

Northern Highlights



Community Update

Week of March 25th, 2024

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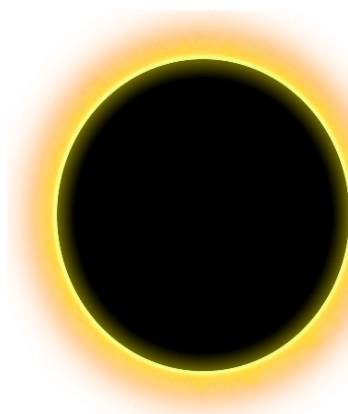
DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday March 25th Day 3	Int. Badminton Tryouts - am recess Jr. Boys Basketball Practice - pm recess Silver Birch Book Club - pm recess Int. Band Practice - Woodminds (pm recess)	April 1st - Easter Monday April 11th & 12th - Dental Screening April 16th - Family BINGO Night
Tuesday March 26th Day 4	Red Maple Book Club Meeting 8:00-8:45 Int. Badminton Tryouts - am recess Jr. Girls Basketball Practice - pm recess Int. Band Practice - Brass and Percussion - pm recess Junior Boys Volleyball Game @ NLPS vs. Rick Hansen P. S.	
Wednesday March 27th Day 5	Jr. Boys Basketball Practice - pm recess Student Council Meeting - pm recess Intermediate Band Practice - after school	
Thursday March 28th Day 1	Jr. Band Practice 8:00 - 8:45 Int. Badminton Tryouts - am recess Jr. Girls Basketball Practice - pm recess Sub Lunch Junior Boys Volleyball Game @ NLPS vs. Highview P. S.	
Friday March 29th Day 0	Good Friday - (No school Today)	

INFORMATION & UPDATES

SUMMER INSTITUTE REGISTRATION: Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum. The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at nine school sites around York Region. Registration for [Summer Institute](#) opens March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute webpage](#).



Registration opens March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Families can register online.



SOLAR ECLIPSE EARLY DISMISSAL: MONDAY APRIL 8TH, 2024 (12:15pm) In mid-February, we sent you a message after the York Region District School Board announced that to ensure student safety due to the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, all schools will be dismissing students early. In order to ensure transportation services (school bus and taxi) can accommodate all schools' early dismissal, there will be a slight adjustment in our dismissal time. Our school will actually dismiss at **12:15 pm - 180 minutes before typical dismissal time**. Please disregard the initial communication that was sent in February. The safe arrival program will remain in place, if your child is not attending school on April 8, please record their absence. Student after school

activities, including extra-curricular activities will be canceled on April 8.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION PARENT GUIDE: The Ministry of Education has [launched a Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System](#) that we will be sharing with families. The full guide can be found at Ontario.ca/educationguide.



SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM: This free information session is organized by Inclusive School and Community Services in partnership with Student Services of York Region District School Board. For more information, please email shani.blake@yrdsb.ca or pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca. Please note that Childcare will not be provided.

This session will support parents, guardians and families with:

- Understanding Autism
- Process for diagnosis
- YRDSB referral process
- School supports
- Community resources

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: [Unionville High School](#), 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5

Please [register](#) by Apr. 28, 2024.

RAMADAN INFORMATION: This year Ramadan began on March 10th. 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.

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.

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.

NAW RÚZ / NOWRUZ GREETING

Our Childcare Partners at KidsClub kindly showcased their Naw Rúz Display and learning in our foyer. Naw Rúz translates to "New Day" in English it is the Bahá'í and Persian New Year. To all our families who are celebrating, we would like to wish you and your families a very happy celebration.



