

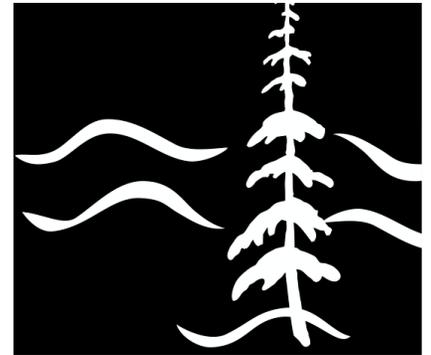
# NEWSLETTER

## Northumberland Hills Public School

### 2021: Edition #2

Now that we are back into our second full week of online classes, NHPS educators have been working hard to connect with families to set the expectations and timelines for learning at home. The goal this week is to establish the daily routines needed to be successful and setting up a space that is conducive for learning and working at home. I want to thank each of you for the hard work and sacrifices you have made to ensure your child's learning continues. Please know that Mrs. Lansley and I are at the office to support with technical issues, so if you require additional support we are only a phone call away. We continue to be committed to the well-being of students, staff and families. Please know that NHPS staff are working hard to ensure the continuation of your child's learning by responding to your needs as they arise. Keep the questions coming!

- Mr. Koshurba



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## ChromeBook and Device Deployment:

Our first ChromeBook deployment went smoothly! Today's deployment was for all families that filled out the online Google Form before January 6th. Anyone that has filled out the Google Form since then will be on the list for future deployments. The next date is set for this coming *Wednesday, January 13th* from 9:30am to 11:30am. You will get an email directly from KPRDSB Technology Department indicating that your device is ready for pick-up.

IF YOU STILL REQUIRE A DEVICE: (use the following link to fill in the KPR Google Form)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJEputmuRT0YxInn8aRX3K7BdT5PhhWZuK3Pc4b6yUHclDA/viewform>

**This form MUST be completed before a device will be deployed to you.**

The school board has indicated that they have a limited number of ChromeBooks left and will be moving into deployment of iPads to fulfill the volume of requests that are still outstanding.

## Important Learn@Home Information

For Parent/Student Technology Support, families can call or email (email preferred) the following:

Student/Parent Helpline - Elementary

1-877-741-4577 Ext 3002

[Elementary\\_Helpline@kprdsb.ca](mailto:Elementary_Helpline@kprdsb.ca)

We are receiving a lot of calls to our Student/Parent Helplines over login/application access issues. We are HIGHLY recommending that students access their applications (EDSBY, D2L, Google Classroom, etc) via [students.kprdsb.ca](https://students.kprdsb.ca) (our Student Portal). Accessing applications via the Student portal will alleviate many of the issues students experience when accessing from home. We have also created a Parent portal –

[parents.kprdsb.ca](https://parents.kprdsb.ca) where we are keeping a lot of our critical Learn@Home information as well as useful links.

## Additional 'Google Meets' Parent Supports

Hey everyone!

Michael Kerr, one of our board consultants, just shared this workshop info - free training on Google Meets offered by the group formerly known as *EdTech Canada*. It's taking place January 14th, from 8:45pm - 9:45pm. For information and to sign-up, use the link:

[https://cobblestonecollective.ca/workshop/google-meet-basics-for-parents-january/?utm\\_source=ActiveCampaign&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Forward+this+to+a+friend&utm\\_campaign=Google+Funded+Meet+Workshops](https://cobblestonecollective.ca/workshop/google-meet-basics-for-parents-january/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Forward+this+to+a+friend&utm_campaign=Google+Funded+Meet+Workshops)

## Learning Expectations During School Closures

The online learning expectations during this round of school closures is different from the one in the spring. The following expectations have been set by the Ministry of Education, making it very clear that both learning and assessment must continue throughout school closures.

*Differences At A Glance:*

WINTER 2021 (now)	SPRING 2020 (then)
<p><b>Student Attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Student attendance is recorded daily by educators. <i>(Please be in touch with your classroom teachers for alternatives if online learning is not working)</i></li><li>→ Students will participate in learning in a variety of ways (i.e., online with the teacher, independently completing assignments from online platforms, OR through the use of paper packages of work)</li></ul> <p><b>Assessment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Student work is submitted for feedback</li><li>→ Work completed goes towards evaluation on report card</li></ul>	<p><b>Student Attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Not completed daily</li><li>→ Flexibility in participation depending on family situations</li></ul> <p><b>Assessment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Student work that could be submitted was provided feedback</li><li>→ Work completed did NOT go towards report card marks unless it reflected growth in learning. Non-participation was not reflected</li></ul>

If your family needs additional support from us to continue the learning at home, please let either your classroom teacher, and/or the office know. Although online learning is the most efficient and effective way of learning during this time, there are some circumstances that require alternative ways to get your child engaged in learning that do not require online access. Talk to us!

## Term 1 Reports

You will be getting your child's term 1 report cards on **February 19th**. They will go home through EDSBY for the first time. It is very important that you are linked to your child's EDSBY account to see the report card. Again, reach out to the school for support if you have not connected yet.

## School Council Meetings

Our next school council meeting is January 18th, 6:30-8:00. Join us virtually here:

[https://kprdsb.webex.com/meet/stephen\\_koshurba](https://kprdsb.webex.com/meet/stephen_koshurba)



# Virtual Elementary School

After the closure of schools is over on January 25, families will continue to have the option of sending their children to school in person, or enrolling them in online learning. For elementary families, the next opportunity to request a transfer to KPR's Virtual Elementary School (VES) starts this week.

An Opt Out portal will be open at <http://optout.kprdsb.ca/> from January 13 to 4 p.m. on January 22, for families to complete if they wish to transfer their children to the VES. **Parents and guardians must complete the form on this portal between January 13-22 if they wish their children to move to the Virtual Elementary School on the next available transfer date.**

The first day of virtual classes for new VES students will be **Tuesday, February 2** (February 1 is a PA Day). Teachers will begin contacting families of new VES students January 28. Until then, students will continue to attend their home school.

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