

NEWSLETTER

Northumberland Hills Public School November 2023



At Northumberland Hills Public School, we value **RESPECT, KINDNESS, and BELONGING** for all and will demonstrate this to our students, staff, families, and community through our ongoing actions.

To our Northumberland Hills Community,

The goal for the month of November is making connections with all of you. These connections include bringing families into the school more regularly and offering support through conversations, activities, and events.

Our community engagement starts with parent-teacher interviews after the Progress Reports go home. Interviews will be arranged between the teacher and family at a mutually agreed upon time. We are differentiating the interview experience to accommodate phone, or in-person interviews. You can connect with your child's classroom teacher to arrange an interview time after November 17th.

We are also inviting you in for two special events - THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR and JOYFUL GIVING: The Holiday Market! Both events are on November 30th from 4pm to 8pm.

We look forward to connecting with you 😊

Be well!

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WEATHER REMINDERS

Clothing:

As the weather changes, LAYERS become the ideal clothing option. Consider the following:

- Hats and gloves
- Warm coat
- Sweaters
- Boots (when there is snow)
- Long pants / Snow pants

Buses and weather cancellations - When the weather is bad go to...

- STSCO Website: www.stsco.ca
- KPRDSB: www.kprdsb.ca
- Tune into your local radio station



NOTE: When buses are cancelled, the school remains open for those that can make it in safely.

NHPS PIZZA DAYS - DECEMBER



It's time to order pizza for December!

Pizza days are one of the biggest financial supporters of programs at NHPS. Get your pizza orders in today!

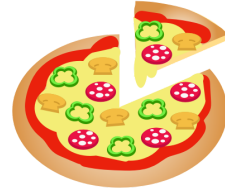
Pizza orders are available online at [School Cash Online](#)
Order December pizza by Monday, November 27th
January pizza orders are also available online

Pizza Dates for December:

Friday, December 1st

Friday, December 8th

Friday, December 15th



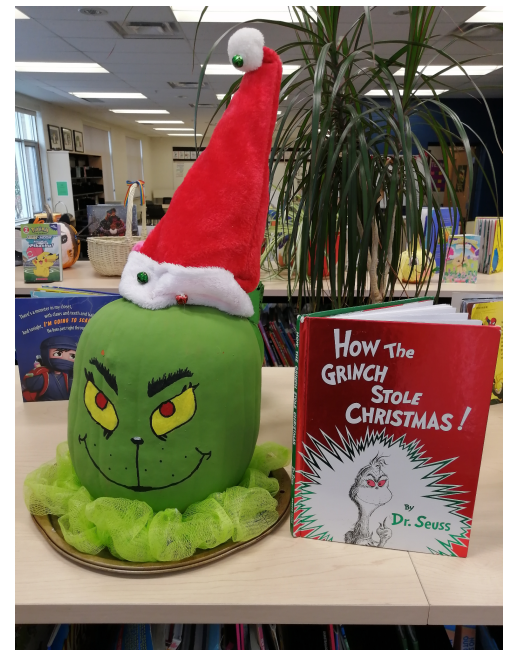
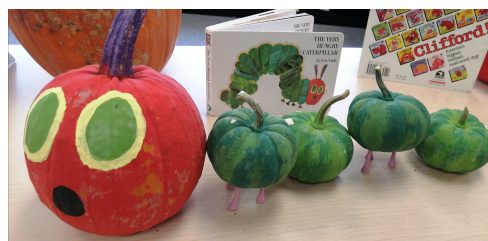
NOTE: If buses are canceled on a Friday due to weather, pizza ordered on that day will be given the following Wednesday

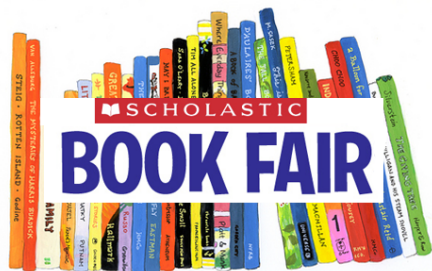
HALLOWEEN @ NHPS

PUMPKIN BOOK CHARACTER SHOWCASE 2023 was a huge success. There were so many incredible pumpkin characters on display featuring some of our student's favourite book characters. Each child beamed with pride when they showed off their pumpkins in the library gallery.

