is divided into several sections: 1. A banner area with a profile picture and a dropdown menu. 2. A "Classes" section showing a list of classes with progress percentages: Intensive Reading (54%), Intensive Reading (50%), P3 English 3 Honors (98%), Geometry (65%), Geometry (65%), Team Sports 1 (91%), Research I (Credit R) (75%), Hope (55%), Child Dev (91%), and Homeroom 1210. 3. A "Recent Activity" section showing a list of recent posts from Ms. Lina Sansbury, including a test, homework, and a video link. 4. A "School Day" section showing a calendar for Friday, September 27, with a list of events: 9:00a Hope, 9:45a Research I (Credit R), 10:30a Child Dev, 11:15a P3 English 3 Honors, 12:00p Intensive Reading, 12:45p Team Sports 1, and 1:30p Geometry. 5. A parent dropdown menu in the top right corner.

1. **Edsby Banner** - From here the message inbox, new message, and calendar can be accessed. Also, the "Edsby" logo will take you back to the parent homepage
2. **Classes** - Here you see a list of your child's classes. More details about specific assignments are also available here by clicking My Work
3. **Activity Feed** - The activity feed is a running list of everything going on in your child's classes. Assignments, Tests, Reminders, Video or Reading Links and other pertinent information will display here throughout the year
4. **School Day** - The School Day below the student name provides your child's schedule. Clicking the pop-out opens a larger calendar that displays all of their assignments, reminders and events
5. **Parent Dropdown** - By dropping down this menu, parents can change their profile information and log out of Edsby

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## How to Access Student Assignments

1. Left side of screen – student’s classes are listed
2. Click My Work button  
List of assignments will display for selected class  
More details for each assignment, such as teacher’s comments, can be found by clicking the blue triangle



## How to Keep up with what is going on in each class

There are two places that provide information about what is going on in your child’s class.

**Activity Feed** The activity feed provides a running record of assignments, tests, events, and other important class information for your child’s classes. The feed stays in chronological order with the newest post at the top.

**School Day / Calendar Pop-out** The School day view provides a student schedule as well as any overdue assignments. By clicking the pop-out button on School Day, a larger calendar opens and displays events and assignments.

## How to Message a Teacher

1. Click View My Messages icon
2. Click Compose Message icon  
New Message Screen displays
3. Type the teacher(s) name(s) that you wish to message in the “To” field
4. In the box below “Message” type the message to the teacher
5. Click “Add File” to add attachments to the message
6. Click “Send” to send the message to the teacher(s).



## Edsby App for Mobile

Server is 'kpr'.  
<https://edsby.com/help/parents/navigating-the-edsby-app-2/>

Can't log in?  
Please contact School Office to verify required information for log in to Edsby \*(correct email MUST be on file at the office)  
Visit <https://edsby.com/>



## Parents and Guardians

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

KPRDSB utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can opt into this free service\* now just by sending a text message to 978338 with the message of “Y” or “Yes”. You will receive a text confirming your registration.

You can opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.



SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

**Opt-In from your mobile now! Just send “Y” or “Yes” to now 978338.**

\*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/txt](http://schoolmessenger.com/txt) for more info.

## From the Board

November - Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month

November is Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month at KPR. Throughout this month and beyond, we celebrate Indigenous excellence and amplify the voices of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples.

November was chosen because it includes several important dates, such as Treaties Recognition Week (Nov. 3-9), Rock Your Mocs Week (Nov. 10-16), Inuit Day (Nov. 7), National Indigenous Veterans' Day (Nov. 8), and Louis Riel Day (Nov. 16).

“Honouring Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing, engaging in Truth and Reconciliation, and elevating First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures, perspectives and histories is a core value of our school board,” says Klassen Jeninga. “We are heartened that our students and staff are so passionate about engaging in this work and strengthening their understanding and learning throughout the year.”

“While meaningful learning takes place throughout the entire year, the learning focus for the month of November is Treaties. Schools and classes will learn directly from authentic Indigenous voices, Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers and then share their learning with others,” says Rita Russo, Director of Education. “I would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to the members of KPR’s Indigenous Education team for the valuable resources they make available throughout the year that help us all to think deeply as we celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of Indigenous Peoples.”



# November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Grade 7/8 Career Fair @ Healthy Planet	6 Grade 8s visit Adam Scott	7	8	9
10	11 Remembrance Day 	12	13	14	15 Photo retakes 	16
17	18 School Council @ 6:00 pm in Library	19	20 Progress Reports Home	21	22 Jimmy Chapman	23
24	25	26 Peterborough Petes present	27	28	29 Jimmy Chapman 	30