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Thanks for your continued support!

We are so proud of our students for their learning for their adherence to school guidelines and policies regarding Health & Safety! 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>

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

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 – TECH SUPPORT!

Thank you, School Council, for your support of the school technology plan. At October's meeting, Council allocated funds to purchase 2 new Chrome Books for our students!!

The next School Council meeting is: November 16th @ 6:30pm. The virtual meeting link is: https://kprdsb.webex.com/meet/lynn_kostuch

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Welcome to James Brake, the new Superintendent of Schools for Northumberland County. Superintendent Brake's contact information is at the top of every newsletter, should you need to reach his office. As always, please contact the school office first with any concerns or questions, as I'm confident we can problem solve together.

Northumberland Hills PS wishes all the best to former Superintendent Peter Mangold who retired last week.

OCTOBER 30th – BLACK & ORANGE DAY

On Friday, October 30th, students are encouraged to wear orange and black for Hallowe'en Spirit Day!

As previously mentioned, we cannot accept food, treats, gift bags or any other items for distribution in classes. Don't worry, though, we still find ways to celebrate!



On October 30th, students are welcome to bring their own Hallowe'en treat or snack in their lunch, as classes may be organizing some class-based Hallowe'en activities or games.

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.



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.



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/
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 or call 705-742-9773 or toll-free 1-877-741-4577, ext. 2018.

AUTUMN IS HERE! DRESS IN LAYERS

With colder weather we encourage students to bring some layers. Additional clothing will be stored in their backpacks on the back of their chair.



Watch the weather forecast in the morning and come ready for outside fun. We make every effort to get outside for recess even if it's cold or windy.

It's almost the season for hats and mittens, too. Again, please make sure things are labelled so we can return lost items to their owners.

PROGRESS REPORTS AND INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS (IEPs)

Students are working hard at their academics and their learning skills & work habits. Individual Education Plans (IEPs) will be sent home this week. Progress Reports (Grades 1-8) and Kindergarten Initial Observations will be sent home on Thursday, November 26th.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY – OCT 29th

We had a safe and successful picture day last week. Thank you to LifeTouch Photography for their excellent protocols regarding sanitizing and physical distance. A reminder that there are no class photos this year. All pictures are individual, standing photos. Our picture retake day is Thursday, October 29th.