A huge thank you to all the families that supported in making this a huge success. Also, a big thank you to our teacher-librarian, Mrs. Hawkes, for her leadership in making this such an incredible community activity.

Photos have been taken of all the character pumpkins and will be displayed on the TV in the front foyer of the school for the month of November. Drop in and take a look 😊





FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

November 27th to December 1st

At NHPS, book fairs have always been a tremendous success. Turn out over the past several years demonstrates that students and families believe in the power of books! We are excited to once again host Scholastic during the last week of November (just in time for the holiday season)!

What makes Scholastic Book Fairs special? between 15-60% of the proceeds comes back to the school for the purchase of new books, resources, and furniture for the library learning commons (depending on amounts made)

Here are the details:

1. **Make a wish list** - Teachers will schedule their classes to come to see the books on display and make a list of items they want to purchase. This list will be brought home and shared with you!
2. **Student Shopping** - Mrs. Hawkes (and other volunteers) will host shopping times for students during first and second recesses on dates TBD
3. **Evening Family Shop** - On Thursday, November 30th from 4pm to 8pm come to the NHPS library to shop alongside your children! This is a great opportunity to do some of your own holiday shopping while contributing back to your child's school.

STORM WEAR FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The new collection of NHPS Storm Wear is available on [School Cash Online](#) until **Monday, November 6th**. Placing orders this early allows plenty of time for items to be shipped to the school well before the holiday season.

Along with our standard hoodies, and t-shirts, check out what's new!

- NHPS Touques
- Baseball 3/4 length sleeve t-shirt
- Joggers (Grey and black)
- Variety of colours (Red, Purple, Gold, Blue, Black, Grey)



SCHOOL COUNCIL 2023-24 - Your Voice!

The NHPS School Council wants to hear from you. We want you to connect with one of us when you have something you feel needs to be brought to the attention of council.

Council works for all of you to make NHPS the greatest school for your children to learn and grow. Your School Councillors are eager to bring your voice forward and are willing to represent your voice at council meetings.

Here are some of the people who are here for you:

Amanda Visneski	Sineid McDonald	Ryan Gillam	Lauren Gould	Chelsea Thompson-Stewart	Cristol Smyth
<i>Kindergarten and Grade 1 parent</i>	<i>Kindergarten parent</i>	<i>JK, Grade 4, and 5 parent</i>	<i>Grade 1 parent</i>	<i>Grade 2, 3, and 7 parent</i>	<i>Chair of School Council</i> <i>Grade 2 parent</i>
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CONNECT WITH US!

Social Media:

Instagram
[@northumberlandhillsp](https://www.instagram.com/northumberlandhillsp/)

Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/thehillsschoolcouncil/>

Online:

School Website
<https://northumberlandhills.kprdsb.ca/>

EDSBY Groups to add

1. School Council
 2. NHPS Newsletters
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JOYFUL GIVING: The Holiday Shop

SAVE THE DATE - November 30th (4pm-8pm)

Location: NHPS Gym

Your NHPS School Council is hosting a shopping event where everything is \$1.00!

A letter will be coming home with your child to ask for donations for lightly used items that can be purchased by families for the holiday season. This event will make the holiday season more manageable and reduce waste through sharing.

STUDENT DISMISSAL & EARLY PICKUP

We continue to have a structured dismissal process that supports student safety at a very busy time of the day. We begin the dismissal process at 3:46pm by escorting primary students to the buses. All other students are dismissed at 3:50pm.

A few things about early dismissal:

- We cannot call a student down for early pick-up after 3:30pm.
- If you require early pick-up, please inform the office before 3:15. Pick-up is at the front door only.
- Regular pick-up will occur at 3:50pm. For safety, PLEASE HAVE ID READY
- Walkers will be dismissed at the 3:50 bell

PERSONAL DEVICES - cell phones/smartphones

Personal technology is a reality. With the increase in cell phone usage, we see an increase in cyberbullying and inappropriate use of technology. In elementary school, students are learning how to manage safety and etiquette while online. Teachers work with students around internet safety, and are committed to keeping your child safe. The following policy is in place and aligns with KPRDSB's appropriate use of technology policy.

