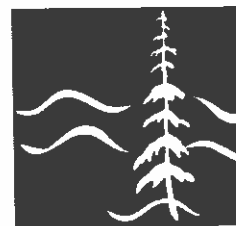




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Keeping You Informed

Welcome back to NHPS for another great year! We are looking forward to a smooth and successful start-up due to the effort from our amazing staff.

We are also happy to say that our enrollment is up. As of Friday, August 31st, we have 306 students from JK to grade 8 – and we will likely have more this week! Once again a significant jump from the KPRDSB projections in the spring. It's a good thing to see our small school thriving!

Open House is scheduled for September 20th from 5:30-6:30 and will include a BBQ and will be followed by a school council meeting at 7:00 in our library. We hope to see you that night.

♥ Ms. Osborne

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to all of our teachers for their work to prepare the classrooms for students & learning. They look fantastic.
- Thank you to Mr. Dunn & Ms. Sheppard for the excellent job cleaning the school this summer. We are so lucky to have such a shiny and beautiful school.
- Thank you to **CASTLERIDGE CONCRETE** for donating a load of sand to fill our sandboxes – and completing the work on the long weekend so that our students had it ready to go for the first day of school!

NUT SAFE

Remember – we are a NUT SAFE school. Please do not send your child with any items that contain peanuts or other nuts and remind your child that we do not share lunches or snacks at school.



STORM WEAR

We made a transition to more traditional colours for our Storm Wear this year. Watch for the launch of our items at the Open House! Like last year, all orders must be done online using School Cash.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

- Sarah Archer is back with us covering for Ms. Broomfield this fall.
- Jodi Walas is our new SERT. She joined us for several days last spring but is now with us officially.
- Beth Nelson will be our primary planning teacher and doing some work in our grade 6/7 class and with our SERT.
- Lisa Sheppard is back as our nighttime custodian
- Whitney Honey, Tara Winters & Jessica Roppel are joining us as EAs. They will be working with students throughout the school, so your child may talk about them.

Welcome also to Casey Wheatcroft (with Ms. Solomon) & Abbie Darling (With Ms. Williams) 2 teacher candidates from Trent University who will be working with us the first week of school and then back with us for the month of November.

A complete staff list is included in this newsletter.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

We wanted to provide an update on the Health and Physical Education Curriculum for the coming school year. As you know, the government has announced a broad public consultation on this issue. While this consultation is underway, the Ministry of Education has re-issued the 2010 Health and Physical Education Curriculum for elementary students. Secondary students will continue to receive the curriculum broadly revised and introduced in 2015.

We know that our teachers and school support staff are well-trained professionals who will continue to be committed to supporting the well-being and healthy development of students.

We are also obligated by legislation to follow the provincially approved curriculum. Our teachers are highly professional, and will teach the curriculum in a developmental and age appropriate manner as they have always done.

As with any question you may have about anything related to your child's learning, the best place to start is with their classroom teacher. These conversations can strengthen positive relationships between parents and teachers, and resolve concerns at the level closest to the issue.

More information is also available on our board's website at: www.kprschoools.ca

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

Please remember that if your family is ever going through a tough time to contact the school office or your classroom teacher.



We sometimes have access to additional resources or community supports to help families through difficult times. Helping children get backpacks, indoor shoes, Christmas Presents, eye glasses and financial support for field trips are all things we have done in the past. We are always wanting to support so please let us know how we can help.

TERRY FOX RUN – September 27th



THE
**TERRY
FOX RUN**
for cancer research

On September 27th, our school will be holding our annual Terry Fox Run. Students are asked to bring a **Toonie for Terry**

on this day & wear any Terry Fox T-Shirts or STORM WEAR that they may have.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Please remember our technology policy:

- Students can use technology in class to assist and advance their learning, with teacher permission & direction
- Technology is not allowed at lunch or outdoor recess
- Technology cannot be used in the halls and of course never in any washrooms.

Because of the limited access to cell phones, please – **DO NOT CALL OR TEXT YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL.** If you would like to get an urgent message to them, just call the office and we will help. If they need to call home, they are welcome to come to the office and request to use the phone and will be allowed to use their cell phones with supervision.

Please also be aware that we never require students to bring in technology from home. We have many devices that they can use at school, so feel free to have them leave their technology at home.



September 20th!

Northumberland Hills is opening its doors to parents on September 20th. All parents are encouraged to come to the meet & greet sessions to find out more about what we do at The Hills. This evening is a chance for parents to meet their child's teacher, see their classroom & find out about the routines and the specifics of the classroom program. Single subject and support teachers will be available in The Hub to discuss with you their subject areas.

Please Remember: This is not an evening to discuss your child's individual progress with the teacher. If you would like to arrange a time to meet with the teacher about your child, please set-up an appointment for a different time.



BUSSES

Just a reminder to parents/students, that students are only eligible to ride to/from their PRIMARY residence listed with the school, on the bus that STSCO has assigned to them. **Students are never permitted to ride on a friend's bus, or any other bus for any other reason.** Parental notes requesting permission for a student to ride on a different bus or at a different stop will be denied.

