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Principal's Message

We hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving with those who are important in your lives. We have been learning about the importance of noticing and expressing gratitude with daily announcements, class lessons and the creation of the North Cavan Gratitude Tree. We are grateful for your involvement and support in your child's education.

We recognized the First National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30 by wearing Orange shirts. Students have been learning about the Residential Schools in age appropriate ways. We will continue our learning about Indigenous Education throughout the school year.

On October 1st, the entire North Cavan school population took part in the 41st annual Terry Fox Run. Many of the older students ran 6 – 7 laps of the school perimeter. Our younger students also enjoyed running and cheering for everyone. Everyone enjoyed a special treat after running the race. We would like to thank our community for generously supporting the Terry Fox Foundation during a time that is financially challenging for many families. Our total amount of money raised for cancer research, support and treatment was \$2600.

Thank you for your generous help! A special thank you also to Mr. Hamel who organized the day for everyone.

We would like to welcome Kristin Welsh, Amanda Crowe and Carolyn Copson to the North Cavan PS Team. Mrs. Welsh is an experienced teacher who will bring expertise to the Grade 1/2 class and our school. Ms. Crowe will be the overlay teacher on Day 5 for various classes. Mrs. Copson is our new evening custodian and we are happy that she will be working with Mrs. Caban to keep us safe and clean.

This is an important reminder to help keep everyone safe at school. Parents/guardians are required to wear masks on school property. Please complete the electronic COVID Screener every day. The tool is always available at: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

The additional portable installation is progressing well. The building was delivered in two parts. The steps and skirting has been installed. Hydro, networking and PA system wiring is in the works. New flooring is going in. We are getting closer to having the new classroom move in. The students in Mrs. Crouch's Grade 3/4 Class are very excited!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Johnston
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North Cavan School Council 2021-2022

The North Cavan School Council will be having its second meeting on **Wednesday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m.** This year we will be having our meetings remotely through a WebEx software platform so that everyone can stay safe. If you would like to attend the School Council meeting, please send your email address to our current chair Mary Benson at: marysemple863@hotmail.com You will be sent an invitation and instructions to join the WebEx meeting.



Hot Lunches



We are looking to start offering purchased lunches in November. The LunchBox program offers lunches from various vendors in the area.

Breakfast Club News

We now have a Volunteer Attestation Process to ensure our volunteers are able to safely be in our schools for our Breakfast Club program. The program will begin next week! Thank you so much to the volunteers who help us shop and restock the bins on Fridays after school has ended. We couldn't run the program five days a week without you! **We still need help, however, even if you can only volunteer once in a while it would help a lot.** Please let the office know if you can volunteer.



Ready for School

Please pack a labeled water bottle with your child every day. There are two new bottle filling stations and the fountains are not in use. Students are to be prepared for the weather at recess times. The yard is very muddy and wet at times. Packing additional clothes is very helpful for all ages. Also, wearing boots and rain gear on the yard is a good idea when it is wet. We want students to be able to enjoy outdoor recesses as much as possible. Please send your child with at least one extra mask. When masks are wet or dirty, they are not effective.

- ✓ Labeled water bottle
- ✓ Extra clothes
- ✓ Extra masks
- ✓ Outdoor clothing

Phone Messages and e-mails

If you are not receiving the automatic phone and email messages and would like to, please contact Ms. Nolan at the office. We will also be using e-mails and text messages to send out mass messages for those who give us permission to send items to their email account and phone.



EQAO Testing 2021-2022

The Ministry of Education cancelled EQAO testing because of the pandemic. This year we are planning to go ahead with testing in Grades 3 and 6 and have already begun teaching our students to get them ready. We are proceeding under the assumption that the testing will proceed in May unless the government cancels again. Regardless, it is good learning for our students since the EQAO tests follow the Ontario Curriculum expectations for Language and Mathematics. We will keep parents informed if anything changes.

School Pictures

Picture retakes will take place on November 2. More information will be sent home closer to the date.





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Safe School Initiatives

All parents are asked to please buzz at the front door when you visit the school and remain outside. If you are picking your child up early, we will arrange to sign them out for you.

If your child is being picked up at the end of the day instead of riding the bus **please meet them at the gate and wait on the grassy areas**. Please keep the bus area clear. We don't wish to have children walking through the parking lot for safety reasons. Whether you are picking up or dropping off your child(ren) at dismissal and arrival times, please walk with them directly from the school to vehicle. **We kindly ask parents to wear a mask and stay physically distanced**. Please keep the bus/emergency vehicle lane clear. *Thank you for keeping everyone safe!*

Safety Drills

We completed the required 3 Fire Drills this term. As per the instructions of our local fire department, to manage Covid safety, we will ring the bell for a minute so students get accustomed to the sound of the alarm and then we will turn it off. Classes will be invited to exit the building one at a time using the P.A. system to keep them Covid Safe. In the event of a real fire, of course, students would exit the building quickly as per normal practice.

