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See you next week!

We are looking forward to seeing you next week!! In the meantime, stay safe, stay healthy, stay positive!

♥ Ms. Kostuch

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.

MASKS

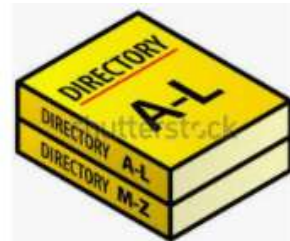
Based on directives from Public Health Ontario and the Ministry of Education, a mask protocol is under development for the Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB. Here are some sneak peaks:

- All staff will be wearing face masks and shields
- Grades 4 – 8 students are required to wear masks at school and on the bus
- Kindergarten to Grade 3 students are strongly encouraged to wear masks at school and on the bus
- 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

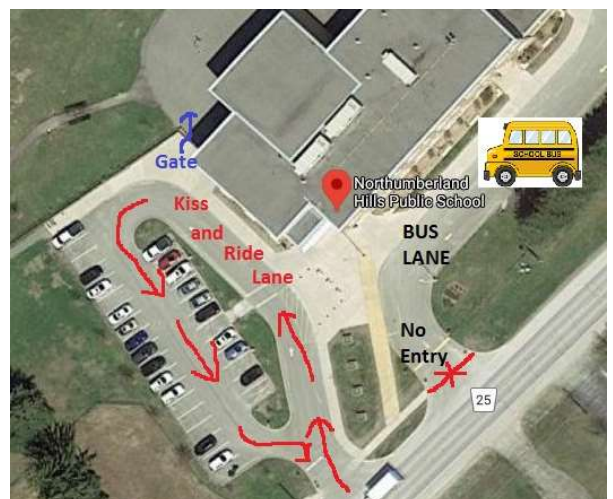
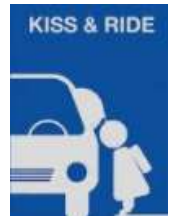
(These dates do not apply to Kindergarten)

- September 14th – Last names beginning with A-L*
 - September 15th – Last names M-Z*
 - September 16th – Last names A-L
 - September 17th – Last names M-Z
 - September 18th – 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



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.



STUDENT DROP-OFF (continued)...

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.

To pick your child up early:

- Please call the school office (905)944-07361 and we will call them to the office, sign them out as per your instructions and supervise their dismissal through the rear door of the school by the yard gate (see map below).

NEW To reduce congestions at the front of the school during dismissal and bus loading, students who are being picked up with wait behind the yard fence. Please park your vehicle and come to the gate. Keep in mind that safety around vehicles is imperative and physical distancing must be maintained by all families picking up students.



INDOOR SHOES NOT REQUIRED

Indoor shoes are not required during these first few weeks of school. This may change as we progress through our return to school plans, and may require indoor shoes at a later time. Students who bring indoor shoes this month will be asked to change and store shoes in the classroom. This change is being made in order to eliminate congestion and materials in the communal hallway. Thank you for your understanding!

OTHER NOTES

- Remember to LABEL personal items!!
- To reduce contacts, students will spend almost all of their time with their same classmates.
- Planning time teachers will travel to the students so that they can remain safely in their classes.
- Many classes will try and spend as much time as possible out of doors. Dress to be outside! Layers, sun hats, etc. are all recommended!
- We will be limiting movement in the hallways
- Student belongings will be in the classrooms

MABEL'S LABELS FUNDRAISER

We'd like to introduce you to our NHPS School Council Virtual Fundraiser with Mabel's Labels!

In an effort to prevent the spread of germs at school families have been asked to label everything that is going into the classroom. An added bonus is that School Council will earn 20% from all purchases made through this fundraising campaign!

How to order:

1. Click on the link:

https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/

2. Select "Support a Fundraiser" from the drop down
3. Type "Northumberland Hills Public School" and you're all set!

Remember shipping is free!!!

**This campaign has no end date, shop away all year long! 😊 And please share, share, share far and wide.



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