Personal devices are not required at school. We have enough student technology (Chromebooks, iPads, and desktop computers) to offer your children a technology rich learning experience.

If your child brings a cell phone or smartphone to school, the following expectations are in place:

1. The device is stored away for the entire day when on school property unless a staff member has provided a specific educational task to complete under their direct supervision.
2. If a child misuses technology we implement the following progressive discipline approach:
 - **First Offense:** Verbal warning
 - **Second Offense:** A second verbal warning is given with clear explanation of consequence if expectations are not followed.
 - **Third Offense:** The student will be asked to bring their device to the office where the principal will discuss the policy with them and provide a warning of the potential loss of privileges.
 - **Fourth Offense:** Device will no longer be allowed at school and a phone call home will be made.

Students may use their devices on the bus, but cannot be turned on until they are seated. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office directly. We will call your child to the office.

REGISTERING FOR EDSBY

Edsby is a major form of communication between the school and home. Both the classroom and the office have access to messaging through EDSBY and most of your child's school information (i.e., OEN number and report cards) can be accessed through this site.



Here's How to Register:

- You will receive an invitation from the school. If you don't receive an invitation, and have never registered before, please call the office for support. 905-344-7361
- On your web browser type in - kpr.edsby.com
- USERNAME is your email account you have on file with the school
- PASSWORD is created when you first log-in


Forgot your password??

- If you have an existing account click [Can't Log In](#). You will be prompted to reset your password

Paying for school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is School Cash Online?
School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.
[Learn more](#)

[Register](#) [Sign In](#)



REGISTERING FOR SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

To access online payments, parents can enrol at [School Cash Online](#); it takes less than five minutes. Registered parents can see their payment history, print receipts, and receive email notifications whenever new student fees are posted for their child.

Use the following link for detailed, how to instructions::

https://www.kprschools.ca/en/our_schools/getinvolved/parentresources/schoolcashionline.html

Northumberland Hills 2023-2024 STAFF

CLASSROOMS

JK/SK	Courtney Martin & Karen Victor	Rm 123
JK/SK	Carly McKelvie & Tanya Hayward-Lamb	Rm 125
JK/SK	Nicole McMurray & Rebecca Herring	Rm 131
Grade 1	Michele Sheehy	Rm 133
Grade 1/2	Holly Harnden	Rm 139
Grade 2	Terry Taylor	Rm 207
Grade 2	Andrea Broomfield-Doherty	Rm 206

ACROSS THE SCHOOL

SERT	Michele Whitney	Office
SERT/PT	Lacey Hogeboom (K-3)	Rm 113
Overlay	Tracey Hewitt (0.56)	Rm 214
Planning	Tracey Hewitt (0.31)	Rm 214
French	Amber Jessup (1.0)	Rm 214
French	Nicholas Ormond (0.30)	Rm 214
Library/STEAM	Pavanne Hawkes	Rm 104

Grade 2/3	Susan Solomon	Rm 205
Grade 3/4	Amanda MacKenzie	Rm 203
Grade 4	Jacob Gallant	Portable
Grade 4/5	Julie Noel	Rm 204
Grade 5/6	Larisa Lacroix	Rm 201
Grade 5/6	Eva Osterlee	Rm 202
Grade 7/8	Ola Zobel-Brown	Rm 200
Grade 7/8	Katie Williams	Rm 216
Grade 7/8	Paul Hamel	Rm 218

SUPPORT STAFF

CYW	Carly Dobie (LTA)	
CYW	Matthew Marlin	
EA	Julie Elder	
EA	Joanne Campbell	
EA	Whitney Honey	
EA	Natalie Garcia	
EA	Brianne Wilton	
EA	Careyann Paradis	

	<i>Library</i>	Rm 104
	<i>STEAM Lab</i>	Rm 106

COACHING STAFF

EIT	Nicole McMurray (0.4)	
DS Coach	Katie Williams (0.16)	

OFFICE STAFF

Principal	Stephen Koshurba	Office
Secretary	Wanda Lansley	Office

CUSTODIAL STAFF

Custodian	Tricia Davey (AM)	
Custodian	Cody Dewan (PM)	
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