

Northern Highlights



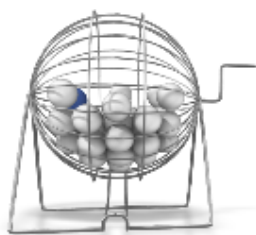
Community Update

Week of Feb. 5th, 2024

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Feb. 5th Day 4	Valentine Candy Gram sales end on school cash online (\$1.00) Int. Band Practice - Woodwinds - pm recess Silver Birch Book Club - pm recess School Council Meeting @6:30	February - Black History Month Feb. 10th - Lunar New Year Feb. 15th - Family Bingo Night
Tuesday Feb. 6th Day 5	Red Maple Book Club Meeting 8:00-8:45 Int. Boys Basketball - am recess Int. Band Practice - Brass and Percussion - pm recess Intermediate Boys Basketball Game @Hartman P.S.	
Wednesday Feb. 7th Day 1	The Creativity Club - Grades 6-8 - am recess Int. Girls Basketball Practice - am recess Student Council Meeting - pm recess Int. Band Practice - after school	
Thursday Feb. 8th Day 2	Int Girls Basketball - am recess The Journal Group- Grade 6 - am recess Sub Lunch Int. Boys Basketball - pm recess Int. Boys Basketball Game NLPS vs Wellington @NLPS	
Friday Feb. 9th Day 3	Pizza Lunch	

INFORMATION & UPDATES



BINGO NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE: The School Council will be hosting our annual Bingo Night on the evening of Thursday, February 15th. This year we will run two sessions, one from 5:00 - 6:00 and the second session from 7:00 - 8:00. Our focus will be on our younger students for the earlier session and our older students for the later session, however families are welcome to attend either session. Please note, this is a family event and parents need to remain with their children who are attending.

STAFFING CHANGE: It is with mixed emotions that we share that Mrs. Cross, one of our rotary teachers, has accepted a contract position at Dr. Williams S.S. and will be starting her new role as of Monday. We are working to hire her replacement and hope to have the successful candidate in place early in the week. Ms. Cross, will continue to communicate with this teacher to share information about student learning and support their transition into her role as we move into February.



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.



JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL Congratulations to the Jr. Boys Volleyball team on their impressive performance in the area tournament! The team won two games and battled hard in the others. Mme. Black and Ms. Thornley are very proud of the team's effort and how they represented NLPS. Keep up the great work, Ice Cats!

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: The Junior Girls volleyball team competed at the Central Area Meet on Thursday, February 1st at Wellington Public School. The team displayed a lot of enthusiasm and determination, winning two games and placing 4th in their pool. The team would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Grade 8 volunteers whose support and dedication were invaluable this season. Congratulations to the team and thanks for a great season!

Thank you as well to our coaches Ms. Chao, Ms. Tindale and Ms. H. Jackson!

WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL DAY: Winter Walk Day is Wednesday, February 7th. This is also the start to Winter Walk Month! Please consider choosing ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL!



Tips for Winter Walking:

Walking to school in winter not only benefits student physical and mental health, well-being and academic performance, it's also fun.

Here are a few tips to help you stay safe and enjoy winter walks to school.

1. **Dress for the weather.** Wear layers. Don't forget your hat and mitts.
2. **Protect your feet.** Wear warm socks and winter boots. They will protect your feet from snow, rain and cold and have good grips.
3. **Be visible.** Wear bright clothes, stay on the sidewalks and make sure cars can see you when you cross the road.
4. **Allow a little more time. Prepare your winter gear the night before, and give yourself a little more time to walk to school.**
5. **Try walking like a penguin. It's fun and practical.**
6. **Enjoy the snow. Catch snowflakes, talk about what you love most about the winter.**
7. **Obey road signs. The seasons change but road safety rules remain. Stop at roads and crosswalks. Cross with a crossing guard where possible. Look out for cars.**

Use active travel wherever possible. We encourage families all year round wherever possible to take the school bus or school transportation, or to [choose active travel](#), like walking or biking. Active school travel benefits student mental health, well-being and academic performance, builds social connections and reduces traffic and pollution around schools.

UBUNTU LEARNING CIRCLES: This program is a virtual healing circle for Black identified students across YRDSB to join together in an inclusive affinity space, focused on supporting emotional well-being. This space is one that has been created to promote healing, wellness and resilience for Black identified students. For more information please view the following [link](#).

INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

SPIRIT WEAR: Spirit Wear is **NOW AVAILABLE** for purchase through the vendor, SchoolTee Screen Printers @ www.schooltee.com Please see [NLPS Spirit Wear Flyer](#) for further details. . Please use **Access Code: NOLI.AUR** to see all products. The deadline to order is **Friday, February 9, 2024.** Items will be delivered to the school and distributed to students 2-3 weeks after the online store closes. All

sales are final. No returns or refunds. Please check sizing before ordering. There are sample sizes of Spirit Wear in the school office for viewing.

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.

VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS: Student Council will be selling Candy Grams this year from **February 5th to 9th** to show support for nurses in the HealthCare system. Students will be able to buy a Valentine's Day Candy Gram for \$1 each and write a message to a nurse at SickKids Hospital. Proceeds raised will be donated to The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids Hospital) in Toronto. **Please note, candy grams do not go to the students. They are sent with the message to the nurses at SickKids hospital to show appreciation for all they do.**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Registration for our new Kindergarten students will begin on January 19th. Eligible children will have birth dates of **2020 for Year One FDK, and 2019** for Year Two FDK.

- Online - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten registration. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.
- By email - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address.
- By phone - Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed.

In-person at the school - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.

