



# NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## ***Thanks for your continued support!***

We are so proud of our students for their successful and safe return to school!! Let's all continue to stay safe, stay healthy and stay positive!

♥ Ms. Kostuch

## **DAILY SELF-SCREENING**

Please self-screen every day using the Ontario Ministry of Health COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School. The link is: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening>

## **WHEN CHILDREN BECOME ILL AT SCHOOL**

If a student becomes ill at school, parents / guardians are contacted to pick them up. If your child is experiencing possible COVID symptoms, you must take the steps that are identified, based on the symptoms experienced.

Please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening> to complete the screening online. Be sure to self-screen every day. For more information about the Board's Illness Protocol, please visit the COVID section of our website, at [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca).

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school once they are feeling better.

NOTE: Ill students can NOT take the bus home.

## **UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please call us at 905-344-7361 if your contact information (phone numbers, email addresses, family members) has changed.

It is essential that we can reach you during the day.



## **MASK UPDATE**

Students at NHPS have been fabulous at following the KPRDSB Mask Protocol! Thank you, families, for reinforcing masking messages at home. This helps us ensure the protocol is respected and understood.

If physical distancing of 2m is not possible when you are waiting to pick up or drop off your children, please wear a mask.



## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The next School Council meeting is: October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm. The virtual meeting link is: <https://kprdsb.webex.com/meet/lkostuch>

## **COVID-19 APP GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

Along with provincial and local government and public health officials, the KPRDSB reminds its communities of the Government of Canada's COVID Alert app, which can be downloaded for free to let people know of possible exposures to COVID before any symptoms appear. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/covid-alert.html>

## INDOOR SHOES

With the weather changing, please send indoor shoes to school with your child / children. This becomes necessary for health & safety, as we want to keep water and sand outside of our classes to prevent slips and trips. Outdoor shoes will be stored in the hallway outside classrooms. Each class is developing a routine to ensure that there is minimal crowding in the hallways when shoes are being changed.

A reminder to please label shoes and boots. This helps us minimize mix-ups of students with the same footwear.



## CELEBRATIONS WITHOUT TREATS

This year, we cannot accept sweets, treats, gift bags or any other items for consumption or distribution through classes. Don't worry, though, we still find ways to celebrate!

Thank you for your understanding.



## LABELLING WORKS!

We have returned everything we've found so far this year! Thank you families, teachers and students for labelling clothing, lunch kits, water bottles, pencil cases and more. Please label indoor shoes before you send them to school.



## MABEL'S LABELS FUNDRAISER

NHPS School Council is sponsoring a Virtual Fundraiser with Mabel's Labels! School Council earns 20% from all purchases. How to order:

1. Click on the link:  
[https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](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.

## KPRDSB VIRTUAL PARENT CONFERENCE

Tune into the KPRDSB Parent Conference. It's free and open to everyone:

Drop the Worry Ball  
Featuring: Dr. Alex Russell  
Saturday, October 17  
9:00 – 11:00am

Dr. Russell is a clinical psychologist and co-author of the book: *Drop the Worry Ball: How to Parent in the Age of Entitlement*.

Pre-registration is not required. You can "tune in" directly to the Parent Conference on the morning of the event, by simply clicking on the following link:  
<https://kprdsb.webex.com/kprdsb/onstage/g.php?MTID=ec88524730938f91cc940009914595b06>

If you need assistance or have questions, please email [kpr\\_info@kprdsb.ca](mailto:kpr_info@kprdsb.ca) or call 705-742-9773 or toll-free 1-877-741-4577, ext. 2018.

## TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS FROM KPRDSB

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPRDSB) encourages families to sign up for KPR's Text Message Alerts. This allows families to get quick updates on school news, attendance and more. You can opt into this service now, by sending a text message to **978338** with the message of "Y" or "Yes". Families can opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of the Text Message Alerts with "Stop". If you have questions about School Messenger, you can call our office at 905-344-7361.

