

# Northern Highlights



## Community Update

Week of April 14th, 2025

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday April 14 Day 3		April 21 - Easter Monday (no school) April 28 - Recognition Assembly
Tuesday April 15 Day 4	Photo Day for Teams and Groups (only)	
Wednesday April 16 Day 5		
Thursday April 17 Day 1		
Friday April 18 Day 0	Good Friday (no school)	

### \*INFORMATION & UPDATES\*

**CLASS PLACEMENT PARENTAL INPUT FORM:** As we look to the fall, we are planning for our class placement process. Each student is individually discussed and placed according to several criteria, including, but not limited to, class size, academic strengths and needs, Special Education and English Language Learners, gender balance, and social considerations. Our goal is to establish balanced classes and provide effective groups which will benefit all children.

When considering class placements, we are not able to honour parent requests for specific classroom teachers. Instead, we invite you to share with the school team information about your child's learning style/needs as well as their social connections as they pertain to class placement. Please share this information by completing this [Google Form](#) and submitting it electronically. You will receive a confirmation email with a copy of your information once you have submitted your form. Please note that while we value parental input into this process, the final decisions for class placement rest with the school. Parent input received via the Class Placement Input Form by Friday, May 9th, 2025, will be considered during class placement meetings.

**YR PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL SCREENING 2025:** York Region dental nurses will perform dental screening on students in JK, SK, Grade 2 & 7 on May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> at Northern Lights PS. If you are interested in having your child screened and they are NOT in one of those grades, please click on the link for further information on requesting a screening by York Region Public Health: [2025 Dental Screening - York Region Public Health](#)

**GRADE 7 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC:** On Tuesday, April 22, 2025, York Region Public Health will be hosting an immunization clinic at Northern Lights PS for Grade 7 students to receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Hepatitis B, HPV & Meningococcal vaccines. For additional information, please click on the link [2025 York Region Public Health Immunization Clinic](#)

**NETWORK OF EDUCATORS FOR KOREAN-CANADIAN STUDENTS NETWORKING EVENT: PATHWAYS TO CAREERS IN YRDSB:** The Network of Educators for Korean-Canadian Students (NEKS) invites Korean families and community members to a Family Engagement Night on May 1, 2025, from 5:30-8:00 PM at Thornhill Secondary School (167 Dudley Avenue, Thornhill). This engaging session will include:

- Student panel stories sharing educational and career journeys from secondary school and post-secondary perspectives
- Interactive workshops tailored for both elementary and secondary families

Registrants will have an opportunity to attend one of the following workshops:

- Elementary Panel: Strategies to support student leadership and engagement, including how to encourage involvement in extracurricular activities that foster self-identity and a sense of belonging at school
- Secondary Panel: Guidance on post-secondary pathways, including application processes for high school students

Please [register online](#) by Monday, April 24, 2025.

**SIKH HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION AT KLEINBURG PS:** Kleinburg Public School is hosting a community event in celebration of Sikh Heritage Month on Thursday, April 24th, from 5:30-7:30 pm. This will be an evening where students, staff and families come together to enjoy a meal (langar) together, learn about the diversity within the Sikh identity, make connections, and share experiences with one another. Please see details below for an overview of the evening.

- 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Sikh Heritage Museum of Canada Display and Craft Activity
- 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Welcome and Performances Martial Arts Demonstration by Shaheed Baba Deep Singh Gatka Akhara
- 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Community Meal (Langar)

We kindly ask that you [register](#) if you would like to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Kleinburg Public School at 905-893-1142 or Ms. Rosen, Principal at [sharron.rosen@yrdsb.ca](mailto:sharron.rosen@yrdsb.ca) or Ms. Dhaliwal, Vice Principal at [amrit.dhaliwal@yrdsb.ca](mailto:amrit.dhaliwal@yrdsb.ca). Thank you, and we look forward to learning from and with you in celebration of Sikh Heritage Month.

**\*INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS\***

**UNDERSTANDING AND NAVIGATING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM- FAMILIES OF YRDSB BLACK STUDENTS APRIL INFORMATION SESSION:** The Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA) will be awarding scholarships of \$1,000 to selected recipients. The deadline is June 30, 2025. Please [click here](#) for more information.