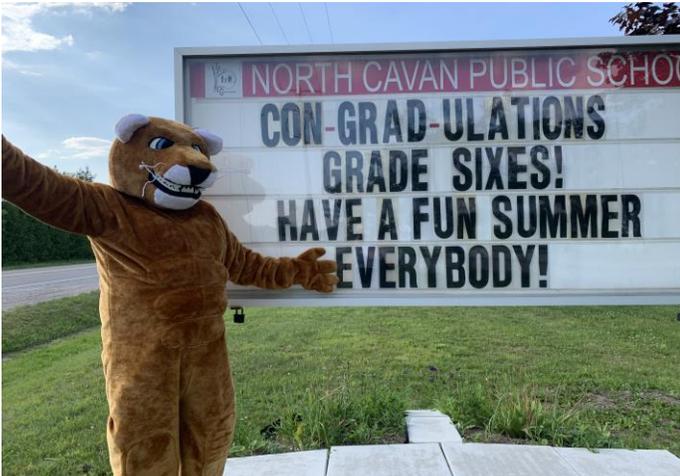


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Principal's Message June 2021:

Well just a week and a bit and we finally reach the summer. What a long haul it has been for kids, parents and staff. Everyone is doing an admirable job and the staff and I appreciate it. We encourage you to keep your kids engaged in learning right to the end of June if you can. It is good for them to associate with their peers and our teachers can still teach them a lot in two weeks.

As a staff we are doing our best to maintain as much normalcy as possible. We are continuing with a 'virtual' graduation ceremony for our grade 6 students using Mr. Woollacott's Google Classroom this year. This will allow everyone to be present in real time and we can still record the event if families want to share it later with other family members or simply watch it again.

We updated our 'Welcome to Kindergarten' website for our new Year 1 Kindergarten families to answer many of the questions we would normally cover at the Kindergarten Open House. The website introduced them to our staff and School Council and we hope it makes them feel welcome!

Our classes have been built for next year, the timetable is established and we are fully staffed for the fall. This

should make for a smooth transition for our new Principal, Jennifer Johnston. Jennifer is excited to come to North Cavan and she is an experienced school administrator with KPR. She and I spent half a day touring the school and discussing matters that will be important for her in the days ahead. She also joined our June School Council meeting which gave her a chance to be introduced to some of our parents (virtually). Please join me in welcoming Jennifer to North Cavan and I am sure you will enjoy having her for your school's principal. Jennifer and I will likely have more conversations as needed as she gets comfortable at North Cavan.

There is a lot of important information in this newsletter for families so we encourage everyone to take the time to read it. It will likely answer many questions you may have. The official last day of school for this year is June 29th and we expect report cards to be accessible for you on June 28th.

At the sunset of my career, I am so grateful to have spent my last five years at NCPS. When I think of all the wonderful kids I have come to know, the camaraderie I shared with staff and the genuine caring and commitment from our parent community for all the school's children, I feel blessed. North Cavan feels like an enchanted place where the one room school culture of yesteryear (everyone takes care of everyone else) is still at play and blends with modern curriculum, new technology and current teaching methodology. Grade 6's take care of little children and students have respect for their parents and their teachers. All stakeholders work together to help our students feel safe, valued and important and able to acquire the knowledge, skills and habits that will carry them in good stead as they grow and mature. As our Board mission statement states: "We inspire our students to excel in learning, to succeed in life, and to enrich our communities."

We hope everyone has a safe, healthy, fun summer and hopefully we can return to a bit more normal routine over the next few months and into the next school year.

Sincerely,

Martin Twiss

Report Cards :

The June report cards will be sent home electronically on Monday, June 28th, 2021. The last official school day before the summer vacation is Tuesday, June 29th. In elementary schools the KPR Board will be using Edsby to send parents the reports with a password to keep the reports secure. The school board will be sending out a message to all parents to explain how to access your child(ren's) report card(s).

This year the report card may not be as detailed as you are used to seeing it in June. This is because not all students participated fully during the virtual learning period. For students in grades 1 to 6, some subject areas might show a mark "I" (insufficient evidence) which means that the teacher did not feel that they had enough information to provide an accurate evaluation of your child's learning in that subject or strand. This is not a reflection of your child's effort so please don't be concerned. With distance learning it was difficult for teachers to evaluate what students could do independently, but they were allowed to use the data they collected during this time if it helped them form an accurate evaluation. If you have any questions after you receive your child(ren's) report card, please feel free to email their teacher.

2020-2021 Yearbooks :

Our School Council Chair, Mary Benson, is working hard to organize a yearbook for 2020-2021. **Yearbooks are \$15.00 each or \$25.00 for two and are now available through 'School Cash Online'.** We felt that we had a lot of photos up until March break and we also had some significant events that we wanted to capture. We thought it was important to capture the events of this year as it will certainly will be one that all of us will remember.

Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony (Graduation):

The grade 6 Leaving Ceremony will be virtual this year. The ceremony will be run live via Mr. Woollacott's Google Classroom on the evening of **Friday, June 25th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** The students know how to join (same as they do for virtual learning). The ceremony follows the same format we use for a regular



graduation in the Gym to be as true to our graduation as possible. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The next day, Saturday, June 26th, Mr. Woollacott, Mr. Twiss and the School Council invite all the grade 6 graduates to bring their families for photos at the front of the school. Students can have pictures taken with their awards and certificates. Grad photos will be available for pick up that day for those who ordered them. **In addition, School Council has planned a special "Graduation Treat" and a gift for each of the graduates. Be sure and join us on Saturday. If it is raining, photos will be done socially distanced in the Gym - one family at a time.**

Return of Borrowed Technology:

If your son or daughter borrowed a Chromebook or an iPad for virtual learning, would you kindly return it to the school on **June 28th or 29th**. Just bring it to the front doors and ring the buzzer beside the door. Mr. Twiss or Ms. Nolan will collect from you outside. Please be sure to return the power cord with the device. Thank you!



School Council:

All of the School Council members wish to share an enormous **thank you** to all of the North Cavan families, their friends and relatives for their support throughout this school year. We are pleased that we were able to maintain the breakfast program despite Covid-19. They are also pleased that they will be giving a graduation gift basket to each of our grade 6 students as they finish their year. This is in lieu of the traditional end of year school trip that School Council normally subsidizes for our grade 6 students.



Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten registration for the 2021 – 2022 school year is well under way. If your child will be four years old by December 31, 2021 they are eligible for Year 1 Kindergarten. If they are five years old by December 31, 2021, they are eligible for Year 2 Kindergarten. Please contact the office to register your child and share this

news with friends and neighbours who have kindergarten school aged children.



Good Character Makes a Difference:

This month's character trait is **OPTIMISM**.

I HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE. I SEE CHALLENGES AS OPPORTUNITIES. I THINK, SPEAK AND ACT TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE. I HAVE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. A busy final 4 weeks of the year:

The last month of every school year is always the busiest and most exciting. We will do our best to keep you well informed of all events and deadlines.

Collection of Student Belongings:

Teachers have bagged the students' belongings with each child's name on their bag. The bags are located close to your child's teacher's classroom on the hallway coat hooks. Mr. Woollacott's grade 5/6 students' bags and Mrs. Caravaggio's grade 4/5 students' bags are on the coat racks in their portable. Please know that the bags will be kept until the end of June. After that, we will donate and/or dispose of any remaining items since we will be starting summer cleaning. Thank you. We are asking parents to pick up their child(s)/Children('s) items according to the schedule below:

Monday, June 21 – Children whose **last names** begin with **A-I**

Tuesday, June 22 – Children whose **last names** begin with **J-Q**

Wednesday, June 23 – Children whose **last names** begin with **R-Z**

Please note that the **school will be open on these days from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

Kindergarten Graduation Photos:

The Kindergarten graduation photos have arrived and will be available for pick up when parents pick up their child's personal belongings. The graduation photos will be with their plastic bag.

Canadian Census:

You may have heard that the 2021 Census is underway. It has been a challenging year for families, and the census might seem like another thing on your busy to-do list. However, I would like to encourage you to complete your census, if you haven't already done so. Census data helps governments at all levels plan for schools, transportation, community centres, libraries

and recreational activities. Data from the 2021 Census will be even more crucial, because it will help to evaluate the impact of the pandemic and to better plan for the future. You can quickly and easily complete your census questionnaire at www.census.gc.ca using the access code you received in the mail. If you need assistance, or would like to have a paper (or alternate format) questionnaire, please call the Census Help Line at 1-855-340-2021. Thank you for doing your part to help plan for a better future for all Canadians."

Reminders / Important Dates / Information

June 2020:

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| June 21 | -Last names A-I Student Belongings Pick Up |
| June 22 | -Last names J-Q Student Belongings Pick Up |
| June 23 | -Last names R-Z Student Belongings Pick Up |
| June 25 | -Gr. 6 'Virtual' Leaving Ceremony 7:00 p.m. |
| June 26 | -9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Photo Opportunity at front of school for Grade 6 graduates and their families |
| June 28 | -All Report Cards go home via Edsby (electronic format) -KPR Technology to be Returned to the school |
| June 29 | -Last day of School -KPR Technology to be Returned to the school |
| June 30 | -P.A. Day (No School for Students) |



**Roaree says...
"Have a roaring fun
Summer!"**