

The Northern Highlights

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March...	4	School Council 7pm - Join Us!
	5	Grade 7 VIP
	6	3-D Printing Workshop Gr 3-4
	8	Peace Day #1 – Country Teams will participate in 3 workshops on Inclusivity
	8	Ice Cat Wear Spirit Day or Wear Blue!
	11-15	March Break – No School!
	20	Aurora Sports Hall of Fame Hockey Presentation Gr 4-6
	21	Family Bingo Night – Join Us! (see attached)
	21-22	Gr 4 VORC Trips
	25-26	Gr 2 VORC Trips
	27	Intermediate Band at Music Alive! Good Luck!
	27/29	Gr 3 Swim to Survive Starts (3 Consecutive Weeks)
	28	Parent Summit: Creating a Free Range Community for Kids (see below)
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2/4		Dental Screening – Grade K, 2, 7, 8
2/4		Scientists in the School – Grade 2
3		Visit Gr 1-6 - Kevin Sylvester
9		Scientists in the School – Grade 1
10		Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff Assembly
12		Fire Safety Day Presentations – K-8

News and Updates:

- Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) Opportunity** - As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), qualified families with children enrolled at our school have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost. Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at the school and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards. Please see the attached letter for more information on this program.
- Important Technology Safety Letter** – Please see the attached letter for some important information regarding an online challenge which may create a safety concern.
- Creating a Free Range Community for Children – Please join us on March 28, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Rick Hansen Public School.** We would like to invite you to join this FREE event, sponsored by Activate Aurora, and hosted by Rick Hansen Public School in conjunction with Northern Lights Public School and St. Jerome's Catholic School. The evening's focus is on strategies to create a safe and active community for our children. You will receive an alert from School Cash Online on Monday to RSVP for this event. There is no cost to register for this event. Please be sure to RSVP by Monday, March 18, 2019. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

- **Walk to School Safety Message** – Increasingly, we are seeing students engage in unsafe walking behaviours before and after school, when walking on their own or with a group. Please be sure to discuss and practise the following safety rules with your child, to ensure a safe walk to and from school:

- Cross at a designated corner, with a crossing guard or adult
- Never dodge/dart across a main road (ex. Bridgenorth or Earl Stewart)
- Never walk across the bus loop at the front of the school
- Never walk through the parking lot, follow along the sidewalk to the tarmac instead
- Never wear earphones or text/browse while crossing a road/driveways
- When crossing, make eye contact with the stopped driver



- **A Message from our Trustee**

I hope everyone has had a great start to the second half of the school year. Over the past few months, I have had an opportunity to connect with families, students, staff members and with our broader community. I have seen a lot of exciting opportunities for students to explore their interests, celebrate their identities, and develop skills and knowledge that will benefit them in the future.

Many students are participating in [skills competitions](#) or other events where they problem-solve, innovate, collaborate and further develop their technical skills. Students compete in robotics, construction, hairdressing, transportation, 3D animation and much more. These events are among the many options available to help students explore different careers and [pathways](#), and gain valuable experience. We are grateful for the support of community partners in helping to provide these great learning opportunities to our students.

I also want to express my appreciation to our broader school community. One of the priorities in our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) is to build collaborative relationships. The relationships that our schools have with families is so important. There are many different ways you can be involved - talking to your child's teacher, asking your child about homework, or volunteering on a field trip or the school council. Your contributions make a difference to your child's success and to the success of our schools.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable March Break.

Bob McRoberts
Trustee

Wishing all of our families a safe and restful March Break! See you back on March 18th!

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Principal

Sarah Tulley
Vice-Principal