

# Northern Highlights



## Community Update

Week of April 1st, 2024

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday April 1st Day 0	Easter Monday - (No School Today)	April 11th & 12th - Dental Screening April 16th - Family BINGO Night April 22nd-30th - Passover
Tuesday April 2nd Day 2	Red Maple Book Club Meeting 8:00-8:45 Int. Badminton - am recess Jr. Boys Basketball Practice - pm recess Int. Band Practice - Brass and Percussion - pm recess	
Wednesday April 3rd Day 3	Int. Badminton Practice -am recess Jr. Boys Basketball Practice - pm recess Student Council Meeting - pm recess Intermediate Band Practice - after school Junior Boys Basketball Game @ Aurora Heights PS after school	
Thursday April 4th Day 4	Jr. Band Practice 8:00 - 8:45 Jr. Girls Basketball Practice - am recess Int. Badminton Practice - pm recess Sub Lunch Jr. Girls Basketball hosting Highview @ NLPS after school	
Friday April 5th Day 5	Int. Badminton - am recess Pizza Lunch	

### \*INFORMATION & UPDATES\*

**FUNDRAISING ANNOUNCEMENT!:** We would like to thank our parents and community for making our school Dance-a-Thon fundraiser a great success. Thanks to your generous donations we were able to raise over \$6,750! As a fundraiser incentive, Mr. Biemiller did promise to shave his head if we met our fundraising goal of \$6,000. We would like to thank the Student Council for making this event possible and enjoyable for the students. We would also like to thank Mr. Biemiller, for his commitment to making education fun for all! We love the new hairdo!



**EASTER GREETING** -To all those who celebrate Easter (Western), we wish you and your families a very happy celebration over Easter weekend. Best wishes to all those who commemorate Good Friday.

**SEVA SIKH STUDENT ASSOCIATION** - Sikh students from Grade 6 to 12 are invited to be part of the YRDSB Sikh Student Association, a space where your identity is celebrated and supported! For further details and registration information please see [SEVA Sikh Student Association](#)



**WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH** - The York Region District School Board is officially launching a month-long World Autism Acceptance campaign alongside our community partners from Autism Ontario, a member of our Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). For further information see the [Celebrate the Spectrum](#) website from Autism Ontario

**KOREAN FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT** - The Network of Educators for Korean-Canadian Students (NEKS) invites Korean families and community members to attend a workshop to develop a deeper understanding of the Ontario Education System. Families will be able to learn about the K-12 Ontario Education System with an emphasis on transitions from elementary to secondary school, post-secondary pathways, and Special Education. Please see the [flyer](#) for further details.

**\*INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS\***

**SUMMER INSTITUTE REGISTRATION:** 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 nine school sites around York Region. Registration for [Summer Institute](#) opens March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute webpage](#).  
**registration opens March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Families can register online.**

**SOLAR ECLIPSE EARLY DISMISSAL: MONDAY APRIL 8TH, 2024 (12:15pm)** Due to the solar eclipse on **April 8, 2024**, all schools will be dismissing students early. Our school will dismiss at **12:15 pm - 180 minutes before typical dismissal time**. If your child is not attending school on April 8, please record their absence. Student after school activities, including extra-curricular activities will be canceled on April 8.

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION PARENT GUIDE:** The Ministry of Education has [launched a Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System](#) that we will be sharing with families. The full guide can be found at [Ontario.ca/educationguide](http://Ontario.ca/educationguide).

**SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM:** This free information session is organized by Inclusive School and Community Services in partnership with Student Services of York Region District School Board. For more information, please email [shani.blake@yrdsb.ca](mailto:shani.blake@yrdsb.ca) or [pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca](mailto:pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca) Please note that Childcare will not be provided. Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Please [register](#) by Apr. 28, 2024.

**RAMADAN INFORMATION:** This year Ramadan began on March 10th. We would like to wish all our Muslim families a blessed time of reflection during the month of Ramadan. We will have a space set aside at school for students who are fasting or praying at school. If your child would like to access these spaces, please let their teacher or the office know.

**RAMADAN**

Thank you Mrs. Turney and our Grade 8 students for the beautiful Ramadan display.

