


The Northern Highlights

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<p>April...</p> <p><i>April is Autism Awareness Month</i></p> 	9	Scientists in the School – Grade 1
	9	Gr 8 VIP
	10/12	Gr 3 Swim to Survive
	12	Fire Safety Presentations (Kdgn will also tour the firetruck)
	13	Diamond Day - Vaisakhi
	15	Gr 6 Science Centre Trip
	15	School Health and Safety Visit
	16	All Gr 7's Scanlon Creek Trip
	16	Jr Girls Basketball Areas – Go Ice Cats!
	17	NLPS Hosts Teacher Math Network
	18	Earth Rangers Live Animal Presentation Gr 1-6 9:15am
	18	8B TIMMS Ministry Assessment Day
	19/22	Diamond Days: Good Friday, Easter, Passover, Ridvan
	25	Dance-a-thon! Parents can join at the appropriate grade time. Details to Follow
	26	Spirit Day – Career Day! What job would you like to have?
	26	Diamond Day – Holy Friday (Eastern)
	26	Jump Rope for Heart Assembly/Launch!
	29/3	Scholastic Spring Book Fair
	30	Peace Day #3
	30	Jr Boys Basketball Areas – Go Ice Cats!
30	Yearbook Orders Due at https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca School ID # is 12738419	

News and Updates:

- Autism Awareness Month** – This past week we started our learning about Autism with our Light it up Blue! Day on Tuesday, and heard morning announcements from our students about what it is like to have autism, or how to be a friend to someone with autism. Each week, students will have opportunities to learn about autism in their homerooms through picture book lessons, video clip lessons, an autism fact scavenger hunt, and a design exploration on our class blue ribbons. The month will culminate on April 30th with a presentation by our student planning team to launch our Peace Day #3. Congratulations to all of our students who are participating and learning about supporting our friends with autism!
- School Social Worker** – This week you would have received a letter and information on how to book an appointment with our school social worker, Barbara Browne. Please feel free to sign up for an appointment if you would like support for you or your family. More details were outlined in the letter.

- **York Hills Children’s Mental Health Week** – Please see the attached flyer for **free** workshops relating to children’s mental health. Workshops take place between May 6-11, 2019, and are an excellent resource for supporting our children.
- **Order your Pizza, Pizza, Pizza! – This Friday, April 12th is the last day for this session’s pizza orders.** Our parent volunteers have been hard at work every Friday organizing and handing out the pizza, and we would like to thank them for their ongoing commitment!

Our **third session will run from April 26 to June 21, 2019.** School Cash Online is open for ordering, and will be closed on April 15th. Be sure to order before then!

- **Dance-a-thon Schedule and Update** – Well our Dance-a-thon fundraiser is off to a great start! Our spirit committee launched with classroom presentations, and every student received a collection envelope.

Please encourage and support your child in collecting donations from friends and relatives. Based on the total number of kids in each class, and the total amount collected, the top two classes who collect the most, will win our grand prize of – **a visit for the class by the ice cream truck!**

In descending order of amount collected, classes will then get a chance to choose their class prize! Some of the prizes available for classes include...

- Play a Road Hockey Classic in the front loop with Ms. Jackson
- Movie and popcorn with Ms. Goyal
- Board Games/Video Games with Mr. Schneider
- Home-baked Cookies from Mr. Higgins
- Personalized Face Painting with Mrs. Soroka
- Recess at the Far Park with Mme Jackson
- Slime Making with Ms. Young
- Lego Fun with Ms. Holm
- Makerspace Fun with Ms. McGeorge
- Two Free recesses in the gym with Ms. Tustin
- Ice Cream Sundaes with Ms. DeCarolis
- Handball in the Gym with Mr. Macoritti
- Dodgeball/Games in the gym with Mr. Han
- Pizza Party from School Council (3 classes)
- Karaoke Fun with Ms. Damiani
- Signed Copy of Original Art (subject is class’ choice) by Mr. Blix
- More to come....!

On the day of the Dance-a-thon, Thursday April 25th, **parents of students grades K-4, are welcome to join/watch** at the following times:

8:45-9:25am – Kindergarten Classes

9:25-10:05am – Grades One and Two

10:05-10:45am – Grades Three and Four

11:15-12:35pm – Grades Five and Six

1:35-3:00pm – Grades Seven and Eight

- **Summer Programs for Students Kdgn – Gr 8** - Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum. Please visit the Summer Institute page at www.yrdsb.ca
- **Planning for Sept 2019** – As we move through the coming months, we begin our planning for the 2019-2020 school year. Each student placement is carefully considered when planning for balanced classes. If you have a particular request that would help support your child's learning style or need, please submit a note to your child's homeroom teacher, or send an email to orlie.soroka@yrdsb.ca directly. Requests will be carefully considered, but not guaranteed. All requests must be made in writing/email **by April 30th, 2019**.

As well, if your family has moved this year, or are planning to move before September. It is very important for you to let us know as soon as possible, so that we can update our records and have all the pieces in place in preparation for the new school year.

Thank you and let's hope we see more signs of Spring this weekend!

Orlie Soroka

Principal

Sarah Tulley

Vice-Principal