

Northern Highlights



Community Update

Week of Feb. 19th, 2024

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Feb. 19th Day 0	Family Day! (School is Closed Today)	<p>Feb. 23rd & 26th Carnaval (division specific dates).</p> <p>Feb. 26th - Int. Boys Basketball Areas.</p> <p>Feb. 28th - Pink Day</p> <p>Feb. 28th - Int Band to Golden Horseshoe Music Festival</p> <p>Mar. 8th - Last Day of Classes before Break</p>
Tuesday Feb. 20th Day 4	<p>Red Maple Book Club Meeting 8:00-8:45</p> <p>Steel Pan Artist Performance (am)</p> <p>Silver Birch Book Club - pm recess</p> <p>Int. Boys Basketball - am recess</p> <p>Int. Band Practice - Brass and Percussion - pm recess</p> <p>Intermediate Girls Basketball game NLPS vs St. Jerome's</p>	
Wednesday Feb. 21st Day 5	<p>Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home at the End of Day</p> <p>Int. Girls Basketball Area Finals @ G.W. Williams</p> <p>The Creativity Club - Grades 6-8 - am recess</p> <p>Student Council Meeting - pm recess</p> <p>Int. Band Practice - after school</p>	
Thursday Feb. 22nd Day 1	<p>The Journal Group- Grade 6 - am recess</p> <p>Sub Lunch</p> <p>Int. Boys Basketball - pm recess</p> <p>Int. Boys Basketball Game Highview @ NLPS</p>	
Friday Feb. 23rd Day 2	<p>Carnaval (Grade 4 & Up)!</p> <p>Pizza Lunch</p> <p>Int. girls Basketball - am recess</p> <p>Final Day for Grade 8 Course Selection - Guardian Sign-off required</p>	

INFORMATION & UPDATES

DANCE-A-THON: The Northern Lights P.S. Student Council is holding a Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser Event in support of our extra curricular programs. The funds this year will be used primarily in support of our Band Trip to Nationals as well as the Grade 8 Graduation Celebration! Students will have the chance to dance in the gym while enjoying a professional DJ and light show! Students will be asking for sponsors to support their participation in the Dance-A-Thon. **Please note that students should not go door to door to canvas for donations.** The Saff have provided a number of incentives based on our fundraising as a school including some special days, (PJ Day, Crazy Hat Day, Extra Recess, Classroom Celebration Afternoon), and if we raise a combined \$6000 as a school, Mr. B will shave his head! For additional information, please refer to our [Dance-a-thon Flier](#).

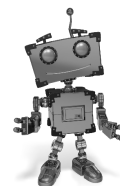


STEEL PAN ARTIST PRESENTATION: Our Student Council has arranged for a Steel Pan Demonstration for the school on Tuesday morning! Students throughout the school will be able to enjoy a dynamic presentation from Earl La Pierre Jr. Mr. La Pierre Jr., now known as ESP (Extraordinary Steel Pannist) started playing steel pan in the summer of 1987 with Afropan Steel Orchestra. He has developed into one of Toronto's premiere steel pannists. Mr. La Pierre is presently the manager of Canada's # 1 steelband "Afropan Steelband", whose history speaks for itself. He has played in several major events like Caribana, Snowflakes on Steel, Autumn Leaves on Steel, the Du Maurier Jazz Festival and Pan Jazz as he strives and strengthens his ability to entertain. We are excited to welcome him to NLPS!

SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS EXTENDED: Spirit Wear Clothing has been extended until Monday, February 19th. Please get your orders in asap at www.schooltee.com, Access Code: NOLI.AUR



ROBOTICS TOURNAMENT: Tuesday, students from the NLPS robotics team participated in the York Region Lego Robotics Tournament. The teams worked hard to compete in various challenges, showing amazing teamwork and dedication. They represented NLPS well and persevered through many obstacles. Congratulations to all of our student participants! Way to go team! We are so proud of your efforts! We would also like to thank Ms. Chen and Ms. McGeorge for their efforts in leading this team!



CARNAVAL: Our students will be engaged in celebrating Carnaval (the Quebec Winter Carnival) Friday, February 23rd (Students in Grade 4 - 8) and Monday February 26th for our students from Kindergarten to Grade 3. Our students will be involved in a range of Carnaval themed activities coordinated by Mme. Black and Ms. Tustin on these days. We would like to thank School Council who will be providing chocolat chaud (Hot Chocolate) for these events as well!

BINGO NIGHT UPDATE: Our Bingo Night has been rescheduled due to the poor weather on Wednesday. We are in the process of confirming an alternate and will share this information as soon as possible. Please stay tuned!

STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR VOLUNTEER READING PROGRAM: Do you have an hour a week or more, you can dedicate to reading with students at NLPS? We are continuing to seek volunteers to add to our roster of volunteers in our Volunteer Reading Program at NLPS. Training is provided! Volunteers do need to have their Volunteer Screening



CHESS CLUB: The NLPS Chess Club will begin next week for students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Ms. Crichton is organizing this club and practices will be every Day 5 at morning recess in room 206. The club will run approximately for 8 weeks. Please have your child listen to morning announcements as a reminder when the Chess Club will be meeting.

SUB LUNCH: Block 3 of Thursday Sub Lunch is now available for purchase through School Cash Online. This term will run from March 21 until May 30, 2024. Lunch dates are March 21 & 28 / April 4, 11, 18, 25/ May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30. The deadline to order is Friday, March 1, 2024.

SEAS (SUPPORTING EAST ASIAN STUDENTS) FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EVENING: UNDERSTANDING THE ONTARIO EDUCATION SYSTEM SESSION

SAES will be hosting a "Family Engagement Evening" supporting families and caregivers to develop a deeper understanding of the Ontario Education System. In this first session, we will provide an overview of the K-12 Ontario Education System with an emphasis on transitions, pathway planning, the OSSD and the course selection process.

Presentations will be available in English, Mandarin, Korean and Cantonese.

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: Markville Secondary School, 1000 Carlton Road, Markham, ON L3P 7P5

Please register by Monday, February 26, 2024 through this link: <https://bit.ly/3Ot1p0X>

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INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

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.

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.

SHOWCASING STUDENT WORK



Our Student Council has created a display in our foyer to recognize Black History Month and celebrate Black Excellence. As part of this, our Arts Minister, Mikaela D, in Grade 8 created these beautiful paintings of Black Civil Rights Icons, Rosa Parks, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Viola Desmond. Please pause to view this display when you are visiting our school!

