

Northern Highlights



Community Update

Week of March 18th, 2024

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday March 18th Day 3	Silver Birch Book Club - am & pm recess Int. Band Practice - Woodminds (pm recess)	Mar. 29th - Good Friday April 1st - Easter Monday April 11th & 12th - Dental Screening April 16th - Family BINGO Night
Tuesday March 19th Day 4	Red Maple Book Club Meeting 8:00-8:45 Int. Band Practice - Brass and Percussion - pm recess	
Wednesday March 20th Day 5	Intermediate Band Practice - after school	
Thursday March 21st Day 1	Jr. Band Practice 8:00 - 8:45 Sub Lunch - Block 3 Begins	
Friday March 22nd Day 2	Pizza Lunch	

INFORMATION & UPDATES

DANCE-A-THON SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER: On Wednesday March 6th, all students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 had the opportunity to showcase their dance moves during our school wide Dance-A-Thon! Through this Student Council initiative, we were able to raise over \$6,700 dollars! All proceeds from the event will contribute to offsetting the costs of our Intermediate Band trip to the Nationals, and to support the costs of the Grade 8 Graduation Celebrations. Our students were led in their dances by the talented DJ and dancer from It's Pure Entertainment. We would like to thank members of our school community for their generous donations, as well as Ms. Chao, Ms. Tindale, and Mr. Schneider for organizing and overseeing the Dance-A-Thon. Our students had a fabulous time and hope the Dance-A-Thon can become an annual event! **As the \$6,000 goal was reached, Mr. Biemiller made the announcement today that he will be having his hair shaved off on a date after the March Break!**



BASKETBALL ELITE 8: It is with tremendous pride that we take a moment to recognize the Intermediate Boys Basketball team, who represented our school at the YRDSB Elite 8 Competition at Bill Crothers Secondary School on March 7th. With no more than one or two points separating the winning teams from the losing team in each game they played, the boys battled to a 3-1 record in the Elite Eights securing Third Place in the entire YRDSB. We could not be more proud of the teamwork, hustle, sportsmanship, grit, and commitment they had to the game, and each other. Well done Ice Cats! We would also like to extend our appreciation to their coaches, Ms. L. Jackson and Ms. Scott, as well as to our amazing parents for their support as well!

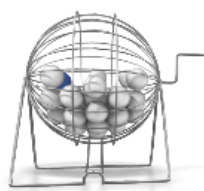


RAMADAN INFORMATION: This year Ramadan will begin on or around March 10th, depending on the sighting of the new moon. The Arabic word Ramadan connotes intense heat. In prehistoric Arabia, Ramadan was the name of a scorching hot summer month. During this month, many people of the Muslim faith fast, from sunrise to sunset. We would like to wish all our Muslim families a blessed time of reflection during the month of Ramadan. We will have a space set aside at school for students who are fasting or praying at school. If your child would like to access these spaces, please let their teacher or the office know.

SAFE AND HAPPY BREAK: We would like to extend our best wishes to all of our families for a safe and happy March Break. We hope that the week off provides you with the opportunity to rest and recuperate and enjoy time together as a family! School will resume on Monday, March 18, 2024.

SPIRIT WEAR: Spirit Wear orders will be delivered to NLPS the week of March 18-22 and distributed to staff and students.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT: Family Bingo Night has been **rescheduled to Tuesday, April 16, 2024**. There will be 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. There will be a snack table selling chips and bottled water for the event.



INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

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.

POPCORN SALES: Families may pre-order individual bags of Popcorn for the month of April in three delicious flavours (butter salt, white cheddar and sweet & salty.) Students will receive their ordered bags every Wednesday (April 3, 10, 17 & 24) before first recess. There will be no in-person sales, if you wish for your child to receive popcorn, please place your orders before the deadline of March 19, 2024.

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.

YRDSB ART CAMP 2024: Celebrating over 30 years on the shores of a private lake in the Haliburton Highlands, Camp White Pine is host to a unique yearly camp for Grades 7-12 YRDSB. Arts Camp is an intensive week-long

immersion in visual, studio and performance art programs and experiences. At camp, each camper is encouraged to discover and explore their identity through supported risk-taking and positive collaboration with peers, staff artists and camp leaders.

PIZZA LUNCH BLOCK 3: This is the final block for Pizza Lunch. Families are encouraged to place their pizza orders through School Cash OnLine. The deadline to order is Friday, March 15th. The vendor for pizza is Pizza Nova. Dates for Block 3 are: April 5/12/19/26 and May 3/10/17/24/31. Extra pizza is sold every Friday for \$3.00 a slice on a first-come; first-served basis. **Block 2 Pizza will continue after March Break until March 22, 2024. Block 3 Pizza will begin on Friday, April 5th. A reminder that Friday, March 29th is Good Friday and the school will be closed.**

*Wishing everyone a
safe and happy March
Break!*