Absent Child

When your child is going to be absent or late, please be sure to call the student absence reporting system at **1-844-434-8119** or go to studentabsence.kprdsb.ca

Door Bell System

We have a door bell system at our school and, unfortunately, we cannot release the front door until the person coming in pushes the button to activate the door bell system. If you are at the front door, kindly push the blue button on the door bell to the left of our front doors and Ms. Nolan or Ms. Johnston will gladly assist you! This year, we kindly ask that everyone remain outside to help us keep our school as safe as possible. Thank you.

Contact Phone Numbers and Email Addresses

If your contact phone number or email address has changed please let Ms. Nolan know at the office so that we have the most up to date information.

Cell Phones at School

There should not be any need for students to have cell phones while at school. However, if they require one for after school, the phone should stay in the backpack out of sight for the entire day. Students are not to take pictures of other students at school for safety and privacy reasons. Any requests to call home should be approved by the teacher and done through the school office phone. Thank you.



Technology at School

Students should not be bringing gaming devices to use at school UNLESS their teacher has requested or approved of it being at school. Music devices on the bus with 'ear buds' are acceptable to make the trip easier. The school provides iPads and computers when students need them for their learning at school. These devices are disinfected between student use.



Important Dates:



- Fri., Oct. 29 – Black and Orange Day and Halloween at school (Details to follow later)
- Sun., Oct. 31 – Halloween! Boo!
- Nov. 1-5 - Treaties Recognition Week
- Nov. 8 – Indigenous Veterans Day
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day

Parents/Guardians Reminded to Ensure their Children Have Required Vaccines for School

As schools reopen, Peterborough Public Health is asking parents and guardians to ensure their child is up to date on all required vaccines. To catch up on any missed vaccinations, just book an appointment with your healthcare provider before school starts. If you don't have a healthcare provider, you can contact



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Peterborough Public Health to book an appointment in our [Immunization Clinic](#) at 705-743-1000, ext. 129.

By making sure student immunization records are complete, you can avoid school suspensions. Under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*, students under the age of 18 must provide proof of up-to-date immunizations. Often the student’s immunizations are up to date, and it’s just the student’s record that needs to be updated. This can be accomplished by calling 705-743-1000, ext. 139, asking your healthcare providers to fax immunization information to Peterborough Public Health, or submitting updates online via the [secure portal](#) found at www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca and searching for “update your child’s record”. With all the uncertainty and fear that COVID-19 has created, ensuring that your child is up to date with their vaccines is one less thing to worry about!

20th Annual Parent Conference

October 16, 2021 is the Free Virtual Parent Conference: You’ve Got This! Mental Health after COVID: Getting Back to Normal featuring Dr. David Templeman.

https://www.kprschools.ca/en/our_schools/getinvolved/parentresources/parentsconference.html

There is no charge for this event, registration is required here -

https://www.kprschools.ca/en/our_schools/getinvolved/parentresources/parentsconference.html

If you need assistance, have questions or if there are accommodations that would make the conference more accessible for you, please email kpr_info@kprdsb.ca or call 705-742-9773 or toll-free 1-877-741-4577, ext. 2018.

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Help us reach our fundraising goal by shopping through FlipGive!

We're excited to earn funds through FlipGive to help us raise money for our school, North Cavan PS. This year we are focused on **Fun and Fitness** items our school requires. Some items included new gym mats, outdoor playground slide, sand for the sand box and pea gravel for the playground. We can earn up to 25% when our school families, friends, and supporters shop popular brands like Amazon, Walmart, Nike, Under Armour, Expedia and so much more. This fundraiser will run all year long.

Let's work together to achieve our goal!

To support our fundraising campaign: Join our team now using our invite code **6KNJD7** in one of 2 ways:

1. Download the FlipGive app

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OR

2. Join online at

1. Visit <https://www.flipgive.com/f/1073503>
2. Click Shop Now or Donate
3. If you choose to Shop Now, please select where you would like the cash back earnings will be contributed; **North Cavan Public School** or a specific member of the team (all proceeds will go to the school).

Remember to use FlipGive before you shop online so we'll earn cash back. And, if you join and make a purchase within the first 14 days we'll receive a \$5 bonus!

Thank you for your support,

North Cavan School Council