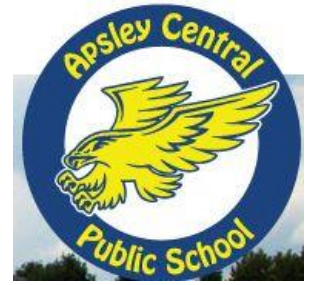




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Staffing changes at Apsley Central PS

Hello! I'm Ms. Lynn Kostuch, the new Principal at Apsley Central PS. Previously, I was Principal at Northumberland Hills PS in Castleton, and I have joined the ACPS staff, effective December 1st. I am delighted to be in Apsley! My home is in Peterborough, but I have spent many happy hours enjoying the beauty of North Kawartha Township in summer and in winter! Thank you to the wonderful students, staff and families who have made me feel so welcome during my first few days at the school. I look forward to working with you!

A big thank you to Mrs. Lori Woodbeck, who took over the role of Principal for the month of November, during the transition between myself and former Principal Mrs. Karen Brohart. And, of course, we send best wishes to Mrs. Karen Brohart, who is enjoying her retirement, which was effective at the end of October. We wish Mrs. Brohart all the best in her new adventures!!

Welcome to Ms. Brianna Elliot, who joins the ACPS staff this week. Ms. Elliot takes over for Ms. Wickland, and will be working with classes on Day 1 of our 5 day cycle.

I look forward to much joy, fun, laughter and learning with you. It is my honour to support students and student learning at Apsley Central PS. While we will send home regular newsletters and communications, please know that you can always call the school office, or reach me by email or Edsby if you have any questions or concerns.

Email: lynn_kostuch@kprdsb.ca

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♥ Ms. Kostuch

PROGRESS REPORTS (Grades 1-8) & INITIAL OBSERVATIONS (JK/SK)

Progress Reports and Kindergarten Initial Observations were sent by email to families on Monday, November 30th via a password protected attachment. Please call us at the school if you're having difficulty accessing the reports.



DECEMBER SPIRIT DAYS

Students can show their spirit during the final week in December! Here are the dates and the themes:



- Monday, Dec 14: **Red & Green Day**
- Tuesday, Dec. 15: **Plaid Shirts and Holiday Socks**
- Wednesday, December 16: **Holiday Headwear**
- Thurs, Dec. 17: **Ugly Holiday Sweater**
- Friday, December 18: **Pyjama Day**



Thank you to "The Intermediate Leadership Team" (TILT), and to Mrs. Cronkwright & Madame Passant for their leadership on Christmas Spirit Week!



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – Dec. 8th

The next School Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 8th at 5:30pm.

Everyone is welcome!

If you would like to join us, please call the School Office and we will forward the Zoom meeting link to you

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The generosity of the Apsley community is astounding! Our school has received many donations to support children at Christmas. Due to the pandemic, we are unable to offer a large scale toy drive and have encouraged donors to provide gift cards instead. Thank you for your understanding.



If your family could use some support at Christmas, please know that you can always contact the school office (705) 656-4231. We will work with you to arrange something to meet your needs. All inquiries remain confidential, as we respect the privacy of our community.

SCHOOL CLOSURE ON SNOW DAYS

The KPR Board has made an important change to inclement weather (snow) days this winter. Please see the attached letter from KPRDSB Director of Education, Jennifer Leclerc.



If all school buses to a school are cancelled, the school will CLOSED for the day.

More specifically:

- When ALL buses are cancelled across the entire School Board, ALL schools will be closed for the day
- When ALL buses are cancelled within a specific region (e.g. Northumberland County), schools in that region only will be closed for the day
- If ALL buses are cancelled for a specific school or group of schools, only that school or group of schools will be closed for the day.
- When only a few buses are cancelled, or buses are delayed, schools will remain open.

Schools will provide learning for students to work at home on snow days if school is closed. The delivery method will depend on your child's age and / or established communication with your child's teacher (e.g. Edsby; Google Classroom).

BUS CANCELLATION & DELAY INFO

Bus delay and cancellation information is posted at

www.stsco.ca

Go to the website and click on "Cancellations & Delays"

OR: Listen to your local radio station

OR: Provide your email address to STSCO and you will receive direct email notices from them. You can provide your email by logging into the "Parent Login", at www.stsco.ca, with your child's OEN and birthdate. The OEN is your child's Ontario Education Number. It can be found on your child's progress report or initial observation of learning.

211 ONTARIO

We know that living in a COVID-19 world has put additional strain on adults, children and youth, and we want to ensure our community knows how and where to access health and social services.

211 Ontario is a free, confidential help line available 24/7, in over 150 languages. It can link residents with government and support agencies in their area. You can reach 211 Ontario in several ways:

- call 2-1-1 on your phone
- text 21166
- participate in a [211Ontario.ca.chat](https://211ontario.ca/chat)
- email gethelp@211Ontario.ca

Families also can access the [Wellness Together portal](https://ca.portal.gs/).

It is a one-stop hub that provides free online mental health and substance use support to Canadians. The web address is: <https://ca.portal.gs/>

#STOPHESPREAD

- Self-screen every day using the Ontario Ministry of Health COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School. The link is: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening>
- Download the free COVID Alert app from <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/covid-alert.html>



**Kawartha Pine Ridge
District School Board**

**Information from KPRDSB regarding
inclement Weather School Closures**

The KPR Board has made an important change to how we handle inclement weather days (snow days) this winter. We wish to let all families know that schools will be **closed** on inclement weather days this year, to protect student health.

We know school closures are an inconvenience and hardship for parents and families. Ultimately, however, we must ensure student well-being at all times. To meet public health requirements and maintain student health, we are not able to combine groups or “cohorts” of students who attend school when buses are cancelled. We also cannot ensure that our schools would have enough staff on-site during snow days to safely supervise the much smaller groups of students in their existing cohorts.

Therefore, if all buses are cancelled to a school, a region of schools or all schools board-wide, those schools will be closed for the day.

More specifically:

- when ALL buses are cancelled across the entire board, ALL schools will be closed for the day
- when ALL buses are cancelled within a specific geographic region of the board, such as the Municipality of Clarington, Northumberland County or Peterborough County, schools in that region only will be closed for the day
- and, finally, if ALL buses are cancelled for a specific school or group of schools, only

that school or group of schools will be closed for the day.

When only a few buses are cancelled, or buses are delayed, schools will remain open.

Schools will provide learning for students to work at home on these days in a variety of ways, either through previously assigned or new work through the classroom teachers’ regular communication platforms, based on the age and grade of the students. Virtual elementary and secondary school programming on snow days will continue as normal.

We will inform families of school closures on snow days in several ways, including local news media, on www.kprschoools.ca, through our social media channels (@kprschoools on Twitter and Facebook), and by email or text from SchoolMessenger.

Please ensure that your school has up-to-date contact information for you, so that we can text or email you directly about what is happening at your child’s or teen’s school. You can sign up for our direct text service by sending a text message to **978338** with the message of “Y” or “Yes”.

For further information, please see the letter emailed to all families November 25 from Director of Education Jennifer Leclerc, or visit www.kprschoools.ca