

# Northern Highlights



## Community Update

Week of Feb. 26th, 2024

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Feb. 26th Day 3	Carnival! (Primary Division) Silver Birch Book Club - pm recess Intermediate Boys Basketball (all day) Area Tournament @Dr. G.W. Williams Int. Band Practice - Woodminds (pm Recess)	Mar. 6th - Dance-A-Thon! Mar. 8th - Last Day of Classes before Break
Tuesday Feb. 27th Day 4	Red Maple Book Club Meeting 8:00-8:45 Int. Band Practice - Brass and Percussion - pm recess	
Wednesday Feb. 28th Day 5	Pink Day! The Creativity Club - Grades 6-8 - am recess Student Council Meeting - pm recess Int. Band performing at the Golden Horseshoe Music Festival	
Thursday Feb. 29th Day 1	Northern Lights Public School Dance-A-Thon! Sub Lunch	
Friday March 1 Day 2	<b>Final Day to order Subs for Block 3</b> Pizza Lunch	

### \*INFORMATION & UPDATES\*

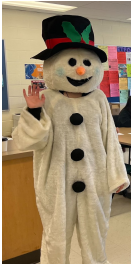
**STEEL PANNIST PERFORMANCE:** On Tuesday February 20th, as part of our celebration of Black Excellence, students at Northern Lights Public School had the opportunity to take part in a dynamic school presentation and learn about music and instruments from the Caribbean Islands. We would like to thank our Student council for their effort and contributions to making this demonstration a success! We would also like to thank Mr. Earl la Pierre for bringing his talent and passion for the steel pan to our school. We would also like to appreciate the efforts of Ms. Chao, Ms. Tindale and Mr. Schneider for giving of their time to lead our Student Council!



**REPORT CARDS:** This week, your child (ren) brought home their Term 1 Report Card on Wednesday. You should also receive an email from the board regarding when the digital version is available for download through their GAPPS Account. We encourage you to review this document with your child, and take the time to engage in goal setting with them regarding areas where they would like to improve. Whether it is an academic area, or a learning skill, taking the time to set goals and write them down, is an important part of the improvement cycle. As always, please reach out to your child's educators regarding any questions you may have about the reports as well!



**DAY OF PINK:** Pink Shirt Day will take place on Wednesday, February 28th. On Pink Shirt Day, Canada we will stand up against Bullying, the theme is Choose Kindness. We invite all NLPS students to wear pink on Wednesday. NLPS, lets 'go Pink' and come together to recognise unity, inclusivity and diversity of all people!



**CARNAVAL:** Our Junior and Intermediate students were engaged in celebrating Carnival (the Quebec Winter Carnival) on Friday, February 23rd. On Monday February 26th for our students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 will have an opportunity to participate in a day of celebration and activity. Please make sure to check the weather forecast to ensure children are dressed appropriately for our fluctuating weather conditions. We would like to appreciate the efforts of Mme. Black, Ms. Tustin and our primary team for creating a range of Carnival themed activities on these days! We would also like to thank our School Council for providing chocolat chaud (Hot Chocolate) for this special event!

**DANCE-A-THON:** Our School Council fundraiser will take place on Wednesday March 6th where a professional DJ from It's Pure Entertainment will have our students up and dancing! If you would like to make a contribution to our fundraiser please use the [donation link](#) through School Cash Online. Click on the "Make A Donation" button. You do not need an account. This is our main fundraiser for the school year! We hope to be able to purchase technology for student use, additional athletic equipment, and materials to support various arts programs within our school.

**GIRLS INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL:** The Intermediate Girls Basketball team competed at the Central Area Meet on Wednesday February 21st at Wellington Public School. The teams displayed much enthusiasm and determination, and have shown considerable growth and development in skill during the season. Our girls placed 4th in our overall division final! Congratulations Girls on completing a successful season! We would like to thank our Ms. Scott for coaching our intermediate girls basketball team!

#### \*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.

#### SEAS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EVENING

SAES will be hosting a "Family Engagement Evening" supporting families and caregivers to develop a deeper understanding of the Ontario Education System.

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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**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.**

**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.

