



York Region District School Board Values:

Inclusivity Relationships Innovation Engagement Responsibility Optimism

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The Northern Highlights

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Administrators' Message

Dear Families,

Over the past month, we have had numerous activities going on at Northern Lights, and we're looking forward to another exciting month in May!

Our annual Rock & Roll Extravaganza spring concert was a great success! Our students were all shining stars, and we'd like to thank our amazing staff for putting together a great show. Thanks to all of our NLPS community who were able to join us – what a supportive audience!

Junior basketball teams have enjoyed their games and tournaments, and our primary students have been enjoying some intramural lunch time activities. Our junior and intermediate students will be starting to prepare for Track & Field, and taking advantage of some warmer weather to stay active outdoors.

Lots of leadership opportunities for our students have also taken place. Our intermediate students facilitated our final Peace Day of the year. It was amazing to see the sense of belonging that our students were able to foster in their mixed-grade teams and in the activities they designed. Check out some of the amazing peace button designs that our students created on page 6. Well done! A group of students attended the "Together We're Better" conference, and are beginning to talk about ways that students can take the lead in supporting well-being in our school environment. A group of enthusiastic grade 5 and 6 leaders will begin their PLAY Program training this month. PLAY stands for "Peer Leadership for Active Youth", and will see our grade 5 and 6 students leading cooperative games at recess for our primary students.

Later this month, our grade 3 and 6 students will be writing the primary and junior EQAO assessments on May 24, 25, 28, 29. Results of these provincial assessments will be made available by the EQAO office in the fall.

Finally, we would like to welcome Trevor Elliston, our new Lead Caretaker, and Don Poirier, caretaker, who have both joined us this past month. Welcome to Northern Lights!

Mrs. O. Soroka
Principal

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Vice-Principal

Parent Information

Kindergarten Registration Continues

Kindergarten registration continues through the school year. Forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Or, you can attain a copy at the school. Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. Please register at your earliest convenience, as planning for September has already begun.

For more information, please visit the YRDSB website or contact our school office.



2017-2018 YEARBOOK ORDERS

2017-2018 Yearbook orders are now open on School Cash Online.

All orders are due May 4th – cost is \$22.00 per yearbook

Thank you for supporting Popcorn Fridays! Coming soon.... Frozen Yogurt!

Our final popcorn Friday of the year will be Friday, May 4th.

Beginning Friday, May 18th, we will be selling **Frozen Yogurt** (non-dairy options too!). Bring a toonie (\$2) for a cool treat! (May 18, 25, June 1, 8)



Popcorn and Frozen Yogurt sales help support NLPS Graduation activities and school-wide program enhancements.

Jump Rope for Heart

NLPS is supporting Jump Rope for Heart again this year. Watch for information to come home after our kick-off assembly April 30th. Thanks in advance for supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

Our students are looking forward to jumping rope on **June 1st**, and continuing to develop heart healthy habits!

Planning for September 2018

We are already beginning the planning process for the 2018-19 school year. As the winter and spring months unfold, we are continuing to monitor our enrollment to ensure that our numbers are current and accurate.

If you are moving and/or **your child will not be attending Northern Lights next school year**, please fill in the form below and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Student's Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Moving to: _____ (city or new school name if known)

Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE!!

FOR OUR ANNUAL END-OF-YEAR

FAMILY FUN FAIR

brought to you by your NLPS Parent Council

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018
5:00PM-8:00PM



Health & Safety



It's *your* head – use it!

Head injuries are the leading cause of serious injury and death to kids on wheels. Wearing a properly fitted, certified helmet can reduce the risk of serious head injury by 85 per cent. Children and youth under 18 years of age are required by law to wear a helmet when bicycling. Helmets must fit properly to protect your child in the event of a crash.

Remember the **2V1 Shake, Shake, Shake** rule:

- **2:** The helmet should cover the top of your child's head and sit two finger widths above his or her eyebrows. A helmet that is too big will not provide proper protection
- **V:** Adjust the side straps so they form a V-shape under your child's ears
- **1:** Only one finger should fit between your child's chin and the fastened straps
- **Shake, Shake, Shake:** Have your child shake his or her head up and down and side to side to make sure the helmet is snug



For more information visit york.ca/injuryprevention

This material is provided by York Region Public Health.

Bus Loop & Kiss and Ride Safety

In an effort to make **kiss and ride** drop-off and pick-up as orderly and safe as possible we ask that drivers respect the following guidelines:

1. Have your child(ren) enter and exit the vehicle from the **curb side of the loop** (exit from the **RIGHT** side of the vehicle **ONLY**).
2. The Kiss & Ride area is a **single lane** only. Cars should enter single file and not drive past vehicles ahead.
3. Never leave your car parked or unattended in the Kiss & Ride.

In addition, our **school bus loop** at the front of the school is off limits to any cars, especially between the times of:

8:15 – 8:45 AM

3:00 – 3:30 PM

We need to keep the bus loop clear of any cars at the above times so that buses can safely drop off/pick up students. As this is also our fire route, cars must not stop or park in the bus loop during the day.

