



# THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS (STAY-AT-HOME EDITION)

MAY 18 - 22, 2020





# SCHOOLS REMAIN CLOSED

We have heard from the Minister of Education that the current closure of all Ontario schools will be extended until May 29th. 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.

# MAY 18 - 22, 2020: THIS WEEK'S STAY-AT-HOME HIGHLIGHTS



Date	Suggested Activities at Home (Completely Optional!)
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day - no online learning!
Tuesday, May 19	Look for patterns around your house. Connect them to patterning learning you've done this year. Can you identify the core? Extend the pattern? Identify the pattern rule? Write the terms using algebra/special symbols? 
Wednesday, May 20 	Play the "memory game" with a family member. Place 20 objects on a surface. One of the players studies them, then looks away while the other player removes one object. The first player has to remember/guess which object is now missing.
Thursday, May 21	Work on asking questions while you read. Write down (on sticky notes, if you have them) or ask out loud at least one question before, during, and after reading a text. 
Friday, May 22 	Go for a nature walk. Take pictures of things you don't recognize (e.g., a species of bird or plant). When you get home, research online to see if you can figure out what you saw.

# 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](mailto:northern.lights.ps@yrdsb.ca)

Thank you!



# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CONTINUES

While schools may not be 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](https://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!

This week, we were very excited to welcome some special guests!

[Here is NLPS Natter Episode #4.](#) (Please note that you must be logged through a student's YRDSB Google account.)



***The question for next week's episode is: What is a new food you've made or something special you've enjoyed eating with your family since we've been at home?***

If you would like to contribute, please complete [this form](#) by noon on Wednesday, May 20th.

# SUMMER INSTITUTE CANCELLED

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, York Region District School Board is cancelling Summer Institute programming this summer. This is in line with public health guidelines.

Summer Institute was scheduled to run July 6 - August 14. Families who are already registered for the program are being notified and full refunds will be processed for families who have paid. Processing refunds may take some time and we are asking families to be patient.

This applies to Summer Institute only. Other summer programs, such as summer school, will be proceeding where possible within an online environment. More information will be provided in the coming weeks about these programs.



# YRDSB ADULT CLASSES

The YRDSB website contains information about courses offered to adults:

[GED \(Ontario High School Equivalency Certificate\)](#)

[English as a Second Language](#)

[Citizenship Classes](#)





# BUILD A DREAM DIGITAL CAREER DISCOVERY EXPO



Parent or guardians of young women in grades 7 to 12 are invited to attend the Build a Dream Digital Career Discovery Expo on Wednesday May 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Build a Dream 'at Home Edition' will give you and your daughter(s) the chance to explore a wide range of career paths in the skilled trades, science, technology, engineering, and emergency services. This FREE event will be packed with panelists, on-demand video libraries, DIY activities, games, prizes and more!

To register for this free event visit: [dreamathome.eventbrite.ca](https://dreamathome.eventbrite.ca)

Please note that registration is required and that space is limited.

# FREE LIVE TOUR FOR YRDSB FAMILIES: MUSEUM OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

You are invited to join a unique and [FREE live tour from Beit Hatfutsot. The Museum of the Jewish People](#), on **June 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

The tour explores synagogues from diverse Jewish communities around the world including from the Caribbean, Egypt, Ukraine, Germany, India, Ancient Greece, Italy, and Poland. You will have the opportunity to view Beit Hatfutsot's world-renowned collection of synagogue models and their associated original artifacts.

This opportunity was coordinated for mid-June, following the month of May designated as Jewish Heritage Month, as a way for interested YRDSB families and parents to take part in learning about Jewish culture and heritage. We recognize that there are opportunities all year-round to learn about the diverse communities that make up our schools, in addition to the heritage months throughout the year. For instance, Ontario's Arts Curriculum encourages students to learn about a variety of works of art and artistic traditions from diverse communities, times, and places.

# FREE LIVE TOUR FOR YRDSB FAMILIES: MUSEUM OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE (CONT.)

If you are interested in this opportunity, **please register using the [online registration form](#) by June 12<sup>th</sup>** to book your spot for the live tour on June 16th. This opportunity is made available for free to YRDSB students and their families. If you would like additional information about the tour and have any questions, please email YRDSB's Community Partnership Developer **leonora.buskin@yrdsb.ca**. Alternatively, leave her a voicemail with your name and number at **905-727-0022 x 4101** and your call will be returned.

After completing the registration form, you will be sent an email receipt with information on how to access the live tour with a link to the live tour. The live tour is made available through the ZOOM video platform. You do not need to download ZOOM to participate. To ensure privacy, the primary video footage presented during the live tour will be of the tour guide and the tour itself, and participants' videos will be disabled and muted. This set up is to ensure privacy of our participants. You will be able to ask questions during the live tour through a chat box feature. For a small group, it may be possible for participants to ask questions unmuted; however, the chat box will nevertheless be used as the primary method for asking questions.

Thank you for taking the time to read about this opportunity!

# 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>Tinkercad (Click <a href="#">HERE</a>)</p> 	<p>Tinkercad is a free, easy to use app for 3D design, electronics, and coding.</p>	<p>Sign up for a free account.</p>
<p>Prodigy (Click <a href="#">HERE</a>)</p> 	<p>A math learning game that adapts according to a child's strengths and areas of needs. Includes concepts in the Ontario curriculum</p>	<p>Parents sign up for a free account.</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!

