

NEWSLETTER

Northumberland Hills Public School January 2024



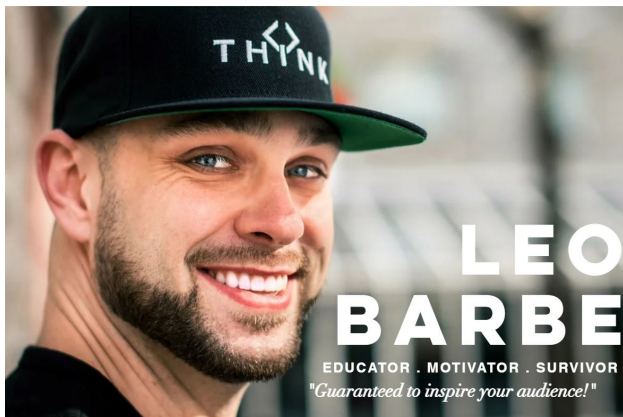
At Northumberland Hills Public School, we value RESPECT, KINDNESS, and BELONGING for all and will demonstrate this to our students, staff, families, and community through our ongoing actions.

To our Northumberland Hills Community,

I want to officially welcome everyone back to a new calendar year. Just like you, our school makes New Year's resolutions to do better and be better for those that we share our day to day experiences with. It's hard to believe that we are quickly moving into the second half of the school year. Term 1 report cards will be sent home next month (February 20th) with additional opportunities to connect with your children's teachers and support staff.

As always, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher, or the office for support and guidance. We wish you all a very Happy New Year and a joyful 2024.

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FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT - **Wed., Feb. 28 @ 6:30**

Leo Barbe is an internationally recognized motivational speaker that focuses on how to take control of the emotions that affect our choices.

On January 10th, grade 5 to 8 students had the opportunity to hear Leo's inspirational message and were empowered to move beyond adversity to achieve their goals.

On Wednesday, February 28th, Leo Barbe is coming back to the Northumberland Hills PS auditorium to provide entertainment, motivation, and support to all who raise the kids of today. In his presentation titled "THE RIPPLE EFFECT", you will be provided systems and strategies to build meaningful interactions with your kids while gaining deep insight into what they are going through behind the scenes.

THIS EXPERIENCE IS FREE to all parents, guardians, and community members working with kids. Bring other families with you, even if their students don't go to NHPS. All are invited!

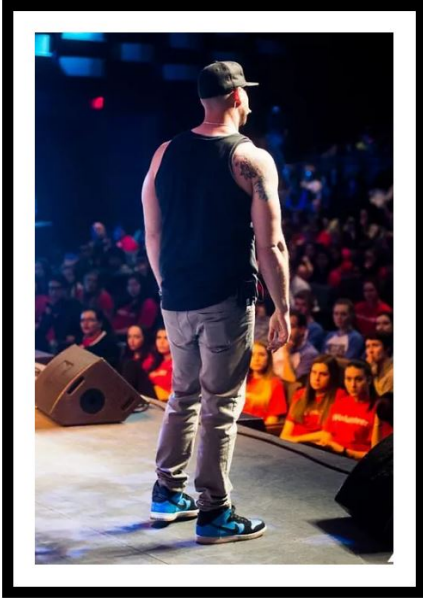
Free babysitting will be provided for those needing childcare to participate. Please let Mr. Koshurba know (via email) if you will be making use of the babysitting services. stephen_koshurba@kprdsb.ca

The Ripple Effect

A proven approach to coping, managing, and inspiring even the hardest to reach

You will:

- Develop systems and strategies to build meaningful interactions with your kids
- Gain deep insight into the perspective of what kids are going through behind the scenes
- Reflect on the power of your own emotions and the choices affecting your relationship with your kids
- Be inspired to approach life and every child with compassion and direction



Wednesday, February 28th - 6:30pm
Northumberland Hills Public School
2246 Spring Street, Castleton
ADMISSION IS FREE
Babysitting will be free

NHPS PIZZA DAYS - February 2024

It's time to order pizza for February!

Pizza orders are available online at [School Cash Online](#)

Order February pizza by Monday, January 29th

Pizza Dates for February:

- Thursday, February 1st
- Friday, February 9th
- Friday, February 16th
- Friday, February 23rd



NOTE: If buses are canceled due to weather, fresh pizza will be given out the following Wednesday

POPCORN DAYS ARE HERE!!!

NHPS School Council and our Grade 8 students have teamed up to provide fresh popcorn to the staff and students at The Hills. These days will happen once per month, with proceeds going towards graduation related expenses.

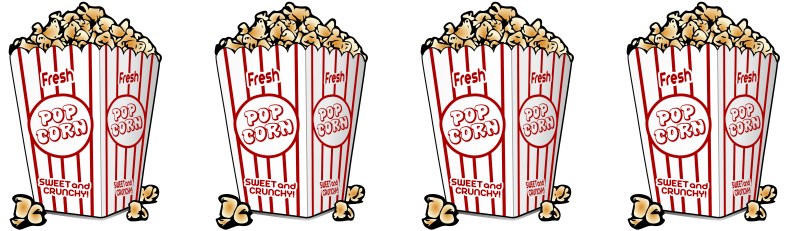
All popcorn is freshly popped in our new industrial sized machine and will be delivered directly to your child's classroom.

