



THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS (STAY-AT-HOME EDITION)

JUNE 1 - 5, 2020

SCHOOLS REMAIN CLOSED






This week, the provincial government announced that the current closure of all Ontario schools will be extended **until the end of the school year**. This is in an effort to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. **All schools in York Region District School Board continue to be closed to students during this time.**

It is critically important at this time to continue to follow the direction of public health to practise social distancing in order to flatten the curve of this pandemic virus.

At this time, we have no additional information to share regarding retrieving students' personal belongings from school. Please know that our Board is working with Public Health to create a safe procedure for this to occur. We will provide an update as soon as we receive one. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

JUNE 1 - 5, 2020: THIS WEEK'S STAY-AT-HOME HIGHLIGHTS



Date	Suggested Activities at Home (Completely Optional!)
Monday, June 1 	Practise your listening skills by listening to a book online, using a website like Sora or Audible. Work on visualising by creating an image in your mind as the book is read to you.
Tuesday, June 2	Search online for safe science experiments that can be done at home using materials around the house. Make a prediction, record the procedure, and then share your observations. 
Wednesday, June 3 	Develop your drama skills by writing a short skit for your family members. You could create a scene about something funny or interesting that has happened to your family. Include different lines for all the “characters” in your skit.
Thursday, June 4 	NLPS is on the treaty lands of the First Nations of the Williams Treaty. Visit this website to learn more about these First Nations and history of settlement in the community.
Friday, June 5	Write some poetry! Review different poetry forms, including rhyming couplets, limericks, acrostic poems, or haikus. 

ARE YOU MOVING OR LEAVING NLPS?

To help us plan for September, if you are moving out of the area or your child will not be returning to Northern Lights for the 2020/2021 school year, please inform the office by email at northern.lights.ps@yrdsb.ca

Thank you!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Although schools are not open, families can still register for Kindergarten. Our school, along with all elementary schools in the Board, is now offering online registration. Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at bit.ly/KindergartenYRDSB

Please note: A laptop or desktop computer is strongly recommended to complete the online registration, rather than a mobile device.

Alternatively, families can also complete the elementary school registration form and email it directly to the school. Once schools re-open, families will need to bring in their documents (e.g., birth certificates) for verification.

NLPS NATTER - A WEEKLY WEBCAST WITH MR. BIEMILLER AND MS. TULLEY

Each week, Mr. Biemiller and Ms. Tulley will endeavour to use their technical know-how to create a webcast, featuring student contributions!

[Here is NLPS Natter Episode #6.](#) (Please note that you must be logged through a student's YRDSB Google account.)



The question for next week's episode is: What's your favourite outdoor activity?

If you would like to contribute, please complete [this form](#) by noon on Wednesday, June 3rd.

ONLINE SURVEY ABOUT THE YRDSB LEARNING AND CARING PLAN

Your voice is important to us and we are asking for you to share your thoughts through a quick, [online survey](#). We are hoping to learn your thoughts and ideas in real-time about the [Learning and Caring Plan](#), until the end of this school year and to inform decision making for our return in September.

You can participate anonymously and your responses will be confidential. As always, your participation is voluntary.

Your responses will help our Board assess and inform best practices related to our programs and services.

YRDSB BLACK HISTORY MONTH POSTER CONTEST



During the month of February, York Region District School Board held a student poster contest to determine our official Black History Month poster for 2021.

We received over 250 submissions, and a panel of experts has narrowed it down to four finalists. In order to determine the winner, the Board will be holding a virtual vote open to all YRDSB students and staff. Voting will take place via [this Google form](#) that will also be distributed over social media.

Voting is limited to one vote per person and will take place from June 3-5.

SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



YRDSB offers some great summer learning opportunities for students.

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, Continuing Education Services is adjusting its Summer Learning program offerings to align with public health guidelines. Please be advised that our traditional in class face-to-face summer programs will move to a remote learning delivery model as per Ministry direction.

We will continue to follow Ministry direction and if there are any changes to our program delivery model we will communicate those changes to the system. Teachers will be providing synchronous learning for all our programs.

Please see the YRDSB website for more information:

[Elementary Summer Learning](#)

[Secondary Summer Learning](#)

ONLINE SAFETY WITH PAUL DAVIS: VIRTUAL SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

Paul Davis has presented to the NLPS community in the past about online safety. We are pleased to share one-hour webinars with Paul Davis, brought to you by the Ontario Principals' Council.

Online Safety for Grades 3 - 6: Guidelines for Parents/Guardians

June 2 at 2:00 pm and June 4 at 7:00 pm. Guest speaker, Paul Davis, will assist parents/guardians to: understand the rules for online safety; define responsible use of technology; and learn about digital trails, cyberbullying, picture taking and sharing.

Navigating Cyberbullying and Cyberviolence for Parents/Guardians of Grades 7-12 Students

June 9 at 2:00 and June 11 at 7:00 pm. Guest speakers from the field of cyber safety will advise parents/guardians on: navigating the risks of cyberbullying, sexual exploitation, and cyberviolence; building healthy online relationships and safe spaces for students; and using the internet for positive purposes.

For more information and to register, [please click here.](#)

CALL OUT FOR PICTURES: NLPS 2019-2020 MEMORY BOOK

In the midst of this unusual school year, our staff continues to work on a Memory Book! Production will be delayed, but there will indeed be a Memory Book ready for September.

We are currently collecting pictures for this book. If you have a great picture of your child(ren) at home, please submit it using [this form.](#)

Details will follow on how you can get your hands on the 2019/2020 Northern Lights PS Memory Book!



ACCESSING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

A reminder that links and updates are available on the YRDSB website: [Corona Virus Updates](#)

Online learning continues. If you are looking to supplement classroom resources, you may wish to access:



[Ontario Ministry of Education's Learn from Home Resources](#)

[Online Resources for Parents, Families, and Students](#)

ACCESSING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (CONT.)

We will continue to highlight different online resources that you can choose to access at home. Many of these resources have been made temporarily available for free, in response to the current situation.

Thanks to Ms. Paivio and Mrs. McGeorge for helping us to compile these resources!

SITE	DESCRIPTION	LOGIN PROCEDURE
<p>Rick Hansen Foundation's Little Big Lessons (Click HERE)</p> 	<p>These easy to use, bite-sized lessons engage youth from kindergarten to grade 12, on the big themes of accessibility, inclusion and the importance of being difference makers in our communities.</p>	<p>No login required.</p>
<p>National Geographic Kids (Click HERE)</p> 	<p>Lots of videos, information, and activities on animals and different science topics.</p>	<p>No login required.</p>

ONLINE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS

The YRDSB Student Services team has compiled a fantastic list of resources for student and family use. The list is not exhaustive and there will be some overlap with other resource lists! Here's the [LINK](#).



Inspire Learning!

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

A reminder that Mr. Biemiller, Ms. Tulley, and the office are available for you as well. Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance.

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STAY HOME, STAY SAFE



WE MISS YOU!