Also In accordance with School Board Policy, from time to time during the year, it may be necessary for a video camera to be installed on a bus to deal with concerns regarding route operation or student behaviour. The information recorded is reviewed by the Principal and supports the investigation of the concerns. The information is treated confidentially and the Principal oversees use of the same. Students and families are hereby given notice of the fact that such recording equipment may be installed on the bus serving their route and used for the stated purposes during the school year.

SAFE SCHOOLS & STUDENT DROP-OFF

Remember that when dropping off your child at school, please sign in at the office and then your child needs to walk to the classroom by themselves. If they need help getting to the classroom, we will make arrangements for a staff member to accompany them. Parents are not allowed to walk through the school without an appointment and a visitor's pass.

NEW STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING SYSTEM

We have a new student absence system this fall. You will need to create a new account and register your children. Please visit studentabsence.kprdsb.ca. If you use the mobile app, please search for **SchoolMessenger** (one word) on Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. You can also use the phone number **1-844-434-8119** to report an absence. Watch for your fridge magnet with the new information coming home soon!

IMPORTANT – POLICE CHECKS

This is just a reminder that all volunteers need up-to-date police record checks, prior to volunteering for field trips/sports/events, etc. and that this process has to be done on a yearly basis. We always feel disappointed when family members have to miss out on field trips because they don't have the completed paperwork, so please be sure to get them done. If you are unsure of your status, feel free to call the office, but do so early in the year so that you won't miss out.

Like last year, in order to get your police records check, please come to the office and get a stamped form. You may also pick one up at Open House or request one be sent home with your child. This form will allow you to go to the OPP detachment with your 2 pieces of identification. One piece must contain a photo. Acceptable identification can only be:

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION:

Driver's Licence, BYID (issued by the LCBO), Military Employment Card, Canadian Citizenship Card, Indian Status Card, International Student Card, Passport, Permanent Resident Card, PAL-Possession & Acquisition Licence and CNIB Card.

NON-PHOTO IDENTIFICATION:

Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Hunting Licence, Outdoors Card, Canadian Blood Donor Card and Immigration Papers.

Health Cards and S.I.N. Cards cannot be accepted for identification purposes

HEAD LICE

Lice is a pesky nuisance and it's best if it is found and treated early. **We ask all families to check their children**

weekly to ensure that they are free of

lice and nits. Please be vigilant so that we can minimize this pest as much as possible in our school. If your child does have lice, please treat them and remove all nits and contact the school. Please continue to check them daily for nits for several weeks. If you would like to assist our parent team in checking students, please contact the office. The best way to keep lice at bay is to check your own child frequently.



MEET THE STAFF

Jill McQuillin & Karen Victor	Rm 123	JK/SK
Carly McKelvie & Christine Lewis	Rm 125	JK/SK
Terry Taylor	Rm 133	SK/Gr 1
Holly Harnden	Rm 139	Gr 1 / 2
Michele Sheehy	Rm 204	Gr 2
Andrea Broomfield/Sarah Archer	Rm 206	Gr 2 / 3
Sue Solomon	Rm 205	Gr 3
Amanda MacKenzie	Rm 203	Gr 4
Kathy Harris	Rm 216	Gr 5
Maeghan O'Brien	Rm 202	Gr 5 / 6
Katie Williams	Rm 201	Gr 6 / 7
Ola Zobel-Brown	Rm 200	Gr 7 / 8
Joanne Redfern	Rm 218	Gr 7 / 8
Michele Whitney	Library	Planning
Amber Sarbutt	Rm 212	French
Beth Nelson	Rm 212	Planning,
Jodi Walas	Rm 214	SERT
Matt Dunn	Rm 136	Head Cust.
Lisa Sheppard	RM 136	Evening Cust.
Alison Osborne	Office	Principal
Wanda Lansley	Office	Secretary
Rachel Woodruff	Rm 131	YMCA daycare
Cynthia Di Venanzo		CYW
Wilma Heideman		EA
Michele Jarvis		EA
Michelle Chatten		EA
Whitney Honey		EA
Tara Winters		EA

OFFICE

With our growing school population, we are very busy in the office. However, we ALWAYS prioritize the students in the school. With our 306 students, sometimes adults may have to wait a minute or two or we might not get to the phone. Please be understanding and know that we are working hard with the students in the office. If you do call the office, please be sure to leave a message and we will return your call. Mrs. Lansley usually takes her lunch from about 12:30-1:30, so that time tends to be particularly busy!

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

School Cash Online is fast, simple and secure, no need to send cash or cheques with your child.

Northumberland Hills Public School is pleased to announce that most school fees and items can be paid for online from the comfort of your own home. Pay ONLINE! Register now (it takes less than 5 min) at <https://kprdsb.schoolcashionline.com>. This year, many items such as Storm Wear and Warkwarth Bakery Lunch, will continue to only be available online. By paying for items online, you save our teachers and Mrs. Lansley hours of time that they would have otherwise spent counting money and completing paperwork, so we appreciate your help with this.

Please see attached "Step by Step Registration Guide" for instructions on how to register. If you need help creating an account or accessing your information, please contact the office. The one exception to this is our Pizza Hot Lunch. This will continue to be cash only at the present time.

