



# NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## DECEMBER 2018

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### Keeping You Informed

*With December also comes the possibility of snowy days and bus cancellations. We have already had one! Be sure to listen to a local radio station, follow us on Twitter or check [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca) for information around transportation delays and cancellations. Remember that when the buses are cancelled, all special events on that day are also cancelled – including hot lunch, sporting events and school events. Please remember that safety is our number one priority with anything – this includes staff and student travel to Northumberland Hills. We do not want anyone to take risks, so know that the children will not miss any instruction or fun on snow days, but will be doing review. If you do decide to bring your child to school on a snow day, they will need to have transportation home. Bus students do not need to call in their absences on this day, but walkers who stay home should be especially careful to call the school as we will be checking on these students as usual.*

♥ Ms. Osborne



### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our Next School Council Meeting is on  
January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm. Please join us!

### THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Williams & Ms. MacKenzie for organizing the Remembrance Day Ceremony and to all of the people who made it a success. From classes performing, to setting up the gym, it was an amazing community effort.
- Thank you to Ms. Whitney who organized the book fair and to our parent volunteers: Tanya W., Michelle H., Stephanie B., Geraldine M., Miranda H., & Karen W.
- Thank you to Mrs. Lansley for organizing the Poinsettia sales and to all of the families who participated. We raised over \$700 for balls for recess.
- Thank you to our Friendship Week Volunteers: Stephanie B, Karen W & Brandy R-P.

### MAKER'S MARKET

We had a wonderful Maker's Market last Sunday – it was busy and fun and a great way to support our community with some very local purchases. Thanks to all of our parent volunteers who came early, stayed late, sold tickets, made coffee, collected raffle prizes, shared the Facebook posts, told your family and friends and shopped local!! Thank you to Krista G for organizing the event and to Ms. Whitney for running the Book Fair for us all day. Watch for our third annual Maker's Market to run next year!

### FRESH FROM THE FARM

Thank you to Cristol S & the School Council for their work on the Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser. The produce is local and delicious and if you ordered some, it will be ready to be picked up on November 29<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Please pick it up as soon as possible.



## TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Just a reminder about our technology policy:

- Students can use technology in class to assist and advance their learning, with teacher permission & direction.
- Indoor recess it is ok to use technology.
- Technology is not allowed at lunch or outdoor recess, or even coming off the bus.
- Technology cannot be used in the halls and of course never in the 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 in the office with supervision. If your child does send you a text during school hours, please do not reply by text, but feel free to call the school and we will get your child out of class for you. We find that close supervision of technology keeps students safer. Thanks for your support.

## Not following us on Twitter?

234 followers can't be wrong! Don't miss out on our updates. @theHillsPS. **We even tweet bus cancellations!!!**



## WINNERS! RULES TO LIVE BY

Congratulations to the winners of our school poster contest depicting our rules to live by:

Eve J. ♥ Gwen W. ♥ Todd B. ♥ Jade C. ♥  
Emma C. ♥ Nathan S. ♥ Jacob G.

You will see their winning designs posted around our school! Our school Rules to Live By were determined by a group of students, staff and parents in the spring of 2015 and we continue to reinforce them. Our rules are:

**Take Action ♥ Be Safe ♥ Be Respectful**  
**Be Responsible ♥ Be Helpful ♥ Be Thankful**

## YMCA CHILDCARE @ Northumberland Hills

Our YMCA Before & After School Care opened in September 2016 and is going strong. Our Child Care is based on the YMCA Playing to Learn Curriculum.

We still have space, so feel free to email or call Rachel at 905-376-9623 or [northhillsc@ymcanorthumberland.com](mailto:northhillsc@ymcanorthumberland.com)



## COOKIES & CAROLS

Our annual Cookies, Carols & Cocoa event is on again this year and we are looking for adults to help. If you or someone in your family are able to assist, please complete the form attached to this newsletter. We love our volunteers!

## GIVING TREE – Toy Drive

Since 1989 the "Giving Tree" in Northumberland Mall has assisted more than **33,600** children and youth throughout Northumberland County to have a brighter Christmas.



*As a school community, we collect new, unwrapped toys to help families who are having a hard time over the holidays and provide these to the Giving Tree to distribute. We have our*

*Toy & Book Drive beginning November 26<sup>th</sup> and running until December 3<sup>rd</sup>.*



## Santa Skate

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

10:00am-1:00pm at the Keeler Centre

Free Admission – Free Skating

Bake Table – Memory Tree

Sponsored by:

CRH Canada, Ogden Point Quarry

For more information, call:

**Community Care**  
Northumberland

(905)355-2989 or visit <http://www.commcare.ca/christmas.html>





## ***Every Student Matters Census***

### **Questions and Answers**

#### **Why is KPR conducting this survey?**

School boards across the province are completing a census with their school communities in order to better understand the needs of student populations and school communities. The census will gather demographic data (statistical information) to help us better understand the people we serve.

Several school boards have already completed their first census, while other boards, like KPR, are completing it this school year or next.

#### **What is the purpose of the survey?**

The census will help school boards better understand the needs of our students and school communities. Specifically, the census information will be used to:

- address any barriers to student achievement and success,
- establish effective programs, and
- allocate resources according to student needs.

