

NEWSLETTER

Northumberland Hills Public School JUNE 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.

As we approach the final days of the 2023-2024 school year, we are reflecting on the incredible journey we've all shared. From the excitement of new beginnings in September to the accomplishments and growth witnessed throughout the year. Our students, staff, and families have demonstrated remarkable resilience, creativity, and dedication. It's been a year filled with learning, laughter, and memorable moments that have brought us closer together as a community.

As we wrap up the school year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to making Northumberland Hills Public School a vibrant and supportive environment. Your support and involvement have been instrumental in our collective success.

With summer just around the corner, there's a sense of excitement in the air. We encourage everyone to take this time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the warmth and beauty of the season. Whether you're planning adventures, engaging in new hobbies, or simply taking a well-deserved break, we hope your summer is filled with joy and rejuvenation.

Thank you once again for an outstanding year. We look forward to seeing you in the fall, ready for another year of growth, learning, and community building.

Warmest wishes for a fantastic summer!

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NHPS FUN FAIR 2024: SUCCESS!!

Due to the tireless efforts of your NHPS School Council, community volunteers, NHPS staff, and ENSS students, we had another amazing Fun Fair this year.

Thank you to everyone who attended, purchased food, enjoyed the games, and participated in the raffle/silent auction. As you were enjoying yourself, you were giving back to our students.

The NHPS Fun Fair is the largest fundraising event of the school year, allowing your council to raise the funds needed to offer enhanced resources. Proceeds from this year's Fun Fair have been pre-allocated to subsidizing K-8 field trips in 2024/25 and the costs associated with our playground updates.

A special thank you to your NHPS School Council for their leadership in securing donations from local businesses and expert organization of a fun, and safe event for all.

FAREWELL & WELCOME - 2024/25



As I prepare to transition to my new role as the principal of Terry Fox PS in Cobourg, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the principal of Northumberland Hills for the past 4 years. The memories we've created and the accomplishments we've achieved together will always hold a special place in my heart.

I am delighted to introduce your new principal, Ms. Peri Dowsley.

Ms. Dowsley brings a wealth of experience, a deep passion for education, and a strong commitment to fostering a supportive and thriving school environment. I have no doubt that under her leadership, Northumberland Hills will continue to excel and grow.

As we prepare for the 2024-25 school year, I am excited to introduce a few new members of our teaching staff. Please join me in welcoming:

Ms. Patricia Martel, who will be joining our special education team as the new Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) and Early Intervention Teacher (EIT). She is coming from Colborne PS.

Ms. Lynn Fox, our new primary planning time teacher who is splitting her time with Grafton PS.

Ms. Carly Devitt, who will be teaching grade 3. Carly is coming to us from a grade 4/5 class at Murray Centennial PS.

At the same time, we bid a fond farewell to several esteemed teachers who are moving on to new adventures. **Thank you Mr. Gallant, Ms. Lacroix, Ms. Hewitt, Ms. Osterlee, Ms. McMahon, Ms. Anckaert, and Ms. Noel** for your dedication and contributions to our school. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

2023/24 END OF YEAR REMINDERS

A few key reminders to students and families:

- Take home all personal items during the last week of school (i.e., school supplies, indoor shoes, extra clothing, etc.)
- Return all LIBRARY BOOKS to the NHPS Library
- Ensure you have put your name on the OPT-IN for busing waitlist if you missed the cut-off date
- Return all items borrowed from the school
- Thank your classroom teacher and support staff 😊



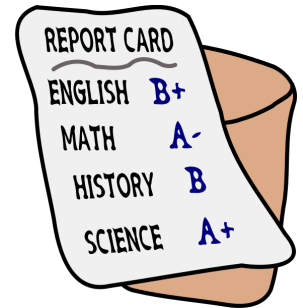
IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES!

- Last Popcorn Day: Wednesday, June 19th
 - Last Pizza Day: Friday, June 21st
 - Grade 8 CLAP-OUT: Friday, June 21st @ 3:10pm
 - Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony: Monday, June 24th @ 7pm (NHPS GYM)
 - Last Day for Students: Thursday, June 27th
 - Report Cards Home: Thursday, June 27th
 - Class Look-up APP Opens: Wednesday, July 3rd at 3pm
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SPRING REPORT CARDS: come home June 27th

Report Cards are an essential tool for sharing feedback on how your child is doing at school. Did you know..

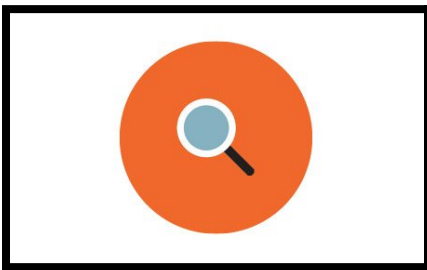
- Report Cards are a legal form of documentation that track progress over time
- Report Cards are only ONE of the ways of understanding your child as a learner. An interview with your child's classroom teacher throughout the school year is an important key to success
- Kindergarten "Report Card" is not an evaluation, it is an opportunity to share feedback on key learning and celebrate growth over time.
- Grade 1-6 students get letter grades; Grade 7 and 8 get percentages



Two ways to get the Report Card:

1. A hardcopy of the report will be sent home with every student
2. EDSBY has a report card option for viewing and printing

CLASS LOOK-UP APP:

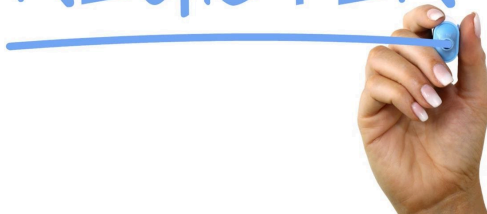


Like years previous, the **Class Lookup App**, which can be accessed from parents.kprdsb.ca, will go live on **Wednesday, July 3rd at 3pm.**

The App requires the student PIN, which will be shared with families on Tuesday, July 2nd.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION & KINDERGARTEN

REGISTER



GET THE WORD OUT

Kindergarten registration and registrations for new students to the area are still ongoing. Please spread the word to families that you know in the community that have a school age child that wants to secure a space at NHPS in the fall.

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

OTHER THINGS TO REMEMBER:

SPOONS & FORKS: **please bring your own** 😊

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 reserved for the yogurts, and applesauces available in the snack program.

Students MUST bring their own cutlery to school when necessary

WARMER WEATHER - SLIP, SLAP, SLOP

As the weather warms up, kids will want to be out in the sun. It is important that your kids are well prepared for any weather, and guard themselves against overheating, and sun exposure (burns). The following are recommended for school:

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



NHPS SCHOOL COUNCIL - **See you in September!**



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

The School Council is always looking for more support and next year is no different. Consider getting involved and have your say at the council table.

If you want more information, please contact your Council Chair: Cristol Smyth
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