



APRIL 2017

THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS



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Message From Your Administrator

It seems that spring has finally arrived!! It has been wonderful joining the Northern Lights community. Thank you so much for the warm welcome from students, staff and families. I am enjoying meeting everyone and love participating as a co-learner in all our activities. I look forward to working together in the coming years and am proud to be an Ice Cat!

We have been very busy at the school with numerous teams practicing, professional collaboration groups, clubs at recess, arts presentations and school assemblies. On February 24th we celebrated Carnavale where students spent the day participating in activities throughout the school. More recently we had a spirit Jersey Day and it was wonderful to see all the activities that our students participate in outside of school.

If you are the parent/guardian of a child in grade 3 or 6, please mark these dates onto your calendars, and try to ensure your child will be present at school for the EQAO assessment: **May 24 to June 1**. Please try to limit any appointments, visits, etc. during this time, as it is very important that your children are at school for these two weeks to ensure maximum time and support during the assessment. Detailed information pertaining to those specific grades will be sent directly to those parents concerned in the coming months.

Thank you,

Mrs. Burt
Principal

Ms. King
Vice-Principal

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2017-18 school year has commenced. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned **for this spring**. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

CHARACTER VALUES

**Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Empathy, Fairness, Initiative,
Perseverance, Courage, Integrity, Optimism.**

Please visit our website frequently for updates: <http://northernlights.ps.yrdsb.ca/>

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

With spring approaching and the hours of daylight increasing, now is a good time to enjoy the outdoors and our natural environment. Did you know that our Board has five [outdoor education centres](#), and students have opportunities to visit them and other outdoor learning spaces throughout their schooling? This is part of our commitment to giving students an opportunity to learn in and about the natural world. This learning supports students in gaining a deeper appreciation for nature and the importance of environmental sustainability. "Modelling continuous environmental sustainability" is one of the goals outlined in our [Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#). We believe that we all have a role to play in reducing waste and protecting our environment. Our students, staff members and families continue to show leadership when it comes to supporting student learning and initiatives to reduce our ecological footprint. Spending time outside as a family also provides a great opportunity to support and enhance your child's learning outside of school. Whether visiting a park or museum, reading with your child in your home language or asking questions about their day at school - know that there are many ways you can support their education and that you are making a difference.

VOLUNTEERS IN OUR SCHOOLS



Volunteers are welcome and greatly appreciated at our school. In accordance with the York Region District School Board's Policies and Procedures, all volunteers who may be interacting with students are required to have a Police Vulnerable Sector Check (PVSC). Once you have obtained your PVSC, please submit it to the office. If you obtained your PVSC last year, all you need to do is drop by the office to sign an Annual Offense Declaration and a Confidentiality Agreement.

Thank you for your support and understanding!

ATTENDANCE LINE

Please do not email the school or teacher to advise an absence. All absences are to be called in or entered by you in advance. If your child/children are to be absent from school, please call the attendance line from your cell, home number or enter her absence online. This can be done 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 9am on the day of the absence. Either by calling: **1-855-203-2994** or entering online at: yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com. It is important to follow the prompts until the end of the call, when you will be given a confirmation number.



We thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Council meetings are held the first Monday of each month in the school library. You do not have to be a council member to come. We encourage all parents to come and share their thoughts or just listen.

**OUR NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 3rd AT 7:00 p.m.**

AFTERSCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

For your child's safety, we would kindly ask that you please make afterschool arrangements for your child(ren) before school. Our office is receiving a large number of calls after 3 pm for students who require a change in arrangements in terms of pick up time/location or who to meet at the end of the day. Thank you very much for your assistance with this matter as we want to ensure that all of our students arrive home safely.

Checking for Late Buses



On occasion, our buses run late due to traffic or weather conditions. If you want to find out if your child's bus is running late, please visit the link below from School Bus City as they post the late buses each morning and afternoon. <http://www.schoolbuscity.com/latebus/>



NLPS CARNAVAL 2017 - MERCI BEAUCOUP!

Once again, our Winter Carnaval was a success! We would like to thank all parents who volunteered to plan, set up and manage our HOT CHOCOLATE station. The School Council and parents served delicious 'chocolat chaud' and "croissants" to all of the students and staff. Thank you, also, to the students who took on the roles of leadership. Their commitment to responsibly managing a game station or leading a team of students allowed younger students to enjoy a fun Carnaval. Thank you to all of our staff members who supported the games and provided positive feedback and support to the all students throughout the day.

See you next year! A la prochaine!

Mme Scetto



What is Purple Day?

Purple Day is an international grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. On March 26th annually, people in countries around the world are invited to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness. Last year, people in dozens of countries on all continents including Antarctica, participated in Purple Day!

