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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



October has been a busy month at Nobleton PS! We have had lots of exciting activities happening for students. Just one of these is our Student Council. Our Intermediate students have had an opportunity to be more involved in our school and demonstrate their leadership through their participation on a variety of committees under our Student Council umbrella. The Student Council has five committees: Yearbook, Eco Team, Tech Crew, Athletics and Spirit. Our Spirit Committee, supported by Ms. Fievet, lead the Halloween activities of the Dances, and costume contests for all divisions and the collection of non-perishable foods for the local foodbank. Our student population did a great job at supporting this initiative and we emulated our NPS Touchstone by “having a strong sense of community, reaching out both locally and globally”.

The NPS staff have also been busy with their focus on student achievement and well-being through our time at staff meetings, Professional Learning Teams and through ongoing dialogue with colleagues. Our staff have been actively engaging in conversations around school planning and determining our goals for the next few years. The school focus will continue to be aligned with the YRDSB foci of Mathematics, Modern Learning and Mental Health as laid out in the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement. Professional development at the school and the purchase of resources will address these different focus areas.

November marks the end of one third of the school year, and on **Wednesday, November 23**, you will receive your child's Progress Report. The first report card is a “Progress Report” where teachers will inform you on your child's progress this year, both academically and in the learning skills. Parents will receive two term reports – one in February and the other at the end of June.

It is our hope that you will use this progress report as an opportunity for you, the teacher and your child to review how successful we all were in ensuring that your child is progressing towards, or is achieving the standard. To facilitate this, Parent Teacher Interviews will be scheduled for Thursday, November 24th (after school and evening) and the morning of Friday November 25th (PA DAY).

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

A message from our Council Co-Chairs Dan Bousfield and Besy Boyd

We would like to welcome all the new and returning Nobleton PS families to the 2016-2017 school year. Our first meeting was held October 5th and we have been given the privilege of serving as your School Council Co-Chairs. We were very happy to see so many new and returning parents participate. Every parent is always welcome to come out and get involved. We have also scheduled to have council meetings on different nights throughout the year to allow parents with set schedules to be able to attend when they can.

Each school is required to have a School Council. We at NPS are fortunate to have interested parents who meet in the school library to discuss issues that affect the school and students.

An important part of our time is spent fundraising for items which will enhance our children's education and all-round well being. In the past the Council was instrumental in funding sports and playground equipment, guest speakers, artist instructors, performances, musical instruments and miscellaneous classroom expenses. Our volunteers will be working tirelessly to produce the hot lunch program, raise money for Grade 8 and Kindergarten graduations, library books, equipment storage units. Our biggest, consistent source of revenue is the Hot Lunch Program. The Hot Lunch Committee has been working on new ideas and healthy options for your children.

As always, we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. Please contact us on facebook, twitter or through e-mail. The easiest way to access these links is through our website at nobletonpscouncil.ca/ if you have any questions or concerns regarding the School Council.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the school's library. We hope to see you there!

Order Spirit Wear at nobletonpscouncil.ca



You can buy Nobleton Spirit Wear any time online by going to <http://nobletonpscouncil.ca/> and clicking on 'Order Nobleton Spirit Wear'. You have a full choice of custom designs, colours and styles all with the Nobleton Hawks logo.

There is a large selection of custom items, mailed directly to your address. Look for a bulk order promotion just in time for the holidays.



SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATION NOTICE

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation

arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM 640 AM 680 AM 860 AM 1010 AM 1050 AM

1540 AM	1580 AM			
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM	94.9 FM
95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CFTO TV CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB on twitter.

Please note that school bus charters will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled.

Furthermore, please contact the school at 905-859-4059 if your child will remain at home during a day when school busses are cancelled. This is in accordance with our safe arrivals policy

WASTE REDUCTION WEEK UPDATE

Nobleton Public School joins the Waste-Free Lunch Challenge

During the week of October 17 – 21, 2015 NPS students and staff had joined other elementary schools across Ontario to go waste-free for a whole week as part of Waste Reduction Week in Canada. This is the fifth year the school had partaken in this event. Eco Club Members audited the average generated waste both before and after the challenge.

Measurement Results



<u>Average Day:</u>	<u>Waste Free Day:</u>
Organic 2Lbs	Organic 6Lbs
Recycling 5Lbs	Recycling 5Lbs
Garbage 1Lb	Garbage 1Lb

The Waste-Free Lunch Challenge is a school program developed by the Recycling Council of Ontario. The goal of the program is to help schools decrease the amount of garbage they produce and to educate students, staff and parents about waste reduction. The average student's lunch generates a total of 30 kg, (66 lbs.), of waste per school year, and an average elementary school generates 8,500 kg, (18,700 lbs.) of waste per year.

It is our goal to continue with our Silver Award Certified Eco School through composting, Boomerang lunches and comprehensive recycling programs just to name a few. So help our kids and be a part of the movement! Download resources to help ensure you are doing your part to reduce lunch waste at <http://www.wastefreelunch.com/parents-resources>.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT NPS

Area & Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to the Nobleton Cross Country Running Team for successfully competing at the Area Tournament on October 5th in Aurora. More than 25 schools participated and there were more than 200 runners in each of the junior division races. Many students achieved personal bests. Special congratulations to James who came in 8th and Olivia who came in 13th for grade 5's, Russell who came in 3rd and Maggie who came in 11th for the grade 6's, Jaspreet who came in 8th and Marc Anthony who came in 10th for the grade 7's and , Jayden who came in 6th for the grade 8's. We would also like to recognize top 20 finishes for Gianluca in gr. 4 and Eva in gr. 7. Congratulations to the whole team for their hard work and dedication. Thank you to Mr. Cortese for his support.

