

NEWSLETTER

Northumberland Hills Public School
October 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,

It's hard to believe that we've already been in school for over a month! The school is a busy place this year with a number of successes both in and outside of the classroom. Our staff are dedicated to your children's success and continue to provide opportunities to connect through extra curricular sports (i.e., soccer, cross country, and rugby), and clubs (dance, choir, social justice, and cards).

As principal, I am proud of the staff because I see them working hard to make this school a welcoming space for all. In teaching, we are focused on targeted interventions in both literacy and math. We know that every child learns in unique ways, so creating programs that "meet them where they're at" builds confidence and skill in key areas and opportunities for additional support as necessary.

Continue to reach out with ideas, questions or support as needed. Your office team is here to help.

Be well!

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NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION **Orange Shirt Day**

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was recognized nationally on Saturday, September 30th and at our school on Monday, October 2nd. More widely known as ORANGE SHIRT DAY, this is a time for students and staff to engage in age appropriate discussions around the legacy of residential schools. Teachers took the time to reflect on the impact of these schools on Indigenous communities around Turtle Island.

Orange shirts show a commitment to ongoing learning and action towards greater respect and understanding of reconciliation.

Much like Remembrance Day in November, Orange Shirt Day is a heavy day of conversation. At our school, an additional focus of this day has been on the human rights of every child.

(picture: Ms. Broomfield's reflections on Truth and Reconciliation)





NHPS PIZZA DAYS - NOVEMBER

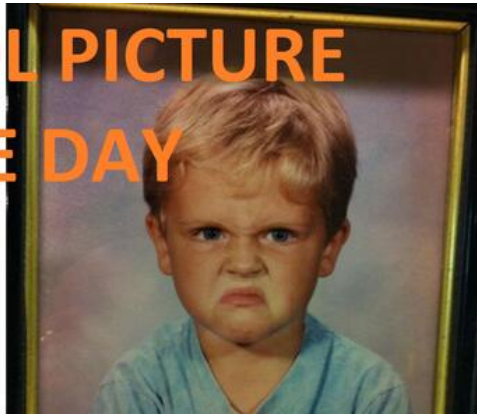
It's time to order pizza for November. Help relieve the pressure of packing a lunch while supporting enhanced school programs.

November pizza orders are available online at [School Cash Online](#)
Order by Monday, October 30th

Pizza Dates for November are:

- Thursday, November 2nd
- Friday, November 10th
- Friday, November 17th
- Friday, November 24th

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY



Friday, October 27th

Did you miss picture day? Not happy with how the first pictures look? Does your child feel the need for more "glam"? You're in luck! Edge Imaging is coming back to take individual photos.

Parents wanting a retake photo need to send a note to the school AND return the proof that was sent home earlier this week.

FAMILY FUN - Book Character Pumpkins

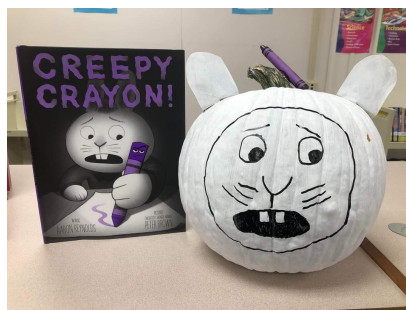
You're invited to paint a pumpkin to look like your favourite book character!

Work as a team and bring your entry into the school to display for the whole community to enjoy.

If you cannot provide your own pumpkin, there are a limited number available on a first come, first serve basis. If you need a pumpkin, Mrs. Hawkes will provide a permission slip to your child to be filled out and brought back.

Your painted pumpkin character should include the book you have used as inspiration.

Bring all pumpkin characters to the school no later than Monday, Oct 30th.



HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

At Northumberland Hills, we STRONGLY ENCOURAGE FALL COLOURS/ORANGE AND BLACK on Halloween, but you may choose to send your students in costume.



If choosing to send a child in costume please consider...

Some costumes can be triggering for others, so masks of any kind, weapons, and outfits that depict violence or another race or culture other than your own will not be allowed

Costume accessories (crowns, wands, tools, hats, helmets, jewelry, etc.) must be left at home

Students must wear proper footwear throughout the day (close toed shoes that they can run and play in)

Students who choose to wear costumes will be wearing their costumes all day.

Students are engaging in normal activities, including recess, gym, and the arts.

Staff at NHPS are not responsible and will not be available to support with dirty, lost or damaged items at the end of the day.

Students are solely responsible for the care and maintenance of their costumes.

Students who wear costumes will share with others in class or during recess breaks. There will not be a costume parade.

Thank you for your support as we work to respond to the changing needs of our growing community. If you have further questions, please reach out to the office - (905) 344-7361



STORM WEAR FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Our School Council is currently working to approve a vendor and designs for the 2023 STORM WEAR collection. The new STORM WEAR clothing line will be ready and revealed on Friday, October 20th. This will provide plenty of time to order before the holiday season!

STAY TUNED!! The office will send a message when they are available on school cash online.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2023-24 - **Tues., Oct. 17 (6:30)**

If you're looking for a way to support your child's school. Come out and join us at the School Council!
Babysitting is provided for those that need childcare to attend. We will meet in the library!

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.



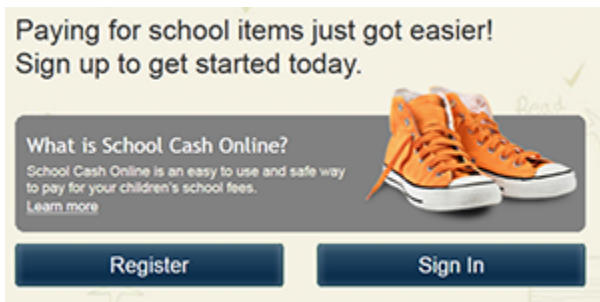
Here's How to Register:

- 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.edsbys.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/schoolcashionline.html

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

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
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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	Joanne Campbell	
EA	Whitney Honey	
EA	Natalie Garcia	
EA	Brianne Wilton	
EA	Careyann Paradis	

Secretary	Wanda Lansley	Office
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CUSTODIAL STAFF

Custodian	Tricia Davey (AM)	
Custodian	Cody Dewan (PM)	
	Updated: September 2023	