

# Northern Highlights



## Community Update

Week of November 11th, 2024

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| DATE                          | ACTIVITIES                                      | UPCOMING   |
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| Monday<br>Nov. 11<br>Day 2    |   | November is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Albanian Heritage Month</li> <li>Hindu Heritage Month</li> </ul><br>Nov. 25 - Social Media and Online Safety; An Evening for Parents with Paul Davis |
| Tuesday<br>Nov. 12<br>Day 3   | Parent-Teacher Interview Schedule Closes (9 am) |  |
| Wednesday<br>Nov. 13<br>Day 4 |   |  |
| Thursday<br>Nov. 14<br>Day 5  | Parent-Teacher Interviews (pm)                  |  |
| Friday<br>Nov. 15<br>Day 0    | PA Day - Parent-Teacher Interviews (am)         |  |

### \*INFORMATION & UPDATES\*

**REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY:** On Monday, November 11th our school will be holding their annual Remembrance Day ceremony. Families from the Northern Lights Community are welcome to join us in the school gym for our assembly at 9:15 am.

**PRIMARY SKATE PROGRAM:** Please remember to submit payment (\$11.00) and permission through School Cash Online for the Primary Skate Program for students in Grades 1-3. Thank you to families that have already done so. The Primary Skate Program is part of the Physical Education program. The dates for skating are **Thursday, November 28, December 11 & 18, 2024.** Students will be skating at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex located at 135 Industrial Parkway N., Aurora. Staff, students and volunteers will walk to and from Northern Lights P.S. and the AFLC arena. Please click on the following links if you are interested in [Volunteering](#) or if your child will need to [borrow skating equipment](#) to participate.

**FAMILY DASHBOARD:** The dashboard will give you secure one-stop access to information and applications related to your child's education. It is designed to make it easier for you to engage with your child's education. For further information and how to register, [please click here](#).

**BLACK FOUNDATION OF COMMUNITY NETWORKS:** The Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with YRDSB, is providing a free online workshop to guide Black students and their families on how to prepare, search, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. Grade 8 - 12 students. For further information [please click here](#).

**FAMILIES OF YRDSB BLACK STUDENTS MONTHLY INFORMATION SESSION:** Families, parents, caregivers, please join us on Monday, November 25, for our monthly meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary & secondary schools. [Please click here](#) for further information.

**CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER:** This newsletter is designed to share timely information with families of Black students in the York Region District School Board, including information about school board and community programs and events. [Please click here](#) for the latest edition.

**STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS NEWSLETTER:** [Please click here](#) to read the November 2024 edition of the Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter.

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

**PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER:** Calling ALL chocolate lovers! The School Council is teaming up with Purdys Chocolatier to fundraise for Northern Lights P.S. in hopes of raising \$1000.00! Stock up on your favourite Purdys Winter fundraising treats (did someone say Hedgehogs?) AND support a great cause at the same time—it's the best of both worlds. All fundraising profit raised will directly support Northern Lights P.S. students, so every order makes a great difference to us. Ordering is as easy as eating chocolate. Click on [NLPS Purdys Fundraiser](#), enter your email address, complete the information and click on "Join A Campaign". If entering in through Purdy's website, you can enter campaign number 78566, and order to your heart's content! The deadline for ordering is November 24, 2024, so get shopping!

**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 Thursday, November 28, December 11 & 18, 2024. Students will be skating at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex located at 135 Industrial Parkway N., Aurora. Staff, students and volunteers will walk to and from Northern Lights P.S. and the AFLC arena. The cost for the program is \$11.00 per student and families are encouraged to pay through School Cash Online. Parent volunteers are required, and we ask those interested in helping to please complete the [Skating Volunteer Form](#). Further details regarding the skating schedule and safety information were shared with the Grade 1-3 families in an email dated October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER:** In support of our Grade 8 Graduation, Northern Lights P.S. is having their annual Poinsettia Fundraiser. Festive poinsettias are available in [various sizes & colours](#) along with tabletop greenery and new this year is the Grinch tree! Please place your orders through School Cash Online. **The deadline for ordering is Monday, November 18, 2024.** All items are provided by Bradford Greenhouse and are beautiful for the winter season. Families will be able to pick up their orders on Thursday, December 5 between 3:30 and 5:00 in the foyer of the school. Your support of our Grade 8 Graduation celebration and year-end trip is greatly appreciated.

**JEWISH AND ISRAEL EDUCATION CONFERENCES WITH UJA ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT:** Join UJA Israel Engagement for a meaningful and educational 1-day conference for students, parents/caregivers, and teachers to explore Israel education and learn how to combat antisemitism in the public school system. Hear and learn from UJA agencies including UJA's Israel Engagement, CIJA, CJPAC, PJ Library, and more.

Parent & Educator Conference - Sunday, November 24 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Jewish Student Summit - Sunday, December 1 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location - Lipa Green Centre, in Tamari Hall, 4600 Bathurst St., North York, ON

Please visit the [UJA Federation of Greater Toronto website](#) for more information and registration.

**YRDSB FAMILIES DAY - EXPLORING FAMILY, COMMUNITY & LOVE AT THE TORONTO HOLOCAUST MUSEUM:** Families, please join the Toronto Holocaust Museum (THM) and York Region District School Board (YRDSB) for a Family Sunday at the Museum on Sunday, November 17th from 1:30 pm-4:00 pm. [Please click here](#) for registration information.