The Team

Grade 4 – Caitlin, Mariah, Ria, Sophia, Mila, Maneet, Savannah, Amaan, Kaedan, Andrew, Sophie, Libo, Arsh, Gianluca, Maia, Banu, Dhruv, Avery, Emily, Amy, Manroop

Grade 5 - Ronnie, Casey, Dante, Nicole, Renee, Samsher, Aryan, Daniela, Noah, James, Amar, Kate

Grade 6 – Maggie, Amrit, Russell, Andy, Sonya, Chelsea, Mihir, Markus, Arash, Jackson, Justin, Quinn,

Grade 7–Marcus, Marc Anthony, Jaspreet, Kieran, Avery, Eva

Grade 8 – Jayden, Nathan C., Olivia, Liam R.

Thank you to the parents that came out to support the team.

Ms. Hill and Mr. Tovey

Congratulations to the Nobleton Cross Country Running Team for competing in the **Regional Cross Country Meet** at Bruce Mill's on October 19th. There were more than 200 runners in each of the races. All 11 students ran excellent races and proudly represented our school. Special congratulations to James who came in 24th for the grade 5's, Russell who came in 7th for the grade 6's, Jaspreet who came in 29th for the grade 7's and , Jayden who came in 20th for the grade 8's. Congratulations to the whole team for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you to Mrs. Champion, Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Devand Mrs. Strachan for driving and supporting the team!

Team

Olivia , Renee, Nicole , Kate, Daniela, James – Grade 5

Maggie, Russell – Grade 6

Marc Anthony, Jaspreet – Grade 7

Jayden - Grade 8

Ms. Hill and Mr. Tovey



Intermediate Girls Volleyball



The intermediate girls volleyball season is now in full swing and the girls are making Nobleton PS proud every time they step on the court. They have hosted exhibition games against King City PS and have participated in tournaments at Rick Hansen PS, Bill Crothers SS and Clearmeadow PS. Mr. Cortese and Mrs. Hill are extremely proud of the entire team's play and their development and success is a credit to their hard work, determination and team spirit. Congratulations to everyone!

Cleaning Up Canada's Shorelines

Nobleton Public School has a shoreline in its schoolyard, the Nobleton Creek! Mr Tovey's class has joined the Great Canadian Clean Up Challenge and has started collecting garbage in our playground. This is litter that may otherwise end up in the creek and work its way into our water system. Litter can leach harmful chemicals into the water, accidentally be eaten by wildlife and entangle animals such as turtles, birds, fish and marine mammals. Picking up garbage is a great way for us to reconnect with nature, learn how litter harms our aquatic ecosystems and make a real difference to the health of our local waters.

To date: we have removed 1161 pieces of litter from our local ecosystem and prevented them from polluting our water system. We have collected 394 wrappers, 194 plastic bags and 217 pieces of "other" that we put in the garbage and 111 drink boxes and water bottles and 245 pieces of paper and cardboard that we diverted to recycling. What a great start!

All students can help in this quest to clean up our water system by bringing litterless lunches and by putting their litter in the garbage or recycle bin before heading outside. Let's all do our part to keep Nobleton beautiful and clean!



Halloween Dance



Thanks to Student Council and to Ms. Fievet for organizing the Halloween dance and for collecting the non-perishable goods in support of the “We Scare Hunger Campaign.” Thanks to the Nobleton Public School Community for their generous donations!



COLD WEATHER REMINDERS

We’ve enjoyed a great October, with beautiful autumn weather and lovely fall colours. Alas all great things must come to an end and we are now experiencing the very changeable weather that comes with late fall.

We kindly ask that parents ensure that children have clothing for a variety of weather as conditions (both warm and cold) outside can be wet and temperatures can dip.

A change of dry clothes in your child's backpack will save you a trip to school if your student gets muddy or wet. Thank you



REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY


Staff and students will be gathering in the gym on Friday, November 11th at 10:30 for a Remembrance Day ceremony. The ceremony will include the presentation of poppy wreaths, a choral reading of "Flanders Fields", and a Remembrance Day Choir performance. At the end of the assembly, at 11:00 a.m., we will stand together in silence for two minutes after the playing of the Last Post. Recess time will be held after the assembly.

Parents are welcome to join us on November 11th for the Remembrance Day assembly.

Help Wanted

SCHOOL ASSISTANTS NEEDED!

Nobleton P.S. is looking for school assistants to supervise lunch and recess from 12:50 to 1:50 pm. This is a paid position and is a great way to reenter the workforce or to supplement your income while your children are at school. Please contact the office at 905-859-4590 if you are are interested in this opportunity.




Positive role modelling

A healthy body image in children can contribute to a higher self-esteem and often to making healthier and more positive life choices. You can help your child have a positive body image by:

- Being a positive role model.** Be aware of the messages you send about your own body and the comments you make about the appearance of others. Also, if you eat well, your child will too.
- Banish teasing.** Let children know that judging people about their weight or looks is unacceptable.
- Encourage kids to focus on their abilities rather than their appearance.** Help them to focus on things they are good at – talk about their "insides", not their "outsides".

For more information about how you can help your child's school create a healthy school nutrition environment, visit www.nutritiontoolsforschools.ca



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