

NEWSLETTER

Northumberland Hills Public School March 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.

Welcome to the Spring at Northumberland Hills!

As the flowers try to bloom and the days grow longer, we find ourselves filled with the excitement of spring at Northumberland Hills Public School. It's a time of renewal and growth, both in nature and within our school community.

We want to take this opportunity to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students and the dedication of our staff. Throughout the past season, our students have continued to demonstrate resilience, creativity, and a passion for learning that inspires us all. From academic accomplishments to artistic endeavors, athletic triumphs to acts of kindness, each achievement is a testament to the hard work and determination of our remarkable students.



Furthermore, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated staff who work with our students each day. Their commitment to fostering a rich learning environment is the cornerstone of our school's success. Whether in the classroom, on the playground, or within the broader community, our staff members continually go above and beyond to ensure your child has all the opportunities available to them.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in creating a vibrant and thriving learning environment for our students at Northumberland Hills.

Warm regards,

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

COMMUNITY FUN DAY @ NHPS: March 28th

The NHPS School Leadership Council is hosting a Community Fun Day for all Kindergarten to grade 8 students at NHPS. This is the first event like this in many years and we are thankful to student representatives and Mrs. Lamb for their tireless dedication to planning for this fun day.

Community Fun Day will be this **THURSDAY, MARCH 28th from 12:00 to 3:50pm.**

Students have been assigned to colour groups. Each group is made up of students from each grade level. Together, these groups will rotate between activities to connect with others across the school and at different grade levels.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are in need of donations of snack items for the *make your own snack* portion of the event.

We need:

- big bags of goldfish crackers
- raisins
- pretzels
- mini marshmallows,
- packages of Oreo double stuff cookies
- straight pretzels too.

DONATE



All items can be sent to the school by Wednesday March 27th.

Thank you for your help!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES! more info to come

- [Welcome to Kindergarten Night](#): May 9th
- [NHPS Annual Fun Fair](#): June 6th
- [Grade 8 Graduation](#): June 24th

NHPS PIZZA DAYS - April 2024

It's time to order pizza for April!

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

Order April pizza by Tuesday, April 2nd

Pizza Dates for April:

- [Friday, April 5th](#)
- [Friday, April 12th](#)
- [Friday, April 19th](#)
- [Friday, April 26th](#)

POPCORN DAYS CONTINUE!

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 next Popcorn Day is this Wednesday - April 17th. Order by April 7th

Upcoming Popcorn Dates:

- [Wednesday, May 15th](#)
- [Wednesday, June 19th](#)

(The) COUNTER ON KING: **Bagged Lunches**

Are your kiddos tired of the same old lunches?
Are you tired of packing their lunches every day?



Let us help! (the) Counter on King at Retro Rewind in Downtown Colborne provides delicious and nutritious lunches. We take pride in ensuring that food is delivered reliably to your school on-time, so all those little tummies are full!

Geoff and Krista work diligently so that each child can access delicious and nourishing meals tailored to their specific allergen and dietary needs. Our dietary replacement meals closely replicate the lunches served on that day, ensuring that no child experiences exclusion from their peers.

Nourishing their well-being and fostering growth, one delightful bite at a time!

To order a Tuesday lunch for your child email Geoff Davis at retrorewindcolborne@gmail.com

NOTE:

For those that pre-ordered lunches via School Cash Online!

You will be asked to resubmit your orders with retro rewind. Wanda Lansley (secretary) will issue a refund to anyone who ordered using this ordering option. We can no longer accept payments for bagged lunches via school cash online portal. We apologize for any inconvenience.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - **Register Now!**

GET THE WORD OUT

Kindergarten Registrations are still ongoing. 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.kprschoools.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

SPOONS & FORKS: Something to remember



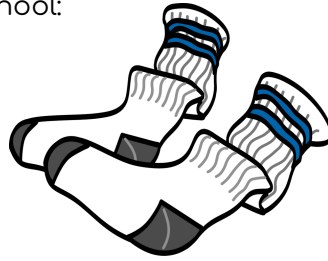
If your child requires cutlery to eat their lunch, please pack that with their lunches.

More and more, students need a spoon or fork to eat their meals. NHPS has a limited number available for the snack program. These are primarily meant for the yogurts, and applesauces available in the program. Unfortunately, we are running out of cutlery very quickly. This is an additional cost to an already stretched program budget. Your support in managing this is greatly appreciated.

SPRING CLOTHING- Change of clothes/socks

As the snow continues to come and go and the weather warms up, the field and outdoor play areas can get wet, or dirty. In many cases, students want to change their socks so we ask that the following items be considered as an extra comfort item for your child at school:

- Extra change of socks
- Change of pants
- Sweater or hoodie (for layering)
- A hat (to block the beautiful sun)
- Sunscreen (to protect against sunburn)
- Outdoor footwear (close toed shoes)



There continue to be an extremely limited number of clothing items (i.e., socks, pants) available for students to borrow in the office. Many children prefer to have their own items at school when needed.

NHPS SCHOOL COUNCIL - Next Meeting: April 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.

School council works hard to provide students and staff with enhanced materials and resources that support your child's learning. Some of the items funded this school year include:

1. Landscape Redesign Consultation
2. Subsidized Field Trips (\$15.00 per student)
3. Math and Kindergarten Programming
4. New School Jerseys
5. Special Presentations: Leo Barbe Parent Engagement Night (Parent Reaching out Grant)

School Council is always looking for more support. We are coming into FUN FAIR planning season, so watch out for the many ways you can get involved through volunteering, donations, and participation in meetings. Sometimes, we are looking for specific expertise on council to help guide the direction of our fundraising priorities and community engagement goals.

If you need more information, please contact your Council Chair: Cristol Smyth
Cristol.NHPSSchoolCouncil@gmail.com

CELL PHONE POLICY - Please review

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 in a backpack 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 or Major Infraction:** 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