At Northern Lights Public School, we were wearing purple on Monday, March 27th in support of those living with Epilepsy. <http://www.purpleday.org/>



Next Spirit Day is:
Friday April 28th, 2017
SUPERHERO DAY



Child(ren) can wear anything with a superhero Brand
(no masks or weapons allowed)

FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

Parents/guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2017 and wishing to enroll in the French Immersion (FI) Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - Short Version*.

To find the FI program location for your elementary school location, please visit YRDSB's website at (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>). The Office Index Card must be signed by the Principal of the home school. Parents/guardians can then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to preregister. As an F.Y.I., information sessions for the French Immersion program have already taken place at French Immersion schools.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

SCHOOL LUNCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED



School Assistants play an important role in providing a safe and comfortable environment for students during the lunch hour. This is a paid position, requiring you to be at the school from **12:15 pm — 1:15 pm**. If you are interested in applying for this position, either on a full-time or occasional basis, please contact our secretary Fiona Gamble the office at (905) 727-4224 ext. 151.

ARE YOU MOVING THIS SUMMER?



Please help us plan ahead by informing us of your plans for next year. If you know that you will be moving and your children will be changing schools, please let the school office know (in writing) as soon as possible. This will help us be more accurate when determining staffing and preparing the 2017 class lists.

LUNCHTIME AT NLPS

If parents are home during the day, students are encouraged to go home for lunch as this allows them to have a break in the day. For students who stay at school for the lunch hour, lunch will be eaten in the classroom. We are fortunate to have a wonderful team of adult School Assistants to supervise the classrooms and hallways, as well as the playground. We also have a number of student volunteers who lunch monitor in our primary classrooms. These students help to remind students of the lunch expectations and reinforce positive lunchtime behaviours.

Students who bring lunch to school may not leave the school property during the lunch hour unless they have a signed note from their parents and they sign out at the office. *Students must have written permission from their parents **ahead of time** if they are leaving over the lunch hour. Please remember to ensure you pack a nutritious lunch.*

12:15 – 12:40 Students eat lunch in their classrooms.

Please review the following lunchtime expectations with your child:



1. Clean up my space.
2. Eat my lunch at my own desk.
3. Use an indoor voice.
4. Use friendly language.
5. Don't share food due to allergies.

SPRING MOVIE

in the ~~Park~~ SARC



WE'RE KICKING OFF OUR MOVIES IN THE PARK SERIES EARLY THIS YEAR BY BRINGING IT INDOORS TO THE STRONACH AURORA RECREATION COMPLEX (SARC)!

Secret Life of Pets (PG)

Saturday, April 29, 2017 • 6:15 p.m.

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Pfaff Arena • 1400 Wellington Street East

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and movie
experience is
FREE!

Arrive early to
enjoy stellar
pre-movie surprises!

Enter for your chance
to win **one free week
of Summer Camp!**



A food donation for the local food pantry is appreciated.



4 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Games and activities.



6:15 p.m. – Movie begins (87 minute run time).



The ice will be removed from the Pfaff Arena floor.
Please bring your own portable chairs or comfortable seating.

aurora.ca/moviesinthepark • 905-726-4762

Please note, we reserve the right to cancel, amend or change activities.

AURORA

#AuroraMovies



The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered at in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

YMCA Before and Aftercare programs available at all locations

[YMCA Before and After Care Registration](#)

Weekly Sessions July 4, 2017 to August 11, 2017

For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit www.yrdsb.ca and select programs and services.

Summer Institute Site

[Armadale S.I.](#)

[Crosby Heights S.I.](#)

[Discovery S.I. \(located at Teston Village P.S.\)](#)

[Lakeside S.I.](#)

[Lake Wilcox S.I.](#)

[Maple Leaf S.I. \(located at Glen Cedar P.S.\)](#)

[Milliken Mills S.I. \(located at Highgate P.S.\)](#)

[Oscar Peterson S.I.](#)

[Sixteenth Avenue S.I.](#)

[Unionville Meadows S.I.](#)

[Woodbridge S.I.](#)

Address

11 Coppard Ave., Markham

190 Neal Dr., Richmond Hill

80 Murray Farm Lane., Maple

213 Shorecrest Rd., Keswick

80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill

915 Wayne Dr., Newmarket

35 Highgate Dr., Markham

850 Hoover Park Dr., Stouffville

400 Sixteenth Ave., Richmond Hill

355 South Unionville Ave., Markham

60 Burwick Ave., Woodbridge

For additional information please email performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca or call 905-884-2046 ext. 240.

FIRST NATIONS INITIATIVE

Student council is connecting with a First Nations school in Northern Ontario. Our Prime minister Kareena Boodoosingh has brought up an idea to partner with a First Nations school to learn about what it's like going to school in their perspective, and what things First Nations schools are short of. The First Nation schools do not get as much funding, so we will eventually be fundraising for school supplies, and will send them to a First Nations school.

