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**Transportation Info.**

STSCO website ([www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca)).  
 You can also call STSCO at  
**1-800-757-0307**

**Route: 100 B**  
 Company: First Student  
 Bus driver: Maggie

**Route: 141 B**  
 Company: First Student  
 Bus driver: Joy



**STAFFING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR:**

JK/SK ~ Linda Cole	Core French ~ Kris Hatch
JK/SK ~ Sandra LeMarchant	Planning ~ Anne Graham, Kris Hatch
Grade 1/2 ~ Allison Stark, Tara Rice Anne Graham	Library/Planning~ Tara Rice
Grade 1 ~ Christina Poort	Reading Recovery ~ Allison Stark
Grade 2 ~ Doreen van den Broek	SERT ~ Fiona Hargraft, Tara Rice
Grade 2/3 ~ Virginia Redwood	ECE Teachers~ Jennifer
Grade 3 ~ Chris Stark	
Grade 3 ~ Chris Stark	
Grade 4 ~ Mike Cumberland	
Grade 5 ~ Diane Todd & Kris Hatch	
Grade 5/6 ~ Nina Murchie	Bouwmeester, Shannon Szusz
	EA's ~ Elaine Highfield, Wendy Glinski, Kim Schoon, Carly Steed
	CYW's ~Rhonda Sutherland & Sandra Timlin
Secretary ~ Penny Behan	
Head Custodian ~ Ian Dinnage	
Evening Custodian ~ Dave Etcher	
Principal~ Darlene Morra	

Trustees:  
**Jaine Klassen Jeninga**  
**Anthony Caruso**

School Council Chairperson:  
**TBA**  
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**Supervision Begins at 9:00 am**  
 Start: 9:10 am  
 1<sup>st</sup> Break: 10:50-11:10/11:10-11:30 am  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Break: 1:10-1:30/1:30-1:50  
 Dismissal: 3:30 pm



BEING STRONG . . . WE FLY TOGETHER!

**WELCOME BACK!**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome students, parents, guardians & staff to Beatrice Strong Public School. September brings the start of another school year and we find ourselves getting back into the routines of school that fall brings. This is a time that brings many new beginnings for both the students and the adults of our school community. I am very excited to be back at Beatrice Strong and look forward to working with all of you again this year. As well, we are welcoming back some staff members who will be part of our team here at Beatrice Strong. We would like to welcome back Shannon Szusz who will be teaching the JK/SK class with Linda Cole. Shannon has taught Kindergarten for a number of years. We would also like to welcome back Carly Steed (EA) who will be working with our support staff team.

The staff and I look forward to working with students, parents, and guardians to provide the best possible learning environment for our students. We are committed to working with families and want to encourage open

communication between the home and the school. It is through the efforts of both home and school that we are able to help students develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge that they need in order to be successful now and as well in the future!  
 On behalf of the staff at Beatrice Strong, we wish each of our families all of the best for a very positive beginning to 2017-2018 school year. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 905-885-9399. *Darlene Morra*



The School Council at Beatrice Strong Public School are a dedicated group of parents and school staff who work together to support student learning through various activities in the school. New members are most welcome. The first meeting of the year is on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Elections will take place at this meeting. Please join us.



**Upcoming Events for September:**

- September 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Welcome Back!**
- September 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Gr 2/3 & Grade 3 Class visit to the Port Hope Fall Fair**
- September 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Open House & School Council 5:00-6:30 p.m.**
- September 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Terry Fox Walk 2:00 p.m.**
- September 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Gr. 2, 2/3 & 3 classes at Science Centre**
- September 29<sup>th</sup> ~ PA Day ~ no classes for students**

**STUDENT AGENDAS**

Agendas have been purchased by School Council for the students in Grades 1 through 6. These agendas are a wonderful tool to assist our school community in many ways:

- communication between parents and school staff
- assisting students to develop the personal skills necessary to keep track of assignment/project due dates, homework, special events, etc.



**SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM**

Last year, we began using a new absence reporting system called Safe Arrival. It allows you to report your child's absence quickly and conveniently, in any one of the following ways: 1-866-740-2902 (toll free), website @ [kprdsb.schoolconnects.com](http://kprdsb.schoolconnects.com), or by downloading the app onto your iOS or Android device to report absences.

**BEATRICE STRONG'S SAFE ENTRY & EXIT PROCEDURES.....**

**\*These procedures are in place so there is appropriate supervision by school staff while your child is in our care.**

1. Students (and Parents) attending Breakfast Club are welcomed into the school at 8:30 a.m. Students will be dismissed onto the yard no sooner than 9:00 a.m. when supervision begins. Please use the door closest to the Breakfast Club or the Front Door of the school only.
2. Parents, please remember that students should not arrive on the school yard prior to 9:00 a.m. when supervision begins.
3. Parents are welcome to wait on the yard with their children until the bell goes at 9:10 a.m.
4. On inclement weather days, the school will be open for students to come directly inside at 9:00 a.m.
5. At the end of the day, students will be dismissed from the primary & junior doors onto the school yard. Bus students will line up at the front entrance of the school prior to boarding their buses.
6. If your child arrives late, or needs to be picked up early, parents need to come to the office to drop off, or pick up their child.

At the beginning and end of the day, please **do not** park in the front of the school from 8:50-9:15 a.m. and 3:15 until 3:40 p.m. as buses will be dropping & picking students up. Vehicles that are parked in the front might possibly be ticketed and towed. Just a reminder not to park in the YMCA parking spots unless you are picking up your child from there.

Thanks for your support with this.

**Beatrice Strong P.S.**



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL PLANS**

If your child has a medical condition that the school needs to be aware of, please contact the office. In these circumstances, an emergency response plan is created with the family and is shared regularly with school staff so that all know how to respond appropriately in the case of a medical emergency.

**MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

If your child requires medication on a daily basis at school, in accordance with KPR's policy, a form must be filled out and the medication remains in the school office for administration. Please see office staff if this would apply to your child.

**VOLUNTEERS**

A criminal Background Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening (including a check of the Pardoned Sexual Offences Database) are required on an **annual basis** for all volunteers who have direct and regular contact with students or where they are responsible for children (i.e., direct classroom volunteers or care of children on a classroom trip). It also applies to volunteers who assume a position of fiscal responsibility. This does not apply to individuals who attend school council meetings or help run a fun day etc. The paperwork for these Background Checks can be completed at the Port Hope Police station.

### YMCA CHILD CARE OPTIONS

Child Care Options Available. Are you looking for quality, affordable care for your child outside of school hours? The YMCA Child Care Centre, located right within your child's school, offers a variety of options suited to every family. Choose Before or After School Care, All-day Care, Holiday and PA Day Care, or any combination of categories, customized to your family's schedule. Our Child Care Centre is licensed and staffed by caring professionals in a fun, child-friendly environment. Arrange a tour today by calling 905-885-8246, or visit the centre supervisor, Michelle Weaver next time you are in the school.

Dogs are not allowed on school property during school hours (unless they are a working dog). We have children that have allergies and also many students are quite afraid of dogs.



### Edsby & Websby

All schools in KPR are using Edsby as a means of communication between home and school. This is an online communication system that allows parents to connect with school staff, learn about school activities and be involved in the school lives of their children. The online feature allows you to do this from home at your convenience.

It is really important that you ensure that the school has your current email address. Please make sure that we have this on file.

Our school website will now be available on Websby. You can access it through your Edsby account. You will click on Beatrice Strong in the top left hand corner. This site will include month newsletters and calendar along with exciting things that are happening at our school.

### Parent Conference on Mental Health

*KPR invites all parents and guardians to join us at our free, annual Parent Conference, to learn more about childrens' and teens' mental health.*

*2017 KPR Parent Conference – Minds Matter @ KPR Saturday, October 21  
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Adam Scott CVI, 175 Langton St. (at Hilliard St), Peterborough*

*Keynote Speaker: Sara Westbrook  
Three Habits of Resilient Families*

*Plus Choice of Workshops, Agency Displays, Refreshments & Child Minding for Ages 2 & Older And it's all FREE!  
Look for more information and on-line registration later in September on the home page at [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca)*

### SAFE WELCOME PROGRAM

KPR, as well as all school boards across Ontario, are involved in the Safe Welcome Program, **with funding from the Ministry of Education. We have front door security systems and locked doors. The security systems include a camera and intercom, connected with the school offices. Parents and visitors will be "buzzed in" by office staff, who will release the door lock from inside. Other outside doors to the school will remain locked, as they have been. We ask that when you come to the school, you check in with the secretary in the office before proceeding to the classrooms.**

**We understand that this approach may cause some inconvenience; however, the safety of our students is our highest priority. The locked security systems will help to ensure the school office is aware of all visitors during the course of the school day.**

### School Cash Online

No more worrying about having cash on hand or worse, exact change! Online payment is now available for things like trips and hotlunch/milk programs. Go to <http://kprdsb.schoolcashonline.com> to register.



### Beatrice Strong Open House

Wednesday, September 20,  
2017

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Visit our classrooms and meet the school staff

Pizza & drinks will be available

Visit SONG and various community tables set up in our school hall

Complete Paperwork for Police Checks for volunteering at the school



## STUDENT VERIFICATION & INFORMATION RELEASE FORMS

Forms are printed from the Trillium database used by the school. Please carefully review the information included. Forms have been sent home.

- Disregard/cross off any inaccurate previous school names
- Health Card Numbers are not recorded in the student database
- The Immunization Record Information is not used (any issues with student immunization are handled directly by the local Health Unit)
- Correct the information/change as necessary (doing this in colour, or using a highlighter to identify changes is really helpful)
- It is critical that the school have the most current information for emergency contacts, medical issues and custody status
- **NO CHANGES, PLEASE SEND BACK SIGNED**

The Breakfast Club will be returning on **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Breakfast will be served from **8:30-9:10 a.m.** Donations of **\$0.25** for students and **\$2.00** for adults is appreciated.



## FRIDGE CALENDARS

KPR will be publishing these again this school year. We anticipate their arrival at the school mid-September and will get copies home to each family shortly thereafter.

## STUDENT CROSSING

Students are reminded of the importance of walking across the street with the crossing guard, Mrs. Hauraney. It is essential that we continue to use our crossing guard in order to keep everyone safe.

### PLEASE DO NOT PARK BETWEEN THE PYLONS IN PARKING LOT.

Crossing Guards will be available at the following times/locations.  
In front of school:

8:15—9:15 10:45—11:45 1:00—2:00 3:05—4:05



## NOTES

If your child is travelling home in a manner other than their normal pattern (i.e., walking to a friend's house, being picked up by a relative or parent of a friend), a note is required please.

## PICTURE DAY SCHEDULE

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Retake Date: Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017



## NUT/PEANUT SAFE AT BEATRICE STRONG

Our school is home to students of all ages, stages, needs and capabilities. We welcome them all. Our school is a highly interactive space in which we share so many things - space, learning materials and even each other!

Older and younger students mix through playground programs, reading buddies, lunch buddies and other opportunities. For this reason we are asking that **you do not send any NUT/PEANUT products – all nut types, peanuts, peanut butter and anything else with nut/peanut oil etc, in it to school.** This applies to students of all grades and our staff.

We ask you to respect the needs of these children and support this request moving forward into another school year.

