



# HIGHLAND HEIGHTS

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Dear Highland Heights Families,

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to continuing our journey together as the school year progresses. We maintain our commitment to your child's success. As a teaching staff, we are taking part in our own learning to further this endeavor. Educators are collecting and analyzing data to propel our learning forward for continued student success. We will partner with parents and guardians to support our students. Look for report cards to come home Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.

To this effect, research tells us that family involvement is critical to a child's development and achievement. A family's involvement in their child's education can influence higher achievement rates, attendance rates, lower delinquency and dropout rates, and higher high school completion and college or university rates. Researchers agree that parental attitudes have a major effect on children's learning and acceptance of school. Moreover, a cooperative relationship between home and school promotes a caring, supportive, and protective environments in which children can reach their fullest potential (Wilson, 2014).

Please continue to communicate closely with your child's teacher and consider becoming involved as a volunteer if you are able. We value your input and appreciate your contribution to school life.

This month, we continue to offer opportunities for students to participate in school culture, including presentations from the police for grades JK/SK, grade 1 and grade 6, basketball teams and participation in our GSA and Student Council meetings. Carnival is being planned for February 7 and we look forward to participating in this together as a school community. We are still waiting on our equipment to be delivered from the Peterborough Petes to move forward with our ball hockey at lunch.

Enjoy your conversations with your children and encourage them to pursue their passions through the opportunities we provide and those offered in the broader community.

Sincerely,

*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

### January's Character Attribute

#### **Perseverance:**

**I finish what I start, even when it is difficult. I do not give up even when faced with challenges or obstacles. I complete all tasks and assignments to the best of my ability.**



## School Council

The next council meeting will be held on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. online at Meeting link: [https://kprdsb.webex.com/meet/lorena\\_haleytwiss](https://kprdsb.webex.com/meet/lorena_haleytwiss) All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

## Athletic fee

Highland Heights collects \$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.

## 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. If you would like to bring treats for the class, please note that homemade items are not permitted, and all aforementioned guidelines must be followed. Thank you for your understanding.



## 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!



**Please note that this is our primary method of communication for attendance. You must use this number rather than calling the office.**

## 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.

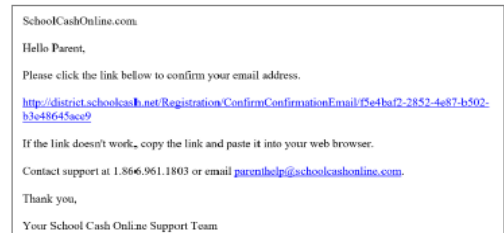
### Step 1: Register

- 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.
- 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.

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

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

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" and repeat the steps above. 8 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

