



# NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## MAY 2020

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### Staying in touch

We want to maintain our relationship with families in the support of student achievement and well-being in school. We will continue to nurture these relationships through open and ongoing communication.



Parents and caregivers can reach out to school staff as outlined below. In addition, you can always leave a voicemail message on our school phone (905-344-7361) and your call will be returned. Reach out if you need us and we will continue to stay in contact with you.

♥ Ms. Kostuch

### FRIDAY SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS IN MAY

We could all use a boost in our spirits these days! Building on the incredible school spirit we saw during Backwards Day (yaD sdrawkcaB), NHPS STORM staff have organized School Spirit Days Fridays for the month of May. Here's the schedule:

- Friday, May 8 – Crazy Hair Day (it's a fave!)
- Friday, May 15 – Beach Day (think sand, sun & fun)
- Fri., May 22 – Rainbow Day (all the colours, or just one)
- Fri., May 29 – Hat, Sunglasses, Sandals Day (you decide!)

If you have a Spirit Day picture you'd like to have shared on EDSBY, Twitter and the Northumberland Hills School Council Facebook site, you can send it to Principal Lynn Kostuch at [lynn\\_kostuch@kprdsb.ca](mailto:lynn_kostuch@kprdsb.ca)

A reminder that everyone in the photo must grant permission for their image to be shared online. We look forward to seeing your NHPS STORM School Spirit!!



### DISTANCE LEARNING TIP

Look for teachable moments outside of distance learning. Count items, calculate distances or areas, investigate plants or insects as we see the return of spring, create nature art, colour, sing, write a letter to someone. Use your family interests & activities to find your balance of fun and learning.

### HOW TO CONTACT SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTLY

This information was provided to all schools from the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board: During this time of distance learning, ongoing communication between parents/guardians and educators is very important. The following tips will strengthen our communication:

- Address questions and/or concerns with the educator directly by using their KPR email address
- To protect your child's privacy, please do not post questions or comments in a space that all students and parents can see
- In many cases, your child will have more than one teacher. Most questions can likely be answered by the homeroom teacher. If a task was assigned by a different teacher, please direct your question to that individual for a speedier response.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you know someone who has a child who will be four (4) prior to December 31, 2020 encourage them to register online or by calling the school at 905-344-7361. Online registration is available at [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca). Proof of age by birth certificate or equivalent and proof of address must be provided. Immunization is also required.

## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our Kindergarten orientation for families with students joining us for Year One of Kindergarten (JK) usually takes place in June. We do not have a date at this time, but will inform our community when we are able to schedule an orientation.



## A NOTE FROM THE HUB

When we are together at The Hub, learning can look like many things—reading, coding, creating, playing games, listening to stories and sharing ideas. We can still enjoy the same activities—just done differently from home. You are probably already doing some of these things at your home. Maybe you have found books to read on your own shelves, or in the Virtual Library through Sora, or Bookflix. Or, maybe you have listened to the Blue Spruce books read aloud online. Many of you are likely creating cool structures, artwork or your own stories. Perhaps you are even working on the activity I suggested last week.

Here is a link to card game ideas I'd like to share with you. This set of games comes from another school board (teachers like to share)😊. Each game uses a standard deck of playing cards and one game uses dice. There are several to choose from for students from Kindergarten through to Grade 8.



<https://www.granderie.ca/application/files/5815/8560/0455/GrandErieEducationalCardGames.pdf> I hope you will try some out. Have fun!

Ms. Whitney

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Mrs. Lansley couldn't read your names on the announcements, so she sent this message instead. Happy Birthday to all April Birthdays!



## PEDAL FOR HOPE VIRTUAL TOUR 2020

Pedal For Hope tour has moved to a virtual tour for 2020. They recognize that families are facing many challenges this year, and encourage you to join if you can. Online registration is available for families that wish to participate



and there is no fundraising minimum for anyone that wants to shave their head or cut off their pony tail. Anyone that registers online, raises any amount of funds and shaves their head or cuts their pony tail will receive a Pedal For Hope hat once the Canadian Cancer Society office re-opens. Anyone wishing to participate, as an individual or a family, can go to the website to sign up.

[www.pedalforhope.ca](http://www.pedalforhope.ca)

Families can also follow Pedal for Hope on social media:

Twitter: @pedalforhopeca

Instagram: @pedalforhopeontario

Facebook: @pedalforhopepeterboroughanddurham

Website: [www.pedalforhope.ca](http://www.pedalforhope.ca)

## ALTERNATE OR DAY CARE ADDRESS BUSING

Day Care or alternate address requests for 2020-2021 must be submitted online at [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca). Click on the parent login link and following the directions on the site. These requests must be submitted by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## THANK YOU!

- Thank you to families for all of the work you are doing at home to support your children's distance learning. We know you have many things on your plate while you are managing your own professional commitments, households and working to keep your loved ones healthy and safe.
- Thank you Mrs. Lansley, for ensuring our school records, registrations and communications are current and available.
- Thank you to our custodial staff, Mr. Dunn and Mrs. Shepherd for caring for our building and making sure outstanding issues are addressed until we can return.
- Thank you to all NHPS teachers, early childhood educators and support staff, for providing distance learning and support to students from your own homes.
- Thank you to all local friends, partners and businesses who support our school and our students.
- Together, we are stronger. Reach out if you need support.

