

# NEWSLETTER

Northumberland Hills Public School

Edition #3: *October 12, 2021*



To our Northumberland Hills Community,

Happy thanksgiving to all families who take the time to recognize this day. School is well underway and teachers continue to work extra hard to get to know your students as people and learners. We recognize additional efforts need to be made to address gaps in learning and have a clear plan in place to address these across our school and district. September was an exceptionally busy month and October seems to be on this same trajectory. There are a few important items I would like to address in this message and ask that you reach out to me directly if there are additional questions or ideas. [stephen\\_koshurba@kprdsb.ca](mailto:stephen_koshurba@kprdsb.ca) OR call 905-344-7361

★ Mr. Koshurba, Principal

## IMPORTANT UPDATES:



### Terry Fox Event - **\$4500+** raised for cancer research!

Thanks to the efforts of Ms. Harris and her grade 7/8 class, the Terry Fox Event was a huge success with well over \$4500 raised to support cancer research. Three students contributed at such a level that they were rewarded with a pie in the face! Cassidy Preskar, Sheldon Higginson, and Riley Stewart raised a significant amount of money on their own and we are thankful for the contributions they made to our school's fundraising efforts. Special thank you to Mr. Hamel, Ms. Redfern, and Ms. O'Brien for volunteering to be the recipient of a pie in the face.



### NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION ORANGE SHIRT DAY

In the spirit of honouring those who did not return from residential schools as well as those who survived, all schools across KPR participated in conversations and learned about the impact of residential schools and the legacy it leaves for all of us. A special than-you to Ms. Lay, our librarian, for creating a central HUB for Indigenous learning resources for our staff to use. She supported classes in developing a central focus on dialogue and understanding. The following day, our new Principal of Indigenous Education, Jessica Outram, stopped by the school to introduce herself to classes. In her classroom visits, she shared her stories of being a member of the Metis nation and fielded questions arising from discussions during National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. We are proud to have Ms. Outram as a resource in our board and we are looking forward to connecting with her more as we continue our journey of learning with Indigenous Peoples.



### OUTDOOR OPEN HOUSE - **Thursday, October 21st**

All Northumberland Hills families are invited to attend during specified times arranged by last name. These 30 minute controlled times allow us to meet outdoors in a safe, COVID friendly way by limiting capacity. Safety continues to be our top priority and we ask that all families review the Open House Procedures carefully. Reach out to the office if there are specific concerns or questions. 905-344-7361

# NHPS 2021-22 Open House Procedures

1. Review your assigned time slot arranged by first letter of last name
  - 5:30 - 6:00: Last names starting with A-G
  - 6:00 - 6:30: Last names starting with H-P
  - 6:30 - 7:00: Last names starting with Q-Z

*If you cannot make one of the earlier times, there will be space for additional families who cannot make earlier times during the 6:30 - 7:00 time slot.*
2. Check-in at the welcome table at the entrance to the backyard
3. Wear a mask and sanitize before entering the yard
  - We will have sanitizer available and extra masks for those that forget!
4. Find your child's teacher!
  - Teachers will be stationed in different zones of the yard
  - You are reminded that this is an informal meet and greet. This is not a parent/teacher interview, but you are welcome to set-up an additional time to meet to discuss your child's progress.
5. Order your dinner from KING'S PLATE CATERING (*see menu below*)
  - Be sure to align your pick up time with your open house drop-in.

## NOTE:

*Open house is a chance to meet the staff at Northumberland Hills! This is not a parent/teacher interview, it is an informal time to connect and meet. Formal interviews can be arranged through the teacher at a mutually convenient time.*



## KING'S PLATE FOOD TRUCK @ NHPS Open House

Darren Lawn and the gang from King's Plate Fine Catering are once again bringing their food truck to Northumberland Hills! Take a day off cooking and plan ahead for a delicious meal prepared by an expert chef.

\$5.00 from every meal is donated back to our school council to support school initiatives.

**Call ahead to order! 905-269-4877**

## Starter

**Classic Caesar salad** *with bacon, herb croutons and creamy lemon garlic dressing*

## Main (choose 1)

**Lightly smoked beef brisket** *served with cheese mashed potatoes, cornbread and sweet buttered peas topped with sweet and tangy BBQ sauce*

**Smoked Gouda and mushroom lasagna** *served with sauteed sweet peppers, onions and spinach*

**Coconut curried squash** *and sweet potatoes over ginger steamed rice*

## Dessert *(choose 1)*

Plain local butter tart

Carrot cake *topped with cream cheese icing*

## Kids Menu per person *(includes dessert)*

Honey garlic chicken drumsticks served with mashed potatoes and sweet peas

Homemade jumbo chocolate chip cookie

***Kids meal will be \$20 each***

***Adult meal will \$35 each***

## PICTURE RETAKE DAY - Friday, October 22

If you are interested in getting pictures retaken, this is the only date that has been set aside for Northumberland Hills. We are still in the process of booking our grade 8 graduation pictures, more information to come on that.



## STUDENT DISMISSAL AND EARLY PICK-UP

- *Early Pick-up: we can no longer call a student down for early pick-up after 3:15pm.* If you require early pick-up, please inform the office before 3:15. Pick-up is at the front door only.
- *Regular pick-up* will occur at 3:40pm. PLEASE HAVE ID READY
- *Walkers* will be dismissed at the 3:40 bell.

## BUS DROP-OFF REMINDER - 10 minute time window

Our bus drivers do their best to be on time to drop-off your child at home. They are sometimes early to a drop-off site, so it is expected that families of young children will be at the bus stop 10 minutes before the time indicated. This ensures that there is a trusted adult waiting for the child and the bus can continue on with their route. Thanks for your support!

## WATER BOTTLES - Please bring your own

With health and safety processes in place, water fountains are closed to student use. We have hands free water bottle filling stations, so students must come to school with their own reusable water bottle. The office is no longer able to provide extra water bottles to students as all have been given out at this time.

## SAFE ARRIVAL - Student Absence Reporting System

At Northumberland Hills, student safety is our highest priority. We have an Automated Student Absence Reporting System that will make it easier for you to let us know when your child will be away.

If you are looking to set-up your SAFE ARRIVAL account, Please follow the steps below:

To create a new account and register your child for the automated system, please visit [www.studentabsence.kprdsb.ca](http://www.studentabsence.kprdsb.ca). Once you have registered your child, you can inform the school of your child's absences at one of the following:

- [www.studentabsence.kprdsb.ca](http://www.studentabsence.kprdsb.ca)
- By calling 1-844-434-8119
- The SchoolMessenger mobile app on your cell phone or tablet. If you use the mobile app, please search for SchoolMessenger (one word) on Google Play Store or Apple App Store.