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Thanks for your continued support!

We are so proud of our students for their learning. It is such a pleasure to see their work improve as the days go by. We also appreciate the way they follow school guidelines for Health & Safety! Let's all continue to stay safe, healthy and 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>

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board sent an email to parents and guardians asking them to update contact information. The link to the Verification Form is <https://verification.kprdsb.ca/>



There was also a link to the Information and Communication Form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMaD78TMgWjGFuKiWoWS3jG_FO7whJLHZxDQUMHtly82AzrQ/viewform

Please call us at 905-344-7361 if you have any questions or if you want to ensure we've received your updates.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY – OCT 29th

We are still waiting for the initial individual photos from LifeTouch. Our picture retake day is scheduled for next Thursday, October 29th, so we are hopeful we'll have those pictures to you early next 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

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.



SCHOOL COUNCIL MABEL'S LABELS

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

KPRDSB offers sincere thanks to the 200 people who took time out of their busy schedules to join into the Virtual Parent Conference last weekend. Don't worry if you missed hearing the expert advice offered by clinical psychologist Dr. Alex Russell. KPRDSB has posted a recording of Dr. Russell's presentation – titled Drop the Worry Ball – at http://www.kprschoools.ca/en/our_schools/getinvolved/parentresources/parentsconference.html

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 – NOV. 26th

Students are working hard at their academics and their learning skills & work habits. As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning, please contact the school so we can work together to support success! Progress Reports (Grades 1-8) and Kindergarten Initial Observations will be sent home on Thurs., November 26th.

SCHOOL COUNCIL POINTSETTIA SALES

This November, NHPS School Council will be selling beautiful Pointsettia plants and mixed planters from Rekkers Gardens.



We are setting up the ordering in School Cash Online. All sales will be virtual.

Watch for the details and timelines, which will be released next week through School Messenger.

KPR EQUITY & DIVERSITY STRATEGY

Please help us shape KPR's Equity and Diversity Strategy for the next four years. All families are invited to share their perspectives on equity, diversity and inclusion priorities, through a Thoughtexchange at:

<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/517289218>.

The Thoughtexchange asks you to offer your feedback on the following open-ended question:
We value equity, diversity, and the dignity and humanity of all people. We aim to remove barriers to success and engagement, and support equitable outcomes.

From your perspective, please identify 2-3 priorities for our Board's Equity Strategy moving forward.

The Thoughtexchange will be open until November 9. Thank you for your participation!