

# Northern Highlights



## Community Update

Week of November 25th, 2024

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Nov. 25 Day 1	Recognition Assembly (9:15 am)	November is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Albanian Heritage Month</li> <li>Hindu Heritage Month</li> </ul> Dec. 19 - NLPS Winter Concert (6:00 pm) Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 - Winter Break (no school)
Tuesday Nov. 26 Day 2		
Wednesday Nov. 27 Day 3	Social Media and Online Safety; An Evening for Parents with Paul Davis (6:30 pm) Fresh From the Farm Pick Up	
Thursday Nov. 28 Day 4	Primary Ice Skating (am)	
Friday Nov. 29 Day 5		

### \*INFORMATION & UPDATES\*

**SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE SAFETY; AN EVENING FOR PARENTS WITH PAUL DAVIS:** The Northern Lights PS School Council is excited to invite you to an informative and engaging evening with cybersecurity and social media expert Paul Davis. Please join us on Wednesday, November 27th, at 6:30 pm in the school gym for an exclusive adults-only session. This event is a unique opportunity to learn practical tips and valuable insights about navigating the digital world and keeping children safe online. All parents/guardians, grandparents, and caregivers are welcome - don't miss this chance to empower yourself with knowledge! We look forward to seeing you there! [Click here to RSVP](#).

**SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS:** As the weather starts to turn colder, we want to take this opportunity to remind families about our procedures for [extreme cold and inclement weather](#) and the potential for transportation cancellations.

**360 KIDS INFORMATION FLYER:** 360°kids is dedicated to helping at-risk and unhoused youth by providing essential support services in housing, employment, health, and education. [Please click here](#) for more information regarding programs and services.

**BFCN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WORKSHOP:** 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. [Please click here](#) for further information.

**KWANZAA CELEBRATION INVITATION:** Students, staff and families, please join us on Monday, December 9, 2024, as we come together to celebrate Kwanzaa! This special event will honour African heritage, unity and culture and will be a time to reflect on the seven principles of Kwanzaa, enjoy cultural traditions and foster community spirit. [Please click here](#) for further information.

**DROPS-OFFS DURING THE DAY:** We kindly ask that any supplies, food, water bottles, or other items you need to drop off for your child be delivered through the front office only. To minimize disruptions and maintain a safe environment, please refrain from entering the schoolyard during recess times. Our office team will ensure that your items reach your child promptly.

**YRPH BUILDING HEALTHY KIDS:** Building positive relationships with children is important for them to grow up healthy and confident. York Region Public Health is here to support you with information and resources. [Please click here](#) for further information.

**LAMPS PARENT/CAREGIVER SERIES SOCIAL MEDIA AND MENTAL HEALTH:** The YRDSB Central Mental Health Team is proud to be offering a *Learning about Mental Health Presentation Series (LAMPS)*. The objective of the series is to promote and enhance mental health literacy. The session is **“Social Media and Mental Health - A Presentation for Parents and Caregivers”** and will occur virtually on **Wednesday, January 15th, 2024 from 6 - 7 p.m.** Some topics covered in this presentation will include understanding what social media is, the risks and benefits of social media use, some general strategies to support your children in managing their social media use, and resources. These virtual sessions are offered to any parent/guardian. Text Translation will be provided in a limited number of languages. If your preferred language is not offered, we recommend watching with a friend or family member who is able to translate. To register please visit [this link](#). Please Register by January 13th, 2024.

**THE JEWISH RAINBOW ALLIANCE:** The Jewish Rainbow Alliance is hosting a monthly support group for parents and caregivers of LGBTQ+ individuals. For further information on how to register, [please click here](#).

**GURPURAB AND LANGAR CELEBRATION: AN EVENING OF LEARNING AND LANGAR:** Families, students and educators, are invited to join the SEVA Affinity Group in a Gurpurab Celebration: An Evening of Learning and Langar on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Emily Carr Secondary School. This event will honour the founder of the Sikh faith, Guru Nanak Dev Ji. [Please click here](#) for further information.

**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.