



September 2015

# Ridpath Jr. Public School

“SEEKING, STRIVING, BELIEVING, ACHIEVING”

## Principal’s Message

Welcome back everyone to another wonderful year. We are really excited to be back after a summer of professional learning and relaxation.

We would like to welcome all of our new families and invite everyone to come and get involved in our school. The school is the heart of any community and we are thrilled to once again be able to offer great programs that will reach all students in our school in different forms. Information about the different extra-curricular activities as well as a community calendar for parents to review will be coming home shortly.

This year we are welcoming a number of new staff who will be introducing themselves to your children and giving them a wonderful experience. We are so proud of the commitment that exists here in this valuable program. This is such a wonderful community neighborhood, filled with people who care about the school, and our children. I look forward to having the best year ever with all of you and I invite you to join with us in continuing to make Ridpath the best place for children to thrive and learn.

We are having our first school council meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 in the staff room. Please come and learn about how you can get involved with the school and support doing great things for all of our kids.

Penny Hope  
Principal

We’re on the web!

<http://ridpath.kprdsb.ca/>

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### School Council Chair

## September is all about Respect

During the month of September we will be revisiting the character trait and grandfather teaching, “Respect”. Respect means that you consider that another person, a place, an animal, or a thing has value and therefore deserves to be treated well. Respecting your elders or those in authority means speaking and behaving courteously- being polite and attentive

in their presence. Respecting your fellow students means allowing them to speak when it’s their turn in class and not bothering them if they wish to be left alone. Respecting property means you don’t damage buildings or anyone’s personal belongings. Respecting a place, like a park or a school means you be-

have so that others can fully enjoy its feeling, beauty and teachings. We all like to be respected, so give others the respect you’d like to receive.

## Newsletter

In an effort to reduce costs and conserve paper, Ridpath newsletter is available in electronic format. Please email [norma\\_vatcher@kprdsb.ca](mailto:norma_vatcher@kprdsb.ca) with your email address if you would like to receive your newsletter electronically rather than in paper format.



## Medical Information

If your child has a medical condition, call the school immediately. You need to fill in an Emergency Response Form so staff can respond appropriately. If medication needs to be administered on a daily basis, medical forms need to be completed. These forms are included in this package and can be obtained from your child's teacher or at the office.

## Student Information Forms and Contact Information

Please return these forms as soon as possible. Always keep your contact information up-to-date. It is essential that we be able to reach you at all times, should your child need you.

## Absences

When your child is away from school please call 705 652 3811 ex 40 to report the reason for absence.

## Pick up and Drop off

Please communicate any changes of your child's regular routine in their agenda or communication book. We need these changes in writing. Calling the office at the end of the day may not ensure your plans are carried out. If you meet your child at the end of the day you are encouraged to meet in the front lobby. Please remember to sign your child in at the office if he or she is late and sign when picking up early.

At the end of the day please do not park where buses will be blocked.

## Going Out For Lunch

Junior Students may go out for lunch during the first nutritional break. Students must have a dated note from their parent/guardian that is presented to office staff before departure. Students must check in to the office upon return.

**Parents/Guardians/Caregivers are required to sign in at the office upon every school visit. Please do not go to classrooms unless a visitor's pass has been issued or if you are accompanied by a staff member. This ensures the safety of our school community.**

## Recesses and Weather

We will be going outside for recesses whenever possible so please make sure your child dresses for the weather. Everyone learns better if they get outside for fresh air and free time. Please send your child in rubber boots, if possible on wet days—especially if you know they enjoy the puddles!

**Safe Arrival #**

**705 652-3811 ex 40**



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**Nutritional / Recess Break Times**

**School Day Starts 8:55 am**

- 10:55-11:15 ( JK-1/2 will eat, 2/3-6 will go outside)
- 11:15-11:35 ( JK - 1/2 will go outside, 2/3-6 will eat)
- 1:15-1:35 ( JK-1/2 will eat, 2/3-6 will go outside)
- 1:35-1:55 ( JK - 1/2 will go outside, 2/3-6 will eat)

**Dismissal time 3:15 pm**

**Volunteers**

Volunteers are greatly appreciated and enrich our students' school experience. In order to volunteer you need a current Police Check that is valid for one year. Please verify the dates of your police check to be sure it is up to date if you plan to volunteer.

**City Residents**

If you live within the Peterborough / Lakefield City Limits you must pick up a police check request sheet from the school office and take this form with two pieces of Identification to the local police station in Lakefield. The cost is \$6.34.

**County Residents**

If you live in the OPP area you need to pick up the paper work at the school office and take it to the OPP station in Peterborough. You must bring two pieces of Identification.

**Curve Lake Residents**

Curve Lake volunteers will need to pick up a police check request sheet from the school office and take this form along with two pieces of identifications to the Curve Lake Police Station.

**Important Dates in September...**

- September 3 Welcome assembly @ 9:30
- September 17 Soccer
- September 21 School Council meeting @ 6:00
- September 25 PA Day

**Parent Conference on Mental Health**

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

**2015 KPR Parent Conference - Mental Health Matters @KPRDSB**

Saturday, October 17  
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
C.R. Gummow PS, Cobourg  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ian Manion, Life's Tough But So Are You:  
Building Resilient Kids Who Can Bounce Back from Problems  
Plus Choice of Workshops, Displays, Free Child Minding & Refreshments

Look for more information and on-line registration in mid-September at [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca) .

**Character in the Workplace  
Monthly Attributes**

- September – Respect
- October – Fairness
- November – Courage
- December – Empathy
- January – Initiative
- February – Perseverance
- March – Integrity
- April – Responsibility
- May – Optimism