DRINKING WATER

In July, there was a new Drinking Water Legislation passed in Ontario. The past practice of testing "at the end of a plumbing run", is no longer acceptable. As a result, you will see signs posted that read "hand washing only" on those water sources not intended for drinking. This simply means that the water at that particular fixture is not tested directly and therefore we are not able to certify it as safe to drink. It remains the same water that is coming into the building and going to our tested fixtures. All drinking fountains and food preparation areas have been tested at the fixture and verified safe.

PLAN OF CARE

Keeping your children safe is a shared responsibility. If your child has a medical need, please contact the office and we will develop a Plan Of Care for them. This is a new document that will allow us to work through the process that will be in place should your child become ill at school. Any ongoing issues – including asthma and allergies – should be brought to our attention so that we can ensure staff understand the steps to take should a situation arise.



2018 COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN

The 24th season for Coats For Kids is getting started. Donations of kids winter coats in '**good condition**' (zippers working, no tears on the outside or lining of the coat) are needed as well as boots and other winter apparel. You can drop them off from **Monday, September 24th to Friday, October 5th** at the following locations or call our office and we will have them picked up. **For every Kids Coat donated the donor will receive a coupon for Tim Horton's on William Street in Cobourg.**

- **Canadian Tire Associate Store** 1125 Elgin St. W. Cobourg M-S 9am-5pm
- **The Salvation Army Citadel**, 59 Ballantine Street in Cobourg Monday to Friday from 9:00a.m. - 3:30p.m.
- **The Salvation Army C&FS** 66 Swayne Street, Cobourg Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.
- **Community Care Northumberland** 1005 Elgin St. W. Cobourg M-F 8:30am-4:00pm;
- **Northumberland United Way** 62 Swayne Street M-F 8:30am-4:30pm
- **We Fix U Cobourg** 727 William St. Cobourg M-F 8am - 5pm; 125 Toronto Rd. Port Hope M-T 10am – 5pm.
- **Beebe's Boot Shop Ltd.** 33 King St. W. Cobourg M-F 10am-7pm; S 9am-6pm

Colborne Cramahe Figure Skating Club

2018-2019 Season Registration

Sept. 13 & 18, 2018

6:30pm - 8:00pm

At The Keeler Centre

A silhouette of a figure skater in a dynamic pose, with one leg extended and arms out, set against a dark background.

FREE KPR Parent Conference October 20

Mental Health, Math & Modern Learning is the theme for this year's Parent Conference, taking place Saturday, October 20 at Bowmanville High School. New this year are workshops that parents and guardians will be able to attend together with their children or teens. Keynote speaker Dr. Greg Wells will start the morning conference with a presentation titled The Ripple Effect: Sleep, Think, Eat and Move Better. As always, the conference also will offer a choice of practical workshops, child minding, refreshments and take-home resources – all at no charge. Stay tuned for more information and registration details later in September at www.kprschoools.ca

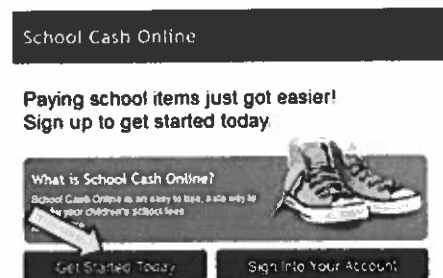
SchoolCashOnline

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.

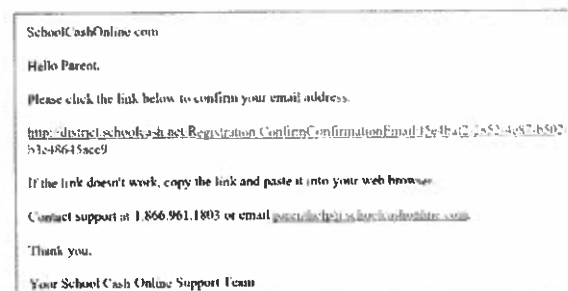
Step 1: Register

- 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

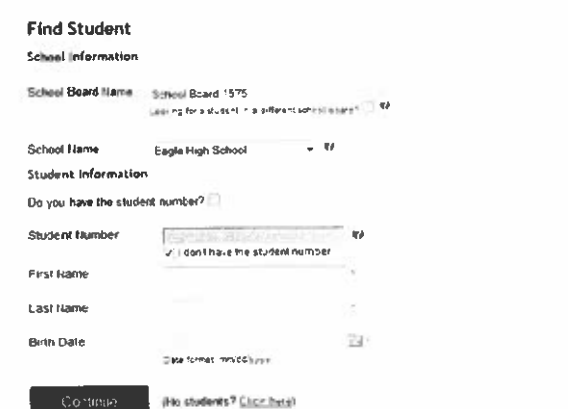
A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account. The confirmation link will open the *School Cash Online* site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just 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.

September 2018

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Junior Boys & Girls Soccer – Wooler Fields, Tentative	Inter. Boys & Girls Soccer – Wooler Fields, Tentative	Rain Date for all Soccer	TERRY FOX RUN Bring a Toonie!	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY Students Home	30