



# NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### NEW BEGINNINGS!

I want to take a moment to acknowledge how thrilled I am to be the new principal at Northumberland Hills! I have been here for only a week and have already received a warm welcome from this great community.

I understand change can be difficult, so I want to assure you that I am committed to serving this community with pride and respect. I have a passion for holistic education and developing relationships with staff and families to support every child's potential. I am passionate about special education, outdoor learning, mathematics and the arts. I am also committed to continuing the tradition of building a learning environment that is equitable and inclusive for all.

Thank you again for the warm welcome and I look forward to meeting everyone soon.

♥ Mr. Koshurba



### PROGRESS REPORTS & PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Hopefully everyone was able to access their child's progress reports. If you are still struggling, please reach out to us in the office and we are happy to support.

Our teaching staff have put a lot of effort into providing you with a snapshot of where your child is at in their learning. The Progress Report and Kindergarten Communication of Learning give you an opportunity to reflect with your child and celebrate wins and plan for next steps.

Over the next few weeks, you are encouraged to reach out to your child's teacher (*if you haven't been contacted already*) to discuss and seek clarity on your child's learning.

### DECEMBER SPIRIT DAYS

Every Friday in December, NHPS students and staff get to show their school pride! Here are the dates:

Friday, Dec. 11:  
*FESTIVE CLOTHING DAY*

Friday, Dec. 18:  
*PYJAMA DAY*



### ONGOING LEARNING: Indigenous Understanding

During our recent Professional Development Day, our staff were privileged to learn from KPR Indigenous Education Liaison, Melody Crowe.

Melody shared her knowledge of the MEDICINE WHEEL and how it is a symbol of inclusion of all people. The colours black, white, red, and yellow symbolise all people and how each of us is unique and feel they belong.

At Northumberland Hills PS we want to use this knowledge to build inclusive practices within our classrooms. We are in a state of learning, understanding and action.



Thank-you Melody Crowe!

## STORM WEAR SHOP

Mr. Koshurba received his first STORM WEAR shirt! It looks amazing. The quality and fit are great, and the home delivery was super fast and reliable.

The Shop features dozens of items ~ masks, t-shirts, hoodies and more. You can choose from pre-approved school logos and even personalize items with your child's name. They ship direct to your home address.

NHPS Storm Wear makes great Christmas gifts. Buy for students, parents and grandparents. You can cross everyone off your holiday shopping list! Entripy gives a 10% rebate on sales back to our school all year long.

SHOP ONLINE: <https://nhps.entripyshops.com/>

PS Please help spread the word to our friends signed up for Virtual School :-)

#nhps #thehillsp #nhpsstorm #kprschools  
#KPRisAwesome #WeAreKPR #stormwear  
#entripycustomclothing #Canadiancompany

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

The next School Council meeting will take place on MONDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
We are always welcoming new families to join!

## 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/](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!

\*\*This campaign has no end date.

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## REMINDER: SNOW DAYS

If all school buses to a school are cancelled, the school will be CLOSED to all students and visitors.

We are moving into the winter weather months, and school closures can become a reality. Please go to the STSCO website for the latest bus cancellation information:

[www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca). Go to the website and click on "CANCELLATIONS & DELAYS"

When all buses are cancelled across the board, all schools will be closed. Again this was a collective decision made by the KPR Board and was done in order to maintain the health and safety of all members of our school community.

During snow days, SCHOOLS WILL PROVIDE LEARNING FOR STUDENTS TO WORK AT HOME. The delivery method will depend on your child's age and/or established communication with your child's teacher (e.g., EDSBY; Google Classroom).

## #STOPTHESPREAD

Now more than ever, we need to be vigilant about the health and safety of everyone in our community. COVID-19 is a significant concern for everyone, so we are all doing our part to #STOP THE SPREAD.

At the school, we are being extra cautious and putting staff at the entry doors to remind about masks and to sanitize before entering the building. We continue to work directly with our public health advisors and assure you that Northumberland Hills PS is doing everything it can to minimize the risk to our community. Rest assured that we continue to be a safe space for children and staff. You must continue to do your part:

- ✓ 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>
- ✓ Download the free COVID Alert app from <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/covid-alert.html>
- ✓ If you have specific questions or concerns, I encourage you to reach out to HKPR Health Unit Education Support Line at: 1-866-888-4577 (ext. 5020)

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!**