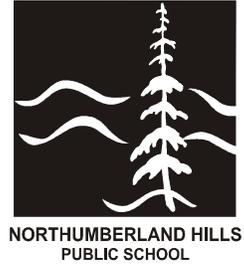




# NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## September 8, 2020

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### Update on School Re-Opening

I know that you share my excitement in returning to school! I say this understanding that many are concerned about what the coming weeks may bring. We have all been affected by the pandemic. NHPS staff continue to implement what we have collectively learned about best practices and a slow, safe return to our new normal based on advice from the School Board and our local Health Unit. This newsletter will give you a glimpse into what things will look like. Keep watching for more updates this week. Until we see you again – stay safe, stay healthy, stay positive!

♥ Ms. Kostuch

### SCHOOL REORGANIZATION

Due to registration for online learning, the number of students in our school decreased from 300 to 250. The number of classes in school decreased by one, from 13 classes to 12. Here is our current staffing:

Taylor & Victor	JK/SK
McKelvie & Lamb	JK/SK
Harnden	1
Sheehy	1
Broomfield-Doherty	2
Solomon	2/3
MacKenzie	3/4
O'Brien	4/5
Hamel	5/6
Zobel	5/6
Williams	7/8
Redfern	7/8

It is challenging to re-organize classes just before school start up and we appreciate your understanding.

### MASKS

Based on directives from Public Health Ontario and the Ministry of Education, a mask protocol is under development for the Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB. Here are some sneak peaks:

- All staff will be wearing face masks and shields
- Grades 4 – 8 students are required to wear masks
- Kindergarten to Grade 3 students are strongly encouraged to wear masks
- Student masks must be secured to a student's head with ties, ear loops or elastic and must be large enough to cover the nose & mouth without gaping
- Students will wear masks inside at all times, with the exception of eating, drinking or taking medications
- Students can take masks off when they are outdoors (e.g. recess, breaks, outside lessons) and are physically distanced
- Concerns about mask wearing should be directed to Ms. Kostuch in the School Office



### START DATES FOR GRADES 1-8 (not JK/SK)

September 14<sup>th</sup> – Students with last names beginning with A-L\*

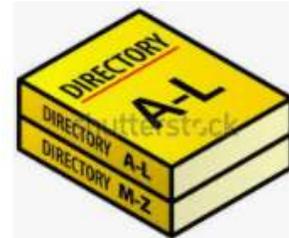
September 15<sup>th</sup> – Students with last names M-Z\*

September 16<sup>th</sup> – Students with last names A-L

September 17<sup>th</sup> – Students with last names M-Z

September 18<sup>th</sup> – All students (A-Z) attend school

\*Families with multiple last names take the last name of the oldest child & send all children on that day



These dates do not apply to Kindergarten. You will be contacted by the Kindergarten teams with your start dates.

## DAILY SELF-SCREENING TOOL



**Do not come to school if...**



You or someone you are in close contact with have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days



You have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19



**Or** if you have any of the following symptoms: Fever, Chills, New or Worse Cough, Shortness of Breath, Runny Nose/Nasal Congestions without known cause, Nausea/Vomiting, Pink Eye, Sore Throat, Difficulty Breathing, Headaches, Diarrhea, Unexplained Fatigue/Malaise/Muscle Aches, Difficulty Walking, Abdominal Pain, Decrease/Loss of Sense of Smell or Taste

## CLASSROOM AND HALLWAY SET UP

- Entry and Exit doors are identified so we have a one way flow of traffic into and out of the school
- Hallways have designated direction for flow of traffic
- Water fountains closed (bottle filling stations open)
- Classrooms have minimal furniture
- Students will keep backpacks and personal belongings in their desk area, they will not be using the hooks in the hallway to store backpacks
- Exchange of paper/items between home and school will be limited

## HOW WE COMMUNICATE:



We send updates directly to you by phone, email or text through School Messenger



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



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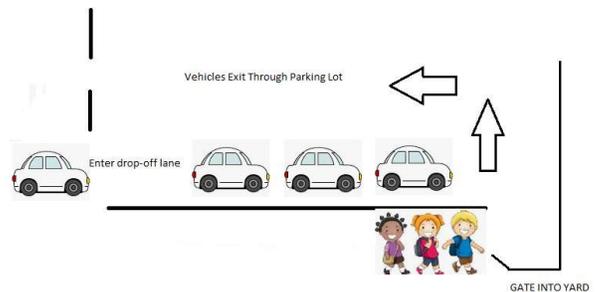
Call our School Office at (905) 344-7361

## VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL

To minimize contacts and maintain physical distance in the building, parent, guardian and visitor access to the building is restricted. Visits to the school must be scheduled with the office or the teacher, so that we eliminate crowding and keep our building safe. As always, the front door will be locked, but communication with the office is still possible through the buzzer system. Those who do have appointments will enter through the front door and exit through a rear door directly to the parking lot.

## STUDENT DROP-OFF

Due to distancing restrictions, if you are dropping student(s) off, do not leave or park your vehicle. Say good-bye in the car. Students will exit the vehicle with their belongings and walk along the sidewalk to the yard. Vehicles will drive away after drop-off. Prompt drop-off will allow the next families to pull up and unload and keep our driveway area safe for all.



Supervision begins at 9:10am. School starts at 9:20am.

Drop-off after 9:20am: Students should come to the **front** door and buzz the office. Parents/guardians may accompany students to the front doors, providing physical distance is maintained with others who may be late. Parents/guardians will not be admitted to the school to sign students in. Students will report to the office for that purpose. Younger students will be met by a staff member at the inside doors.

## STUDENT PICK UP

The School Dismissal bell is at 3:40pm. If you pick up early, it is appreciated if you come before 3:15pm, to avoid congestion in the parking lot, front pavement and bus area. If you can't come early, make a plan to meet your child at 3:40pm and your child will exit with their class. Keep in mind that safety around vehicles is imperative and physical distancing must be maintained by all families picking up students.