Please pre-order your child's bag of popcorn online at [School Cash Online](#)

Our first Popcorn day is this Wednesday - January 17th

Upcoming Popcorn Dates:

- Wednesday, February 21st
- Wednesday, March 20th
- Wednesday, April 17th
- Wednesday, May 15th
- Wednesday, June 19th



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - Register Now!



GET THE WORD OUT

Kindergarten Registrations are now open. Please spread the word to families that you know in the community that have a child born in 2020.

Online:

Please use this link to find out more and to register online.

<https://www.kprschoos.ca/en/our-schools/register-for-school.aspx>

In Person:

If you prefer to register in person, please call our secretary, Wanda Lansley at 905-344-7361



STSCO - Bus cancellations protocol

When buses are cancelled, STSCO will post a message on their website and the Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB will share updates of bus cancellations on their social media feeds, and website. When winter weather is present, please listen closely to local media (i.e., radio and TV) for up to date information on bus cancellations. If your child is a walker and you are not sending your child to school, please contact our safe arrivals line.

Please note: SCHOOLS WILL REMAIN OPEN WHEN BUSES ARE CANCELED

LOST & FOUND - Will be donated February 2nd

Is your child coming home with less clothes?

Are you curious where a jacket, hat, sweater, or glove has gone?



Our Lost & Found is growing again with items students leave outside, in the hallways, or in other areas of the school. We do regular reminders to check the lost and found during announcements, but we still have items that are waiting to be taken home.

If you're in the area, we invite you to come visit the Lost and Found before the end of day on Thursday, February 1st. After this time, any items left will be donated to the Cramahe Thrift Store. The Cramahe Thrift Store is a huge financial supporter of our School Nutrition Program. They recently made a \$2,000 donation to our school food program.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH

Children may find it easier to enjoy learning, stay motivated, and deal with challenges when they have your support. Here's some tips to help your child during times of change and uncertainty.

Help them build strong relationships - Having at least one trusted person they know that they can talk to will help in times of need. Here are some activities that can be used at home or in the classroom to encourage students to seek support:

smho-smso.ca/emhc/stress-management-and-coping/support-seeking/

- Listen and communicate - Mealtimes are often a good time for talking. Ask questions about your child's day and give them time to respond.
- Solve problems together - Work together with your child to identify a challenge and discuss what steps you can take to reduce stress. Consider trying a breathing exercise!
- Provide time and support your children to be active every day - This can be structured activities or can be time to play together and with others. Best to have a combination of both if possible.
- Help your children get enough sleep - Follow a regular schedule, shut off screens at least 1 hour before bedtime and encourage calm activities right before bed.

For more information visit: [Tips and Strategies \(strongmindsstrongkids.org\)](https://strongmindsstrongkids.org/)

Find out more at [Durham Region Health Department](#) or [Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit](#) or [Peterborough Public Health](#) or [Hastings Prince Edward Public Health](#)



NHPS SCHOOL COUNCIL - Next Meeting: Jan. 16th

The NHPS School Council meets once a month from 6:30-7:30pm in the LIBRARY. New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

In our last meeting, there was a larger discussion about how schools approach topics around Indigenous Education and Equity. We will continue these talks throughout the year to build greater understanding and transparency around the learning students are engaging in in class.



Throughout this year, council wants to hear from you. We want you to connect with one of us when you have something you feel needs to be brought to the attention of council.

Council works for all of you to make NHPS the greatest school for your children to learn and grow. Your School Councillors are eager to bring your voice forward and are willing to represent your voice at council meetings.

Here is a list of School Council Members who are here for you:

Amanda Visneski	Sineid McDonald	Ryan Gillam	Lauren Gould	Chelsea Thompson-Stewart	Cristol Smyth
<i>Kindergarten and Grade 2 parent</i>	<i>Kindergarten parent</i>	<i>JK, Grade 4, and 5 parent</i>	<i>Grade 1 parent</i>	<i>Grade 2, 3, and 7 parent</i>	<i>Chair of School Council</i> <i>Grade 2 parent</i>
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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
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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

REGISTERING FOR SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

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](#)

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	Courtney McMahon	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

ACROSS THE SCHOOL

SERT	Michele Whitney	Office
SERT/PT	Lacey Hogeboom (K-3)	Rm 113
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	Tracey Hewitt (0.4)	
DS Coach	Katie Williams (0.16)	

OFFICE STAFF

Principal	Stephen Koshurba	Office
Secretary	Wanda Lansley	Office

Grade 7/8	Paul Hamel	Rm 218
SUPPORT STAFF		
CYW	Carly Dobie	Rm 133
CYW	Matthew Marlin	Rm 131
EA	Julie Elder	Rm 206
EA	Thomas Smeraldo	Rm 204
EA	Whitney Honey	Rm 201
EA	Natalie Garcia	Rm 200
EA	Brianne Wilton	Rm 218
EA	Careyann Paradis	Rm 202

CUSTODIAL STAFF		
Custodian	Tricia Davey (AM)	
Custodian	Valerie Burgess (PM)	
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