

Northern Highlights



Community Update

Week of December 11th, 2023

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Dec. 11th Day 1	Grade 7 students in Mr. Han's and Mr. Schneider's Class to VORC Jr. Girls Volleyball Tryout - am recess Jr. Boys Volleyball Practice - lunch recess Int. Band Practice - Woodwinds - lunch recess Trivia NLPS vs Charles Howitt Online 3:30-4:30pm	Dec. 14 - School Concert Dec. 18-22 - Student Council Spirit Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday - NLPS Spirit Day Tuesday - Crazy Hat Day Wednesday - Beach Day Thursday - Block Colour Day (wear an outfit that is all one Colour!) Friday - Pajama Day & Last Day of Classes Dec. 25-Jan. 5th inclusive - Winter Break
Tuesday Dec. 12th Day 2	Grade 7 students in Mr. Schneider's class to VORC Jr. Boys Volleyball Practice - am recess Int. Band Practice Brass and Percussion - lunch recess	
Wednesday Dec. 13th Day 3	Jr. Girls Volleyball Tryout - am recess The Creativity Club - Grades 6-8 - am recess Jr. Boys Volleyball Practice - am recess Jr. Choir - lunch recess Student Council Meeting - lunch recess Int. Band Practice - after school	
Thursday Dec. 14th Day 4	The Journal Group- Grade 6 - am recess Sub Lunch <u>2:00 Winter Concert for Kdgn Students</u> <u>6:00 Winter Concert Evening Performance for Primary Students, Jr. Choir and Intermediate Band.</u>	
Friday Dec. 15th Day 5	Primary Skating 8:45-12:45 Pizza Lunch	

INFORMATION & UPDATES



WINTER CONCERT NIGHT: Mark your calendars, the concert is around the corner! A reminder that the NLPS Winter concert will take place on **Thursday December 14th**. The concert for Kindergarten Families will occur at 2:00pm in the afternoon, during the school day. Our primary students (who are participating) as well as our Jr. Choir and Intermediate Band will have their concert beginning at 6:00pm in the evening.

HAPPY HANUKKAH: Many of our Jewish families are celebrating Hanukkah, also known as the Jewish Festival of Lights. It is an eight-day celebration honoring the Miracle of the Oil. To all those who are celebrating, we extend our best wishes for a happy holiday! "Chag Hanukkah Sameach."



SUB LUNCH: Thursday Sub Lunch will continue in January & February with Subway providing the sandwiches. School Cash Online will open on Monday, December 11th to place orders. Orders may be placed until Monday, January 1, 2024. A reminder that late orders will not be accepted. Thursday Sub Lunch dates are: **January 11, 18 & 25 / February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.**

POINSETTIA PICK-UP: Our Grade 8 students have been busy fundraising for their 2024 Graduation, including through our Poinsettia sales. On behalf of the Grade 8's, "We'd like to thank the NLPS community for supporting our Holiday Poinsettia Fundraiser this month. We hope you enjoy the beautiful holiday plants!" ~ Fiona, Grade 8 Student. If you have not yet picked up your plant, please contact the office on Monday.




SPIRIT WEEK: Our Student Council is pleased to share that the final week before the break (December 18-22) will be Spirit Week! Students are encouraged to show their school spirit in the following ways:

- **Monday: NLPS Spirit Day!** Come dressed in school colours (light blue, dark blue, grey or white) Or wear some NLPS spirit wear clothing if you have it!
- **Tuesday: Crazy Hat Day!** Pick a hat, any hat! The crazier the better!
- **Wednesday: Beach Day!** Channel warm thoughts and come dressed for the beach!
- **Thursday: Block Colour Day!** Wear an outfit that is all one colour!
- **Friday: Pajama Day!** We will be practicing for the Winter Break with some relaxation wear for our final day of classes.



EQAO RESULTS: As many of you are aware, all publicly funded schools in Ontario complete the EQAO on an annual basis. Last year, our Grade 3 & 6 students completed the EQAO in late May and early June. Our students performed very well exceeding both the board and provincial average in all areas of the assessment. Individual student results were sent home earlier in the fall to participating students. Overall school results are available through the [EQAO website](#).

