

Northern Highlights



Community Update

Week of March 17th, 2025

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday March 17 Day 3		March 24th - Recognition Assembly
Tuesday March 18 Day 4		
Wednesday March 19 Day 5	Grade 8 East Side Mario's Dine-In event (5:30-7:30 pm)	
Thursday March 20 Day 1		
Friday March 21 Day 2		

INFORMATION & UPDATES

RAMADAN: Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. This is a blessed month for Muslims as it is the month during which the teachings of the Qur'an were revealed. This is considered a time for Muslims to cultivate spiritual renewal through fasting, and an increased focus on prayer and contemplation, as well as a time to recommit themselves to practicing compassion and generosity for others. We wish you and your families health and safety during your time of fasting, prayer and reflection.

UNDERSTANDING AND NAVIGATING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM - FAMILIES OF YRDSB BLACK STUDENTS MARCH INFORMATION SESSION: Understanding and Navigating the Education System -Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Virtual Information Session on Monday, March 24, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please [click here](#) for more information.

WRAPPED IN COMFORT: TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY CELEBRATION: We invite 2SLGBTQIA+ and allied students, families, and staff of all ages to join us on March 25, 2025 for this free evening of community, connection, and celebration as we honour Trans Day of Visibility! Please [click here](#) for more information.

NOWRUZ/NAVROZ: On Friday, March 21, Ismaili Muslims and Zoroastrians worldwide observe Navroz/Nowruz. For Ismailis, this day marks the beginning of a new year and the first day of spring which is symbolic of spiritual renewal and physical rejuvenation. It is a day to reflect in gratitude for one's blessings and foster an outlook of hope and optimism for the future. The festival of Navroz commemorates a centuries-old agrarian custom that, over time, was integrated into various cultures and faith traditions. Today, Navroz is celebrated in many parts of the Middle East and Central and South Asia, particularly among peoples influenced by Persian and Turkic civilizations. To all students, families and staff celebrating this day, we wish you a Happy New Year! Nowruz/Naw-Ruz Mobarak, or Navroz Mubarak!

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS NEWSLETTER: March's Mental Health Newsletter for families and caregivers focuses on A Fresh Start for Spring. Please [click here](#) for more information.

PIZZA LUNCH: School Cash Online is now open for families to place orders for Block 3 of the Pizza Lunch program. Block 3 Pizza Lunch will cover the following dates: April 4, 11 & 25/May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30/June 6, 13 & 20, 2025. The cost for the 11 weeks is \$33.00. If you would like additional slices, please change the quantity when ordering. Extra pizza is sold every Friday for \$3.00 a slice. Ordering will close Friday, March 21, 2025, and late orders will not be accepted.

SUPPORT OUR GRADUATES WITH A DINE-IN EVENT: In an effort to raise funds for our graduating class, we are partnering with East Side Mario's for a special dine-in event! On March 4th and 19th, from 5:30-7:30 PM, NLPS graduates will be assisting servers in the dining room and will receive a portion of the profits to support graduation. Save yourself a night of cooking and come enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our school! The more, the merrier—our Grade 8's thank you in advance for your support!

FAMILIES PLANNING TO MOVE OR STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER: As we begin our planning for the 2025-2026 school year, we kindly ask you to inform the school office if your family has plans to move over the summer, or if your children will not be returning in September for any reason. This information helps us to ensure a smooth transition for all students and to make necessary staffing arrangements for the upcoming academic year. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us in planning effectively for the new school year. Thank you for your support.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Is your child turning 4 or 5 in 2025? Mark your calendars. Kindergarten registration opens on January 17.

How to Register:

- **Online** - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. It is recommended that families use a laptop, or desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete the registration. Current families can also find the program registration link in the [Family Dashboard](#).
- **By email** - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to northern.lights.ps@yrdsb.ca
- **By phone** - Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation.
- **In-person at the school** - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete the registration form.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the [required documents](#).