RACE FOR AUTISM AND NEURODIVERSITY

April is Autism Awareness month. Student council will be helping teachers organize this year's Race for Autism on Friday, April 28, 2017. Bracelets will be sold for \$5 with proceeds supporting autism organizations. More details will follow. Parents interested in volunteering for this event are asked to email katrina.paivio@yrdsb.ca.



Simplified Chinese

约克区教育局的暑期学院是一个提供学术、休闲娱乐和体育活动的课程，它是本着安大略省幼儿园到 8 年级的儿童和青年课程所特意连接开设的。

从 2017 年 7 月 4 日至 2017 年 8 月 11 日，地区内 11 所小学每周都提供课程。

课程计划和注册信息均可在约克区教育局网站

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx> 查看。

如需要更多资料可电邮到 performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca 或致电 905-884-2046 暑期学院办公室分机 240 查询。

Hindi

यॉक क्षेत्र के जिला स्कूल बोर्ड के शीष्मकालीन संस्थान एक कार्यक्रम है जो बाल विहार से ग्रेड 8 के बच्चों के लिए ओटारियो पाठ्यक्रम के साथ लिंक, शैक्षिक, खेल-कूद और पुष्ट कार्यक्रमों और गतिविधियों को प्रदान करता है।

साप्ताहिक सत्र पूरे क्षेत्र के 11 प्राथमिक विद्यालयों में 4 जुलाई 2017 से 11 अगस्त 2017 को पेशकश किए जाये गे।

शीष्मकालीन संस्थान कार्यक्रम और पंजीकरण के बारे में सूचना YRDSB वेबसाइट पर कार्यक्रमों और सेवाओं के तहत उपलब्ध है।

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx>

अधिक जानकारी के लिए ईमेल: performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca या 905-884-2046 ext 240 पर शीष्मकालीन संस्थान कार्यालय से संपर्क करें।

Tamil

யோக் பிராந்திய கல்விச்சபையால் மழலையர் முதல் தரம் வட்டு வரையான மாணவர்களுக்கான கோடைகால வகுப்புக்கள். இதில் கல்வி, பொழுதுபோக்கு, மற்றும் விளையாட்டு நிகழ்ச்சிகளுடன் ஒன்டாரியோ பாடத்திட்டத்திற்கமைய நடாத்தப்படும்.

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இயங்கவுள்ளது.

பதிவு தகவல்களை பெற விரும்பினால் யோக் பிராந்திய கல்விச் சபை இணையத்தளத்திற்கு சென்று திட்டங்கள் மற்றும் சேவைகள் பகுதியை பார்க்கவும்.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx>

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Thank you for supporting our Yearbook! A Yearbook makes a great gift -- order yours today!

Our yearbook is planned to include:

- All-color pages that vibrantly capture school memories
- Sturdy soft cover
- Original cover design that reflects our school's spirit and uniqueness
- School name and year imprinted in foil on the cover

Schools may adjust yearbook features and the final yearbook features may vary.



YEARBOOK PRICING

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April 21, 2017



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THE SCHOOL COUNCIL EVENT



Parents
ENGAGED IN EDUCATION

Don't Miss Out!!
FREE
To All Parents

Saturday, April 22, 2017

REGISTER HERE

WORKSHOPS:

Branding - fundraising at a bargain
Jody Steinhauer, Bargains Group

Advocating for your child
The Ontario Ombudsman

Anti-bullying strategies
*Jason Colero, Toronto Argonauts,
Huddle Up Bully Prevention Program*

Getting the most out of
reading with your child
Maria Martella, Tinlids Books

Tips for Parents
EQAO

Recruiting, retaining & succession
planning for school councils
Theresa Pastore, PEIE

Use of Electronic
communications & social media
College of Teachers

How children learn to code
Apple Canada

Great workshops for strategies to take back to your
committee and school community.

Network with parents from across the province.
Visit vendors that provide services or products to schools

LOCATION:

Bill Crothers Secondary School
44 Main Street Markham / Unionville

TIME:

Registration - 8:30 am; Event - 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS:

Homewood Suites, Markham 5.5km
905-477-4663 • Reserve by: March 15, 2017

Join the discussion
in our Networking
Room and visit our
Photo Booth with
your whole team!

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SCHOOL & CHILDREN
ON OUR**

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TREE

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NORTHERN LIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

APRIL 2017

- April 2** World Autism Awareness Day
- April 3** Engagement Assembly
March Sharing Assembly 1:30 pm
School Council Meeting 7:00-8:30 pm (Library) All are welcome!
- April 5** Arts Package-Trillium Bass Quintet-Gym
- April 10** Music Alive Festival-Intermediate Band 11:00-3:00
- April 18** Area Junior Girls Basketball
- April 19** Area Junior Boys Basketball
- April 20** Playoffs-Junior Girls & Boys Basketball
- April 28** Race for Autism
Superhero Spirit Day
- May 1** School Council Meeting 7:00-8:30 pm (Library) All are welcome!