

Northern Highlights



Community Update

Week of Feb. 12th, 2024

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Feb. 12th Day 4	Int. Girls Basketball - am recess Int. Band Practice - Woodwinds - pm recess Robotics Practice Int. Band Practice Woodwinds pm recess Int. Girls Basketball Game @ Aurora Grove P.S. Int. Boys Basketball @ Lester B. Pearson P.S.	Feb. 19th - Family Day Feb. 21st - Term 1 Report Cards Home Feb. 21st - Int. Girls Basketball Areas. Feb. 23rd & 26th Carnival (division specific dates). Feb. 26th - Int. Boys Basketball Areas. Feb. 28th - Pink Day Feb. 28th - Int Band to Golden Horseshoe Music Festival Mar. 8th - Last Day of Classes before Break
Tuesday Feb. 13th Day 5	Lego Robotics Area Tournament Int. Boys Basketball - am recess Int. Band Practice - Brass and Percussion - pm recess	
Wednesday Feb. 14th Day	Valentine's Day Red Maple Book Club Meeting 8:00-8:45 Snuggle Up and Read Jr. Boys Volleyball am recess The Creativity Club - Grades 6-8 - am recess Int. Girls Basketball Practice - pm recess Student Council Meeting - pm recess Int. Band Practice - after school	
Thursday Feb. 15th Day 2	The Journal Group- Grade 6 - am recess Sub Lunch Int. Boys Basketball - pm recess Family Bingo Night!	
Friday Feb. 16th Day 3	Pizza Lunch Jr. Boys Volleyball am recess	

INFORMATION & UPDATES

STAFFING UPDATE: Please join us in welcoming Ms. Mihail who will be assuming Ms. Cross' teaching duties for the remainder of the year. Ms Mihail brings a wealth of experience to the role and will continue to work closely with Ms. Cross to support the transition between teachers.

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS!: Welcome to the year of the Dragon! Lunar New Year is a celebration of the arrival of spring on the lunisolar calendar and is the most significant holiday celebration in many countries in the eastern hemisphere. We would like to wish members of our school community a Happy Lunar New Year! We hope this day is filled with joy and family for those who celebrate!



SCHOOL COUNCIL FAMILY BINGO NIGHT: A reminder of our Family Bingo Night on Thursday Feb 12th. A reminder we will have 2 sessions, one from 5:00 - 6:00 focused on our younger students and 7:00 - 8:00 for our older students. We look forward to seeing you then.



DISTRIBUTION OF TERM 1 REPORTS: You will be receiving a Term 1 report card electronically during the week of February 20th to the 23rd. In addition the school will provide all families with a hard copy for your child(ren)'s report card on Wednesday, February 21st. For families who would like to know more information about the revised Language Curriculum for Grade 1-8 students and Early Reading Screening for year one and two Kindergarten students, you can find this information on the [school board website](#). The information posted on the website is available in multiple languages using the translation tool drop down menu on the top right corner of the webpage. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

DANCE-A-THON: Our school will be participating in a Dance-A-Thon this year as part of our ongoing fundraising initiatives. More information will be shared in the coming week about this exciting upcoming event!



COURSE SELECTION FOR OUR CURRENT GRADE 8 STUDENTS: Our secondary schools offer courses and programs that let you explore your interests, build skills and gain experience in areas that interest you. You can now [search from 16 different sectors](#) to learn more about:

- career pathways in the fields that interest you
- courses and programs you can take in secondary school that let you gain sector-specific skills, knowledge and experience
- how you can earn certifications, post-secondary credits and job experience while in high school

Find out what courses and programs are available in the fields that interest you at your school. Visit www.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb.

MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY EXPECTATIONS: At Northern Lights Public School, we support student mental health and well-being. As part of the ongoing work in all school boards in Ontario, the Ministry of Education has introduced a series of three modules per grade to support the **existing mental health literacy expectations** within the grades 7 and 8 **Health** and **Physical Education** curriculum. This learning will help equip students with inclusive, culturally responsive, evidence-informed knowledge, skills, and strategies to support their mental health and well-being, knowing this looks different for everyone. We are excited to bring this additional learning into our classrooms! If you have questions about this learning or mental health supports, please reach out to the office for further information.



INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST: Students in Grades 4-8 are invited to submit their artwork for the yearbook cover contest. Please submit your entry to Ms. H. Jackson in Room 210 by Friday, **February 16**. Additional details may be found through [this link](#).

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - Celebration of Black History Month has been a part of Canadian society since the 1950s. Lieutenant Governor Hal Jackman declared February as Black History Month in Ontario in 1993, and in 1995, the Honorable Jean Augustine made the same declaration in the House of Parliament in Ottawa.

LUNCH STUDENTS RETURN TIME: A few lunch reminders. If you are signing your child out for lunch please ensure that you have sent them with a note or emailed the office to let us know. **We are not able to facilitate calls at lunch time for students to ask permission to go out, this needs to be planned ahead of time.** As well, a reminder that students who are signed out for lunch are expected to return between 1:30 and 1:35. We respectfully ask that they not return earlier than 1:30 as it is disruptive to the classes and supervision at that time.

SHOWCASING STUDENT WORK

*Ms. Jada's Class, with support from Ms. Turney, have created this beautiful dragon to help us celebrate the Lunar New Year. **Kung Hei Fat Choi** (gōng xǐ fā cái), "Congratulations and best wishes for a prosperous New Year!" to all those who are celebrating this weekend.*