 Northern Lights Public School EQAO Results Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2022–2023 school year			
	Reading	Writing	Math
Grade 3	86%	80%	75%
Grade 6	92%	95%	77%

VOLUNTEER READING PROGRAM: This week marked the first full week of the Volunteer Reading Program! We would like to thank our volunteers as well as Ms. Walter for her leadership with this group. We continue to seek additional volunteers for this program where volunteers read with our emergent readers in Grades 1 & 2. If you are able to commit as little as one hour a week we would love to have your assistance. Training is provided! We will be running another training session early in the new year. Interested volunteers please contact Ms. Walter. dawn.walter@yrdsb.ca. Please also see the [linked flyer](#).

SKATING: Our last day for skating will be on **Friday, December 15, 2023**. A reminder to please send your child's skates and helmet to school on the day of their trip. We would once again like to extend our appreciation to all of our parent and student volunteers.

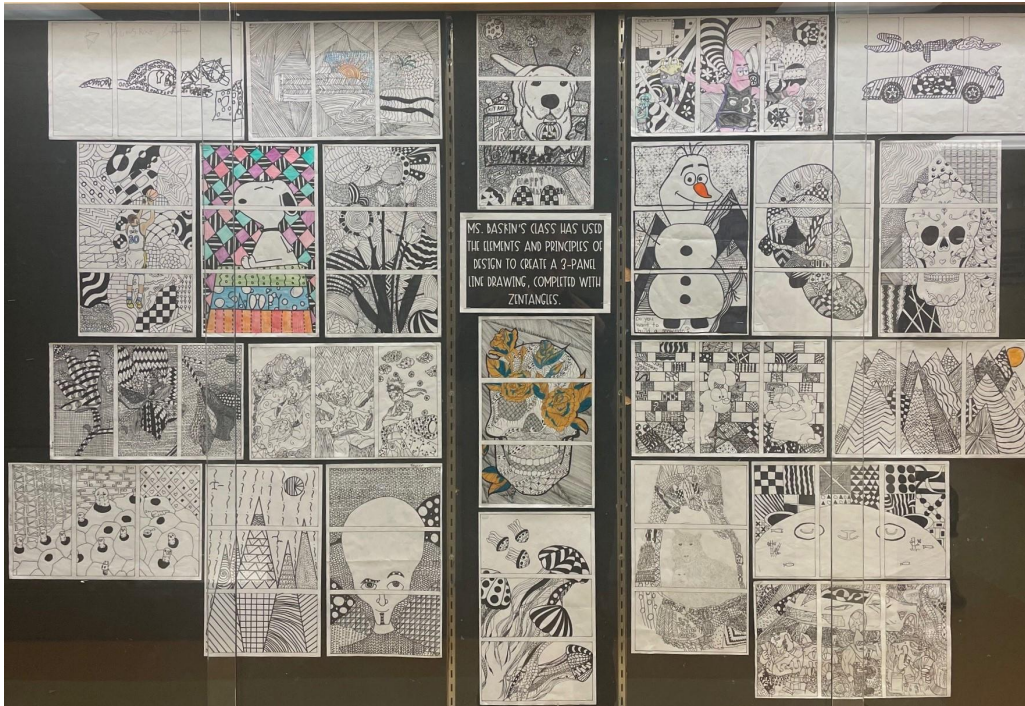
LITERACY NIGHT RESOURCES: We were very pleased to welcome so many families last week for our Primary Grades Literacy Night Event! The resources that were shared that evening are now posted on our school website and are available through [this link](#)!



INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

BLOCK 2 PIZZA LUNCH ORDERS: The Second Block of Pizza for Pizza Lunch Fridays will be available to purchase from Monday, December 4th until Friday, December 22nd on School Cash Online. Please remember to place your orders within these three weeks as we will not be able to accommodate late orders. Block 2 Pizza dates are: **January 12 & 26 / February 9, 16 & 23 / March 1, 8 & 22, 2024.**

STUDENT ARTWORK



Ms. Baskin's Class has been hard at work using the elements and principles of design to create individual 3 panel line drawings, completed with zentangles.