We realize that drop-off and pick-up can be challenging and therefore we would like to provide some alternative transportation suggestions:

- ✓ Choose an active means to get to school such as walk or bike.
- ✓ Carpool. Arrange to help each other out with pick-up and drop-off.
- ✓ Discuss pick-up and drop-off routines with your children and be flexible with solutions.
- ✓ Park a block away and walk the last block to school with your child(ren).

With your help and cooperation this initiative can be successful! Thank you for assisting us in keeping our students safe

School Council

FUN FAIR

Volunteers Needed!



If you are able to help with one or more of the items below, please contact the office (northern.lights.ps@yrdsb.ca)

Do you have a special talent, or interest that you're willing to share at our Fun Fair? We're looking for volunteers to help with activity booths such as: **Mehndi (Henna), balloon animals, face painting,** and more!

We are also in need of adults who have a current Vulnerable Sector Screening to help supervise our amazing **inflatable attractions** during our Fun Fair! Time commitment: minimum 1 hour.

We have many opportunities at the Fun Fair for **High School students** to earn **volunteer hours**, so please forward us the names and emails of interested High School Students!

We are also collecting **donations for raffle prizes** – personal or corporate donations are welcome, such as gift cards, baskets, or desirable items from our community partners.

Read-a-Thon



Thank you to our school community for supporting our Read-a-Thon.

We raised **\$6000.00!**

Thank you to our School Council for supporting our fundraiser.

The money will be used to support program enhancements such as: modern learning furniture for our pods, additional technology, and home reading books.



Join us for our final **School Council** meeting of the year on **Monday, May 7th at 7:00pm** in the Library Learning Commons.



Put some '**spring in your step!**
Join us at our **Spring Family Dance!**

Thursday, May 31st

6:30-8:00 all ages with parents/guardians
8:00-9:00 grades 6-8 only (no parents/guardians)

Student Council will be selling refreshments



Eco Schools



May EcoTheme: Water Conservation

The eco-theme for May is “Water Conservation”.

It's a good time to “Rethink” our use of water and to treat our water as an essential resource that should be used sparingly and not wasted.

How can your family conserve water at home?

Every drop counts and every person can make a difference!

Supporting Student Achievement

Summer Institute

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.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 11 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) page on www.yrdsb.ca.

Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.

Base Registration Weekly Fees:

York Region District School Board students: **\$105 (4 day weeks) \$120 (5 day weeks)**

Non- York Region District School Board students: **\$130 (4 day weeks) \$155 (5 day weeks)**

Peace Day Buttons

Each student in the school designed a button to show what peace means to them.

Students wore their buttons proudly on our final Peace Day of the year.

Keep the conversation going at home! What does peace mean to you?



Well-Being

May Value: Optimism

*We approach all situations with optimism.
We cultivate confidence and resilience in all students and staff.*

OPTIMISM FOR LEARNERS

We demonstrate optimism when:

- ☺ we have a growth mindset
- ☺ we see disappointing events as temporary situations that we can move past
- ☺ we try again rather than give up
- ☺ we are positive and confident in our abilities



OPTIMISM IN LEARNING

We plan for and encourage optimism when:

- ☺ we reflect on our learning and think about what we did well
- ☺ we celebrate successes
- ☺ we see how our skills and abilities help us in different situations
- ☺ we set goals and make plans for achieving our goals

OPTIMISM IN OUR ENVIRONMENT

We create and contribute to an optimistic environment when:

- ☺ we admit mistakes and take responsibility for our words and actions
- ☺ we focus on the positives and what we can do to make things better
- ☺ we are kind and respectful
- ☺ we see ourselves reflected in the learning environment

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Badminton Area Tournament	2 VIP grade 6 Teams & Clubs Photo Day	3 Healthy Schools Network	4 Gr. 7/8 Vaccinations Yearbook Orders due Final Popcorn Friday	5
6	7 VIP grade 8 School Council Meeting 7 pm	8 Grade 7 Day at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School	9 Grade 8 Camp Muskoka (9 th -11 th) 	10 Welcome to Kindergarten 6:15 pm 	11	12
13	14 Cardinal Golf gr. 4-6 	15 Red Maple book club at Harbourfront  S.O.D.A (Students of Differing Abilities) Track & Field Meet	16 Grade 6 Scientist in the School	17	18 Frozen Yogurt 	19
20	21 Victoria Day (no school) 	22	23	24 EQAO 	25 EQAO Frozen Yogurt 	26
27	28 EQAO	29 EQAO	30 Primary Swimming 	31 Family Dance 		

Northern Lights Spirit Wear is available for purchase throughout the year...

Check it out at

<http://www.alletchedup.com/>



Coming in June...

- June 1** Jump Rope for Heart
- June 4** PA Day
- June 5** Track & Field (June 6 rain date)
- June 8** Race for Autism
- June 19** Grade 8 Graduation
- June 22** Fun Fair
- June 25** Talent Show
- June 26** Report Cards go home
- June 28** Last day of classes
- June 29** PA Day