

Northern Highlights



Community Update

Week of November 6th, 2023

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Nov. 6th Day 2	Treaties Recognition Week (Nov 5-11) Int. Boys Volleyball (am recess) Int. Band Practice - Woodwinds (lunch Recess) Arts Mackenzie Information Night	
Tuesday Nov. 7th Day 3	International Inuit Day Int. Band Practice Brass and Percussion (lunch recess) Int. Girls Volleyball Game with Highview PS (at NLPs)	Nov 11th - Remembrance Day Nov. 12th - Significant Faith Day - Diwali (Hinduism) Nov. 15th - Progress Reports Sent Home Nov. 16th & 17th - Parent - Educator Interview Evening Nov. 17th - PA Day - Interview Morning Nov 28th - Arts Huron Information Night Nov. 23rd - Grade 7 & 8 Immunization
Wednesday Nov. 8th Day 4	Indigenous Veterans Day Int. Girls Volleyball (am recess) Student Council Mtg (lunch recess) Int. Band Practice (after school)	
Thursday Nov. 9th Day 5	Sub Lunch Program Begins Int. Boys Volleyball (am recess) Int. Girls Volleyball (lunch recess)	
Friday Nov. 10th Day 1	Remembrance Day Assembly Int. Boys Volleyball (pm recess)	

INFORMATION & UPDATES

PARENT EDUCATOR INTERVIEW SIGN-UP: Parent Educator Interviews will take place **in person on the evening of November 16 & the morning of November 17, 2022**. Families will need an active Edsby account to schedule an interview time. Please find [attached important information](#) about the upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews. **The schedule to book interview times will open on the afternoon of November 6, 2022.**



PRIMARY SKATE PROGRAM: As part of the Physical Education program, the Grade 1-3 classes will be participating in a weekly skating excursion during the month of December. The dates for the skating program are **Friday, December 1, 8 and 15, 2023**. Students will be skating at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex located at 135 Industrial Parkway N., Aurora. Staff, students and volunteers will walk to and from Northern Lights P.S. and the AFLC arena. The cost for the program is \$10.00 per student and families are encouraged to pay through School Cash Online **beginning Monday, November 6th**. Parents must submit a permission form through School Cash Online if their child will be attending. Parent volunteers are required and we ask those interested in helping to please complete the [Skating Volunteer Form](#). Further details regarding the skating schedule and safety information will be shared with families in the coming weeks.



TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK - This week is Treaties Recognition Week which was introduced to recognize and understand the importance of Treaty education and to help everyone in Ontario learn about treaties. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples recognizes 'the urgent need to protect and promote the rights of Indigenous peoples affirmed in treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements with States.'

INTERNATIONAL INUIT DAY (Tuesday Nov. 7): This is a day to recognize the vibrant culture and rich history of Inuit communities in Canada and around the world.

INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY: November 8th marks Indigenous Veterans Day. For over one hundred years, Canadians have set aside the 11th Day of November to remember the sacrifices of soldiers who fought for Canada and the British Commonwealth in global conflicts that took place in foreign lands. Most Canadians are not aware of the contributions made by Indigenous Warriors in those military campaigns, nor of the crucial role they played during the War of 1812 -- the only war ever fought on Canadian soil. In defending the lands occupied by themselves and settler newcomers, Indigenous Warriors were honouring Treaty promises they made to be British allies "as long as the sun rises in the east".

PARENT CAREGIVER MENTAL HEALTH SERIES SUPPORTING STUDENTS OF THE CHINESE HERITAGE: "Keep the Door Open: Understand Your Child's Inner World" Nov.21, 2023, (Mandarin Session 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Cantonese Session 7:00pm - 8:00pm) VIRTUAL EVENT. (link will be provided upon registration) This session will share tips on ways that lead your child to open their inner world and take care of their emotional wellbeing under the influence of both traditional Chinese culture and Western culture. There will be opportunities for families to connect with staff from the Hong Fook Mental Health Association as well as members of the Community Care Social Work Team supporting students and families of Chinese Heritage and to gather more information about their specific supports. Please join us for an evening talk about positive mental health strategies and engage in a chance to ask general questions. Please see the following [flyer](#) for language specific information.

ARTS MACKENZIE INFORMATION NIGHT: Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend at Alexander Mackenzie HS on November 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm to learn about applying to Arts Mackenzie. For further information please see the link, [Arts Mackenzie - Information Night](#)

***INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS**

NLPS VOLUNTEER READING PROGRAM: Interested volunteers please contact Ms. Walter. dawn.walter@yrdsb.ca. Please also see the [linked flyer](#).

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER: We are once again holding our Festive Fundraiser selling beautiful Poinsettias to raise funds for the Grade 8 Graduation this year. Orders may be placed through School Cash Online. **The deadline to order Poinsettias is Friday, November 24, 2023.** Families will pick up their orders at the school on Thursday, December 7, 2023 between 3:30 and 5:00 PM.

LEVEL UP SKILLED TRADES 2023 CAREER FAIR NOVEMBER 15th and 16th: Families and students will have an opportunity to learn about Ontario's 140+ trades through interactive exhibitions and hands-on activities, while hearing directly from tradespeople and local employers about life-changing career opportunities. This event is open to students and families from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Please view the following website www.levelupontario.com for more information.

IMMUNIZATION/VACCINATION YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH: Parents/guardians are responsible for recording their child's vaccinations so YRPH is aware of which students are vaccinated/not vaccinated. Unfortunately, some students who are not vaccinated may face school suspension. Please visit YRPH for more information, [YRPH Vaccine Update Information](#)

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION NEWSLETTER: Please use the following [link](#) to access this month's Mental Health and addictions newsletter.

HINDU HERITAGE MONTH: November is Hindu Heritage Month. The Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Hindu Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario.

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY: The Board strives to ensure that all schools and workplaces are open every instructional/operational day to meet the needs of students and the community. Please monitor your email in the morning of days that may be deemed inclement weather days for additional information..

