


# The Northern Highlights

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April...  <i>April is Autism Awareness Month</i>  	22	No School – Easter	
	23	Wear Green to Launch Earth Week (see below)	
	25	Dance-a-thon! Donation envelopes due to school today. Parents K-4 can join at the appropriate time below. 8:45-9:25am – Kindergarten Classes 9:25-10:05am – Grades One and Two 10:05-10:45am – Grades Three and Four	
	26	Spirit Day – Career Day! What job would you like to have?	
	26	Popcorn Friday - \$2/bag, sold at morning recess	
	26	Diamond Day – Holy Friday (Eastern)	
	26	Jump Rope for Heart Assembly/Launch!	
	29/3	Scholastic Spring Book Fair	
	30	Peace Day #3 – Culminating Autism Month	
	30	Jr Boys Basketball Areas – Go Ice Cats!	
	30	Yearbook Orders Due at <a href="https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca">https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca</a> School ID # is 12738419	
	May...	1	Gr 5/6 3-D Printing Workshops
		2	Spring Concert – Flyer to follow with classes participating, stay “tuned”!
		3	Popcorn Friday - \$2/bag, sold at morning recess
4		Ramadan begins	
4		School Council Mtg 7pm (Last meeting of the year)	
6-8		Send in items for our student council Garage Sale	
9		NLPS Garage Sale – Student Council Initiative – Info to follow	
10		Spirit Day – Dress like your favourite character!	
10		Popcorn Friday - \$2/bag, sold at morning recess	
14		SODA Track and Field Day (Students Of Differing Abilities)	
14-16	Band Trip to Musicfest Ottawa – Good luck!		
17	Jump Rope for Heart		
17	Popcorn Friday - \$2/bag, sold at morning recess		

## News and Updates:

- Springtime Showcase** – It’s that time of year when song and dance are helping us spring into Spring. Join us Thursday May 2, 2019 from 6:30-7:30pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information and for classes/groups participating.
- Lost and Found** – It seems we have more “lost” than found at our tables this year. Please be sure to stop by and take a look at all of our “winter wear”, water bottles and wide variety of sweaters and sweatshirts/hoodies. We will be packing up and donating all unclaimed items after Friday, April 26, 2019.

- **Pizza Ordering Extended to Monday** – We know many families missed the pizza ordering deadline, so we have reopened it on SchoolCashOnline until midnight on Monday, April 21, 2019. Please be sure to get your order in!
- **Plastic Bag Challenge** – It's been a great start to our plastic bag recycling challenge. Continue to send your plastic bags in until April 26. Let's work together to dispose of plastic in an earth-friendly way!
- **Dance-a-thon Last Chance Weekend** – Will you be seeing family or friends over the long weekend? What a great opportunity to collect sponsors for our Dance-a-thon! Classes are working towards winning a class prize, and the competition is getting tight. Ms. Dunlop's class is currently still in the lead with a total raised of almost \$500! Be sure to send all envelopes back by April 25, 2019, in time for our Dance-a-thon.

Parents/guardians of students in Kindergarten and Grades 1-4 are welcome to join the fun. Grades 5-8 will dance later in the day.

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- **Earth Week at NLPS** – Earth Week is here! We have some easy but fun activities to mark Earth Week this year:
  - ✓ **Tues. April 23 - Wear green, proper recycling presentations to each class**
  - ✓ **Wed. April 24 - Walk or Bike to school (if you can)**
  - ✓ **Thurs. April 25 - Litterless Lunch and Thirsty Thursday**  
(bring a litterless lunch with reusable container and water bottle)
  - ✓ **Fri. April 26 - Lights Out Lunch - to conserve energy!**
- **NLPS Garage Sale** - Time for some spring cleaning for a good cause! Student council will be hosting a charity garage sale at NLPS on **Thursday May 9 from 3:30-6 pm**. All proceeds from the sale will go to the **Yellow Brick House**. Send in gently-used items from May 6-8. Items must be in good condition (toys, games, puzzles, baby items, small household items, bikes/scooters, outdoor items, sports equipment etc.) No stuffed animals please.
- **Popcorn/Frozen Yogurt Fridays** - Our Graduation Parent and Student Committee will begin Popcorn and Frozen Yogurt Sales on the following dates. Students may purchase at morning recess for \$2/item.
  - ❖ **Popcorn Fridays - April 26, May 3, 10, 17**
  - ❖ **Fro Yo Fridays - May 24, 31, June 14, 21**

- **Elementary International and Indigenous Languages** – Please see the attached flyer for an excellent opportunity to register your child for free language classes for the 2019-2020 school year. Paper copies will be sent home in June.
- **Last Chance: Planning for Sept 2019** – As we move through the coming months, we begin our planning for the 2019-2020 school year. Each student placement is carefully considered when planning for balanced classes. If you have a particular request that would help support your child’s learning style or need, please submit a note to your child’s homeroom teacher, or send an email to [orlie.soroka@yrdsb.ca](mailto:orlie.soroka@yrdsb.ca) directly. Requests will be carefully considered, but not guaranteed. All requests must be made in writing/email **by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

As well, if your family has moved this year, or you are planning to move before September, it is very important for you to let us know as soon as possible, so that we can update our records and have all the pieces in place in preparation for the new school year.

Again, we wish all of our families a wonderful, restful long weekend, including a Happy Vaisakhi, Happy Easter, Happy Passover and Happy Ridvan!

Looking forward to May flowers in the coming weeks!



**Orlie Soroka**  
Principal

**Sarah Tulley**  
Vice-Principal