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Happy New Year!!

Although things are starting up a little differently with online learning this week, we are thrilled to officially welcome you back to learning @TheHillsPS. Please remember to be kind to yourselves during this week of online learning. This is not a normal scenario for most and there are a lot of mitigating factors that can make it difficult to engage fully in all the online requirements. The most important thing is to get in contact with your classroom teacher for guidance around access to learning materials. Many educators will have face-to-face meetups online each day but can provide alternative learning resources if needed.

If you are struggling with internet connectivity or do not have access to a reliable device, contact the school and we can walk you through ideas for continuing to engage in the learning. We have many different avenues that we can use to support, so call us at [905-344-7361](tel:905-344-7361). Our office is open specifically to support students and families, so take advantage of this.

I look forward to welcoming all our students back soon!

♥ Mr. Koshurba

ATTENDANCE REPORTING: Jan 4-8, 2021

Attendance will be taken each day this week by the classroom teachers. They will be doing attendance both in the morning and afternoon. It is important that your child is connected to the learning materials that are being used this week, so please be sure to connect with your classroom teacher OR the office to keep your child up to date.

If your child is completing assigned work on their own time, but not able to attend the face-to-face meetings online due to a variety of reasons, then they will still be marked present. We understand that families are busy and know

that if your child is completing the daily tasks and submitting assigned work, this demonstrates that they are actively engaged and attending school.

If you know your child will **NOT** be able to participate at all in learning this week, please contact the teacher and/or the school and we will make note of this. New learning will be continuing each day, so you are strongly encouraged to check in regularly on missed work.

UPCOMING DATES:

Our school is a busy place and there are a lot of important dates that you will want to know to plan-ahead.

- **January 18th:** School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
- **February 1st:** PA Day – NO SCHOOL
- **February 15th:** FAMILY DAY – NO SCHOOL
- **February 19th:** Term 1 Reports Come Home
- **March 12th – 21st:** March Break

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: Jan. 18th

The next School Council meeting will take place on MONDAY, January 18th @ 6:30pm
We are always welcoming new families to join!



TWITTER ACCOUNT @TheHillsPS

Be sure to connect with us on twitter using the name **@TheHillsPS**. Throughout the school year, I will try to connect you with some of the learning that is happening in classrooms and I will post important information related to school news and events. Twitter is the main social media platform we use to connect with you in a timely and meaningful way. Bus cancellations, school closures and useful updates can be found **@TheHillsPS**. Feel free to like and re-tweet to get the word out about how great NHPS is! #WeAreKPR #YouAreConnected



STORM WEAR SHOP

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.

Entripy is the organization that provides our STORM WEAR and **they give 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 #thehillps #nhpsstorm #kprschools
#KPRisAwesome #WeAreKPR #stormwear
#entripycustomclothing #Canadiancompany

REMINDER: SNOW DAYS

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

We are well 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. Go to the website and click on "CANCELLATIONS & DELAYS"

When all buses are cancelled across the board, all schools will be closed. 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 ONLINE!!!

