

NEWSLETTER

Northumberland Hills Public School *September 2023*



At Northumberland Hills Public School, we value RESPECT, KINDNESS, and BELONGING for all and will demonstrate this to our students, staff, families, and community through our ongoing actions.

To our Northumberland Hills Community,

Welcome back to the 2023-24 school year! This year we are bigger and better than ever. The enrollment numbers continue to rise with new families moving into the community. With this growth comes additional staff and a portable to support learning in a safe and comfortable environment.

A few additional student supports have also been added this year, including a full-time library and STEAM teacher, an Early Intervention Teacher, and an Intermediate Literacy Coach. The new Ontario Language Curriculum (Reading Writing, Oral, Media Literacy) has been updated, with a focus on fundamental reading and writing skills. The addition of these new staff roles will help to ensure students that need it most are provided the support they need to be successful readers and writers.

Throughout this school year, look closely at messaging coming home as there will be a number of community engagement opportunities at Northumberland Hills throughout the school year.

Have a great 2023-24!!

Stephen Koshurba, Principal - stephen_koshurba@kprdsb.ca; Wanda Lansley, Secretary - wanda_lansley@kprdsb.ca; Cyndi Dickson, Trustee - cyndi_dickson@kprdsb.ca



ANNUAL NHPS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, Sept. 21 (5pm-6:15pm)

You are invited to our annual NHPS Open House. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, support staff, and key areas of the building that are important to your kids.

Pizza will be available for purchase at \$3.00 per slice along with bottles of water at \$1.00 each. All the proceeds from the pizza and water will go back to supporting enhanced programming at Northumberland Hills PS.

NOTE:

Open House is not a formal parent-teacher interview. If you want to discuss your child's progress in more depth, you can set-up additional time with your child's teacher. Please reach out to them directly to set up an appointment.



NHPS PIZZA DAYS - They're Back!!

To help relieve the burden of making lunches at least once per week, the NHPS School Council (PAC) are bringing back Pizza Days.

October pizza orders are available online at [School Cash Online](#) and must be ordered by Monday, October 2nd

Pizza Dates for October 2023:

- Friday, October 6th
- Friday, October 13th
- Friday, October 20th
- Friday, October 27th

PICTURE DAY - Thursday, September 28th

For the 2023-24 school year, NHPS has moved to EDGE IMAGING for high quality student photography this year. A message from Edge Imaging will be sent home with all families within the next week.



STUDENT DISMISSAL & EARLY PICKUP

We continue to have a structured dismissal process that supports student safety at a very busy time of the day. We begin the dismissal process at 3:46pm by escorting primary students to the buses. All other students are dismissed at 3:50pm.

A few things about early dismissal:

- We cannot call a student down for early pick-up after 3:30pm.
- 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 3:50pm. For safety, PLEASE HAVE ID READY
- Walkers will be dismissed at the 3:50 bell

PERSONAL DEVICES - cell phones/smartphones



Personal technology is a reality. With the increase in cell phone usage, we see an increase in cyberbullying and inappropriate use of technology. In elementary school, students are learning how to manage safety and etiquette while online. Teachers work with students around internet safety, and are committed to keeping your child safe. The following policy is in place and aligns with KPRDSB's appropriate use of technology policy.

Personal devices are not required at school. We have enough student technology (Chromebooks, iPads, and desktop computers) to offer your children a technology rich learning experience.

If your child brings a cell phone or smartphone to school, the following expectations are in place:

1. The device is stored away for the entire day when on school property unless a staff member has provided a specific educational task to complete under their direct supervision.
2. If a child misuses technology we implement the following progressive discipline approach:
 - **First Offense:** Verbal warning
 - **Second Offense:** A second verbal warning is given with clear explanation of consequence if expectations are not followed.
 - **Third Offense:** The student will be asked to bring their device to the office where the principal will discuss the policy with them and provide a warning of the potential loss of privileges.
 - **Fourth Offense:** Device will no longer be allowed at school and a phone call home will be made.

Students may use their devices on the bus, but cannot be turned on until they are seated. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office directly. We will call your child to the office.

REGISTERING FOR EDSBY

Edsby is a major form of communication between the school and home. Both the classroom and the office have access to messaging through EDSBY and most of your child's school information (i.e., OEN number and report cards) can be accessed through this site.



Here's How to Register:

- You will receive an invitation from the school. If you don't receive an invitation, and have never registered before, please call the office for support. 905-344-7361
- On your web browser type in - kpr.edsby.com
- USERNAME is your email account you have on file with the school
- PASSWORD is created when you first log-in

Forgot your password??

- If you have an existing account click [Can't Log In](#). You will be prompted to reset your password

Paying for school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is School Cash Online?
School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way
to pay for your children's school fees.
[Learn more](#)

Register Sign In

REGISTERING FOR SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

To access online payments, parents can enrol at [School Cash Online](#); it takes less than five minutes. Registered parents can see their payment history, print receipts, and receive email notifications whenever new student fees are posted for their child.

Use the following link for detailed, how to instructions::

https://www.kprschools.ca/en/our_schools/getinvolved/parentresources/schoolcashonline.html

SCHOOL COUNCIL - Thursday, September 28th

First meeting of the council will be Thursday, September 28th from 6:30pm-7:30pm. More info to come!

Northumberland Hills 2023-2024 STAFF

CLASSROOMS

JK/SK	Courtney Martin & Karen Victor	Rm 123
JK/SK	Carly McKelvie & Tanya Hayward-Lamb	Rm 125
JK/SK	Nicole McMurray & Rebecca Herring	Rm 131
Grade 1	Michele Sheehy	Rm 133
Grade 1/2	Holly Harnden	Rm 139
Grade 2	Terry Taylor	Rm 207
Grade 2	Andrea Broomfield-Doherty	Rm 206
Grade 2/3	Susan Solomon	Rm 205
Grade 3/4	Amanda MacKenzie	Rm 203
Grade 4	Jacob Gallant	Portable
Grade 4/5	Julie Noel	Rm 204
Grade 5/6	Larisa Lacroix	Rm 201
Grade 5/6	Eva Osterlee	Rm 202
Grade 7/8	Ola Zobel-Brown	Rm 200
Grade 7/8	Katie Williams	Rm 216
Grade 7/8	Paul Hamel	Rm 218

SUPPORT STAFF

CYW	Carly Dobie (LTA)	
CYW	Matthew Marlin	
EA	Julie Elder	
EA	Thomas Smeraldo	
EA	Whitney Honey	
EA	Natalie Garcia	
EA	Brianne Wilton	
EA	Careyann Paradis	

ACROSS THE SCHOOL

SERT	Michele Whitney	Office
SERT/PT	Lacey Hogeboom (K-3)	Rm 113
Overlay	Tracey Hewitt (0.56)	Rm 214
Planning	Tracey Hewitt (0.31)	Rm 214
French	Amber Jessup (1.0)	Rm 214
French	Nicholas Ormond (0.30)	Rm 214
Library/ STEAM	Pavanne Hawkes	Rm 104
	<i>Library</i>	Rm 104
	<i>STEAM Lab</i>	Rm 106

COACHING STAFF

EIT	Nicole McMurray (0.4)	
DS Coach	Katie Williams (0.16)	

OFFICE STAFF

Principal	Stephen Koshurba	Office
Secretary	Wanda Lansley	Office

CUSTODIAL STAFF

Custodian	Tricia Davey	
Custodian	Cody Dewan	
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