

Northern Highlights



Community Update

Week of September 18th, 2023

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Sept. 18th Day 5	Take Me Outside Day Intermediate Boys Volleyball Tryouts - am recess	Sept. 26th - Terry Fox Rain Date Sept. 22nd - PA Day Sept. 24-25 - Yom Kippur Sept. 27th - Rowan's Law Day Sept. 28th - Meet the Staff Night Sept. 30th - Orange Shirt Day Oct. 9th - Thanksgiving Oct. 10th - Photo Day Oct. 20th - PA DAY Nov. 23rd - Grade 7 & 8 Immunization
Tuesday Sept. 19th Day 1	4 - 8 Cross Country - am recess	
Wednesday Sept. 20th Day 2	Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tryouts - am recess Intermediate Boys Volleyball Tryouts - pm recess	
Thursday Sept. 21st Day 3	Terry Fox Run Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tryouts - pm recess	
Friday Sept. 22nd Day 4	PA Day (No School)	

INFORMATION & UPDATES

BOOK OF FORMS: This week, the YRDSB has sent an email to all families with a link to a Google Form to complete the start-up forms. The form will include: the Start-Up Permission Form (mandatory), a Student Information Consent Form (mandatory), a Request for Faith Accommodations Form and a School Council Nomination Form. **Student GAPPS login information** will be required for families to complete the forms. Your child's teacher has provided their GAPPS information to you. Please contact the school office if you require printed copies of these forms. Please note this is also where you indicate your child's lunch preferences.

TERRY FOX: The Terry Fox Run is celebrating 43 years! On Thursday, September 21, 2023, Northern Lights Public School will be celebrating our 19th annual Terry Fox Run. Over the past eighteen years, we have raised almost \$66,000 for cancer research. Last year our school raised \$5,000. We are encouraging all students to help meet our school's goal of \$6,000 this year. Please ensure that your child is prepared to walk/run on the day with comfortable, weather appropriate clothes, running shoes and a refillable water bottle. Students have received pledge forms to take home. Online donations may also be collected using this [Link](#).

SAFETY WEEK: The York Region School Board is committed to ensuring the safety of students, staff, building occupants and visitors in the event of an emergency situation. As such, during Safety Week (September 25 to 29, 2023) and throughout the school year, schools in our Board practise various safety drills including Fire Drills, Lockdown Drills, Hold and Secure Drills and the newly established Bomb Threat Drill. It is critical that all members of our school community become familiar with emergency protocols as they are designed to keep all of us safe at school. Please refer to Board Policy #669.0 for more information about Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management.

Practising drills may create some anxiety for some students. If you are concerned about how these situations might impact the mental health and well-being of your child, please contact school administrators, as we have school mental health professionals available to support your child.

General Supports for Emotional Well-Being:

- 310-COPE: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7
- KidsHelpPhone: 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7, <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>
- Mental Health Helpline: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7
- York Hills Help Phone Line: 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for children and youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters. Visit www.yorkhills.ca for more information.
- Trans Lifeline: <https://translifeline.org/>
- Black Youth Helpline: <https://blackyouth.ca/>
- Naseeha Helpline: <https://naseeha.org/>
- 2SLGBTQ+ Youthline: <https://www.youthline.ca/>

*INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

MEDICAL PERIL/ALLERGIES:

Any families that have a child with a medical peril (e.g. anaphylactic allergy, asthma, epilepsy, diabetes) are asked to complete the appropriate form below and return it to the office as soon as possible.

- [Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)
- [Asthma Health Care Plan](#)
- [Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)
- [Epilepsy Seizure Disorder Health Care Plan](#)



COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL: We must respectfully ask that if you wish to communicate with your child during the day, you call & or report to the office rather than approaching your child outside on the tarmac at recess.

DROP OFF/PICK UP ROUTINES: If you are driving your child/children to school in the morning, please drive to the end of the Kiss and Ride loop that continues all the way around to the west side of the parking lot. Once your child/children are out of the car a staff member on duty will direct students to the appropriate location. **Please note, there is no parking in the loop as we would like to keep traffic flowing slowly through the Kiss and Ride.**

STUDENT ABSENCES/EDSBY: If your child(ren) will be absent from school, please ensure that you enter their absence in EDSBY. You can call in your child(s) absence using the automated INFORM system, (905) 727-4224 before the start of school. Please specify the correct reason for the absence.



REVISED GRADE 1,2,3 AND 6 SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULA: The Social Studies curricula for Grades 1, 2, 3 and 6 have been revised to include increased learning on the perspectives, experiences, and contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, communities and nations. Please see the following [link](#) for parent information related to changes in the curriculum related to each specific grade.

LOCKS FOR LOCKERS: Students who have lockers must use a proper, school-approved combination lock (Dudley lock with numbers only). If you require one, locks are available for purchase for \$5.00 on School Cash Online.

SCHOOL LUNCH ASSISTANTS: We are looking for responsible and compassionate community members to work at NLPS as School Lunch Assistants. This position requires you to work for one hour each day during the school week (12:35 - 1:35, Monday to Friday). The rate of pay is \$17.00/hour. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact the school office in person or by phone at 905-727-4224.

KIDS KITCHEN: Kids kitchen will be offering lunches at Northern Lights on Mondays beginning Monday September 11th. IF you are interested in ordering lunch for your child(ren) please view the following [link](#) for menu options and visit www.kidskitchen.ca for information and registration.