## Edsby Parent Orientation and Sign-up

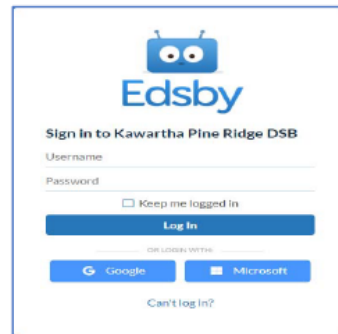
### How to Register an Edsby Account

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

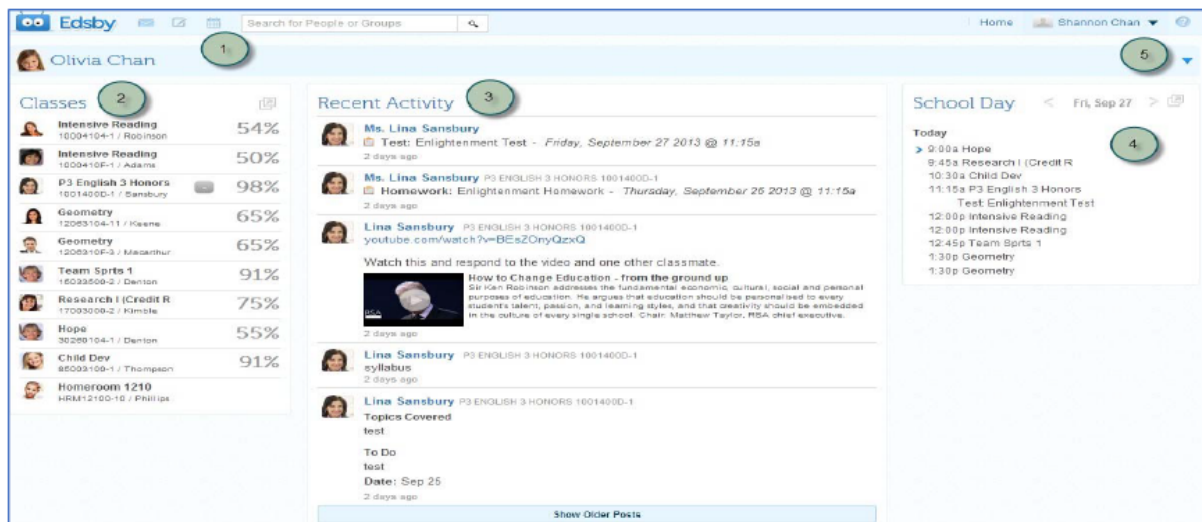
Username is your email account on file in office  
Password is created first time you log-in

### 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



### Edsby Parent Homepage Tour

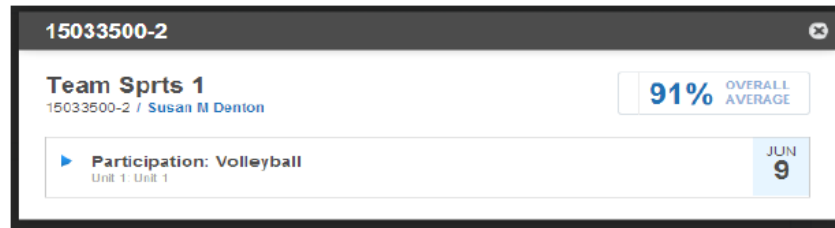
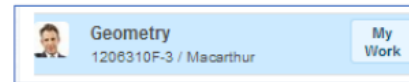


1. **Edsby Banner** - From here the message inbox, new message, and calendar can be accessed. Also, the "Edsby" logo will take you back to the parent homepage
2. **Classes** - Here you see a list of your child's classes. More details about specific assignments are also available here by clicking My Work
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 our Community Partner

## Active School Travel Survey Results Are In!

This November, alongside 25 other elementary schools in the City and County of Peterborough, **Highland Heights PS** participated in a school-wide student travel survey with Active School Travel Peterborough (AST Ptbo).

With the incredible support of our teachers and administrators, we conducted a five-day poll to track how students traveled to school each day. Using a simple hands-up survey, we collected valuable data quickly and efficiently—just 2 minutes a day over the course of a week.

Together we tracked:

- **363 walking trips**
- **18 biking or rolling trips**
- **196 bus trips**
- **395 car trips**
- **14 park 'n' stride trips** (where families parked a few blocks from the school and walked the rest of the way)

In total, our school gathered data on **986 trips**, providing a snapshot of how our student's commute.

## Why Does This Matter?

AST Ptbo and its partner organizations use this data to identify trends in student travel and understand how changes to infrastructure, services, and education programs influence family choices.

## What's Next?

In the new year, we'll receive a visual report summarizing our results. This report will answer questions like:

- **How do we travel to school?** A breakdown of our hands-up survey results.
- **How do we compare?** Insights into how our actual travel choices align (or differ) from those assigned by the Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this survey! Your involvement helps us work toward safer, healthier, and more sustainable school travel for all.



# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	<b>6</b> Welcome back!	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	<b>15</b> To Adam Scott for grade 8s 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<b>16</b> Gr. 8 Grad Photos 	17	18
19	<b>20</b> School Council @ 6:30 pm online	21	<b>22</b> Police presentation JK/SK (traffic safety) and Grade 6 sessions start (4 weeks)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	25
26	27	28	<b>29</b> Police presentation Gr. 1 (Stranger danger)	<b>30</b> Junior Girls Basketball Tournament	<b>31</b>	