

Northern Highlights



Community Update

Week of November 20th, 2023

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Nov. 20th Day 1	Int. Boys Volleyball Area Tournament Int. Band Practice - Woodwinds (lunch Recess)	Nov. 23rd - Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Nov 28th - Arts Huron Information Night Nov 29th - Aurora High Information Night Nov. 30th - Family Literacy Night
Tuesday Nov. 21st Day 2	Int. Band Practice Brass and Percussion (lunch recess)	
Wednesday Nov. 22nd Day 3	The Creativity Club (Grades 6-8 am recess rm 220) Student Council Meeting (lunch recess) Int. Band Practice (after school)	
Thursday Nov. 23rd Day 4	Grade 7 and 8 Immunization Grade 8 Indigenous Art Project The Journal Group (Grade 6 only during am recess rm. 220) Sub Lunch	
Friday Nov. 24th Day 5	Intermediate Boys Volleyball Regionals Pizza Lunch	

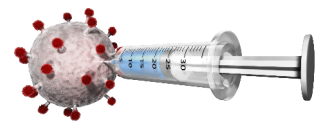
INFORMATION & UPDATES

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION: Please note the school is currently unable to receive or send email communications due to the network outage that occurred last week. We ask families to continue to use Edsby to advise of absences or late arrivals. Parents are welcome to call the school to communicate with teachers.



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: We are very proud of our INtermediate Girls Volleyball Team who made it all the way to the Quarter Finals at our Area Tournament last week. The girls demonstrated great sportsmanship, as well as strong athletic skills throughout the tournament and represented the school very well! We would like to thank Ms. Baskin and Ms. L. Jackson for their leadership in coaching this team as well.

GRADE 7 & 8 VACCINATIONS: On Thursday York Region Public Health will be hosting an immunization clinic at Northern Lights for Hepatitis B, HPV & Meningococcal vaccines. For additional information please click on the link [York Region Public Health Immunizations](#)



DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER: A reminder of the importance of sending your child to school dressed for the weather conditions of the day. We go outside for recess as well as DPA in most weather conditions. As the weather is turning colder (and wetter!), please ensure your child has a warm jacket or sweatshirt to wear. We also recommend that all students keep an extra pair of socks in their bag to wear in case their feet get wet on rainy days!

*INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

THE CREATIVITY CLUB: Students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 that like to draw and explore their creative side are invited to join Ms. Scott's Creativity Club. The club will take place during morning recess in Room 220 on Day 4.

GRADE 6 JOURNALING GROUP: For Grade 6 students interested in journaling, Ms. Scott will be hosting a Journal Group on Day 5 at morning recess in Room 220 open to Grade 6 students. See you there!

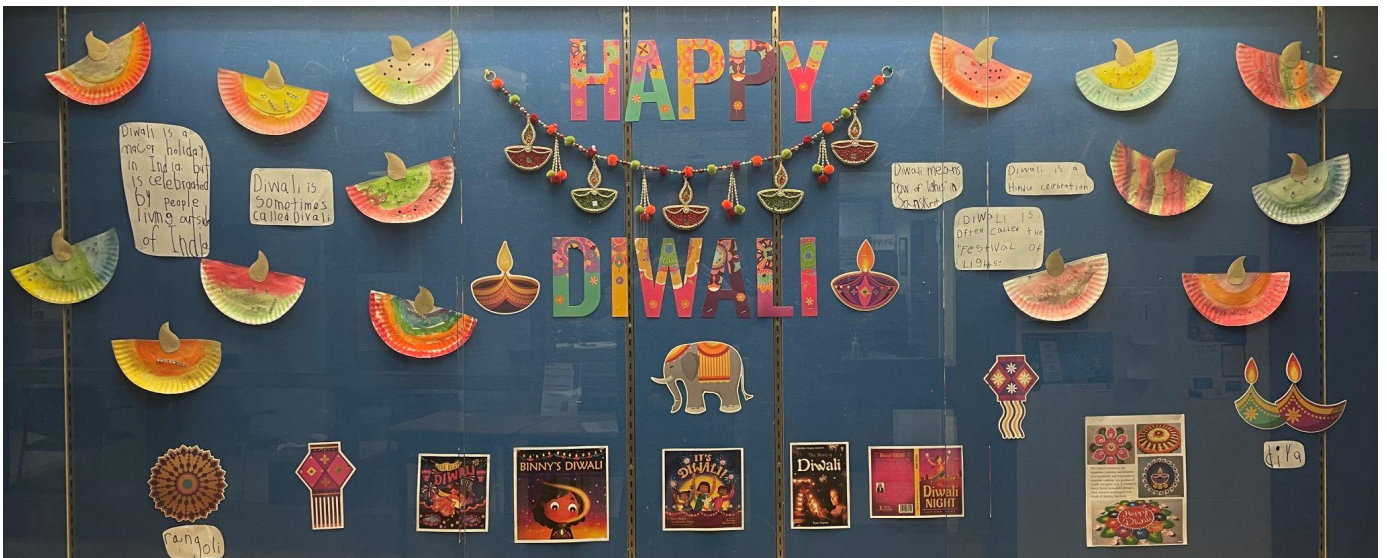
LOST AND FOUND: Our Lost and Found contains belongings that have been collected over the first 2 months of the year. We will be donating remaining items to charity after the end of the week. Thank you!

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.

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.

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.** Please purchase this event through School Cash Online.

STUDENT ARTWORK:



Ms. Jada's class (with the assistance of Ms. Turney), created this display in our foyer to help us recognize Diwali at school. Diwali, or Dipawali, the Hindu festival of Lights, is one of the biggest festivals in India. Diwali gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deeps) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness and symbolizes the victory of light over darkness.