#### **Who will complete the survey?**

- Parents of JK-6 students will be asked to complete the survey online.
- Students in Grades 7-12 will be asked to complete the survey in class.

#### **Is the survey mandatory?**

No. Survey completion is voluntary; however a high level of survey completion will allow for more complete information about school communities.

Parents/guardians will receive a letter before the survey is administered, with the option to request that their child not participate in the process.

#### **What type of questions will be on the census?**

The census consists of approximately 25 questions about wellbeing, family structure, gender, sexuality, religion, ethnicity, race, languages, nationality, disability and socio-economics.



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#### **What is the purpose of the Community Information Sessions?**

The Community Information Sessions will include a 20-minute presentation on the purpose of the survey, its importance and relevance, followed by a Question and Answer period. Parents, guardians and caregivers are also welcome to send questions directly to the school board by emailing [census@kprdsb.ca](mailto:census@kprdsb.ca)

All sessions will take place from 6:30-7:30 pm.

<i>Northumberland</i>	<i>Clarington</i>	<i>Peterborough</i>
Cobourg Collegiate Institute Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup> Campbellford District High School - Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Courtice Secondary School Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> Newcastle Public School Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Prince of Wales Public School Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup> Lakefield District Public School – Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>

#### **How will the census be completed?**

The census survey is intended to be completed online, with the option of printed surveys for parents/guardians that require/prefer this option. Students will complete the survey online during class time.

Translated versions of the survey are also available in many languages. If you require a translated version of the survey, please email: [census@kprdsb.ca](mailto:census@kprdsb.ca)

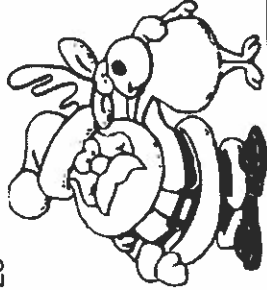
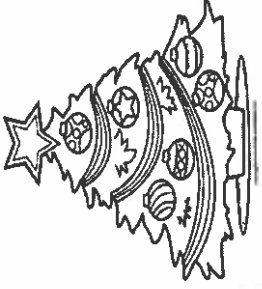
#### **Is the census survey anonymous?**

The survey is confidential, but it is not anonymous. Data will be collected in a secure manner in accordance with applicable legislation and best practices.

#### **How will responses be kept confidential and secure?**

Questionnaires will have unique identification numbers assigned to them. Surveys completed online will be housed on school board servers, and will only be accessed by a limited number of KPR staff, to analyze the data. Reports will never single out a student, and will only be reported in a summarized way, to provide understanding of school communities and their needs.

# DECEMBER 2018 CALENDAR - NORTHTUMBERLAND HILLS PS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				29 FRESH FROM THE FARM PICK-UP - AFTERNOON	30 JERSEY & TEAM WEAR DAY	1 FREE SKATE WITH SANTA @ KEELER CENTRE 10 AM - 1 PM
2 CASTLETON'S 4 <sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SANTA CLAUS PET PARADE! 2 PM START FROM SCHOOL TO TOWN HALL	3 LUNCH LADY GIVING TREE DONATIONS DUE	4 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT @ ENSS	5 WARKWORTH BAKERY	6 PIZZA \$2/SLICE	7 PIZZA \$2/SLICE	8
9	Day 2 10 LUNCH LADY	Day 3 11	Day 4 12 WARKWORTH BAKERY INSTRUMENTAL & CHOIR CLUB PERFORMANCE @ 6 PM	Day 5 13 STORM WEAR DAY	Day 1 14 PIZZA \$2/SLICE	15
16	Day 2 17 LUNCH LADY	Day 3 18	Day 4 19 WARKWORTH BAKERY COOKIES, CAROLS & PJ DAY	Day 5 20 COOKIES & CAROLS - SNOW DAY	Day 1 21 PIZZA \$2/SLICE PLAID DAY	22
23 	Day 2 24 WINTER BREAK DEC. 24 <sup>TH</sup> - JAN 4 <sup>TH</sup>	Day 3 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	Day 4 26	Day 5 27	Day 1 28	29 



**Happy Holidays**

# Cookies, Carols & Cocoa

On Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> our School Council is hosting a special holiday celebration at the school. Students and staff will be singing carols in the gym, and then will return to their classrooms for cookies and hot chocolate.

**We are looking for donations of simple icing-free, nut-free cookies.** If you are able to provide cookies for the school please complete the section below.

**We are also looking for volunteers to help hand out cookies and hot chocolate in the classrooms.** If you are able to volunteer please complete the section below.  
**Please ensure that you have a valid and up to date police check.**

Cookies can be dropped off at the school on Wednesday (Dec. 19) in the morning, or on Tuesday (Dec. 18). Please send your cookies in a labelled or disposable container. **Questions? Contact Andrea Dart at 289-691-0505 or [dartenviron@gmail.com](mailto:dartenviron@gmail.com).**

**As with all NHPS events, in the event of a snow day, we reschedule Cookies & Carols. Our snow date is Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I can provide \_\_\_\_\_ dozen cookies. *We will text/email you a reminder.*

I can volunteer to help hand out cookies and hot chocolate on Wednesday, December 19, starting after recess at 2:20. *We will email you with more information.*

**\*\*\*Please return this form by Friday, December 14\*\***