



Newcastle Public School



Principal's Message

- Happy New Year! We hope you are looking forward to 2016 as much as we are.
- During the month of January vision screening will take place for JK/SK students and teachers will be beginning the process of report card writing in preparation for reporting to parents in February. Report cards will go home on Feb. 19.
- We are pleased to announce we will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart this year which supports the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Watch for further information in upcoming newsletters.



NPS Choir

Happy New Year!! As we begin a new calendar year we would like to thank all of the choir members who have been dedicated to the choir since October and to their parents and extended families who have supported them and we would like to wish everyone a happy 2016! The Choir is taking a break until February 18th, at that time we will begin busily preparing for our spring performance schedule. Those performance times and venues will be announced in future school newsletters. And as always we welcome and appreciate the support that we get from our families and friends in the Newcastle community.



We will see Choir members after school on Thursday, February 18, 2016.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Arts at NPS.

Mr. I Jack

Mrs. K Wood

Sign Language Club



Sign Language Club will begin again Friday, January 15th **AT SECOND BREAK**. Please note the change of time, but we still meet on Fridays.

Mrs. Ivey and Mrs. Lechner

Safe Arrival

We would like to thank everyone for the calls when their child is going to be absent or late. Please remember that informing the teacher is important. Informing the office is even more important. The office is where safe arrival calls are made from. We have had instances where the teacher knows the child will be absent but the office is unaware, which means the times is taken to make phone calls to find the absent child. Please send a note to the office if your child is going to be away on vacation as these notes are kept in our files. The safe arrival number is 905-987-4024



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STSCO

Dear Families, Parents and Guardians:



The winter season is once again fast approaching and it is very important that everyone involved in using the school bussing system be reminded of winter weather procedures.

Prior to the beginning of the school day, inclement weather or poor road conditions may force the delay or cancellation of school transportation services. In this event, bus delay and cancellation information will be posted on the www.stsco.ca website, which is the primary means of communication regarding busing. Also, area radio stations and media outlets will broadcast related information (*see radio station list provided below*).

As a parent or guardian, it is recommended that you use the "Inclement Weather Days" reference sheet attached to this Newsletter and that you keep it in a prominent place for quick use on inclement weather days. Also, keep in mind that you should:

- ◆ *know your child's school bus route number and the name of the bus company operating the route;*
- ◆ *listen to your local radio station;*
- ◆ *visit the www.stsco.ca website in the morning for delays or cancellations; or*
- ◆ *access the www.stsco.ca website and choose to receive delay and cancellation information by:*
 - *voluntarily providing your email address for direct email notices from STSCO;*
 - *signing up for the STSCO RSS feed; or*
 - *signing on to receive STSCO's posts on Facebook or Tweets via Twitter.*

Other reminders include:

- ◆ *If a bus is cancelled in the morning, it will **NOT** run in the afternoon.*
- ◆ *Make sure that your child is at the bus stop 5-10 minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time.*
- ◆ *Review busing procedures with your child to ensure they know what to do if a bus is late or cancelled.*

Clarington (Bowmanville & Courtice) area:

DURHAM CLASSIC HTIS - 1580AM, 107.7FM

THE ROCK - 94.9 FM KX 96 FM - 95.9 FM

Please check out the school website <http://newcastle.kprdsb.ca> for the complete Winter Newsletter from STSCO.

REGISTER NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN STARTING SEPTEMBER 2016

Parents: now's the time to register if your child will be starting Junior or Senior Kindergarten in September 2016 at a Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) school.



"All KPR elementary schools are ready and eager to welcome our youngest students to warm and caring classrooms," says Cathy Abraham, Chairperson of the Board. "We enjoy watching those excited faces light up when they see their classroom for the first time. We take seriously our responsibility to provide safe, stimulating and inclusive classrooms for all students, so that they all can thrive and grow to their full potential."

"It is so important that the first experiences of school are positive, stimulating, friendly and inviting for students and parents," notes Rusty Hick, Director of Education. "Our Kindergarten teachers and early childhood educators bring a sense of warmth and passion for doing what is best for our youngest students."

"It is rewarding to spend time in a Kindergarten classroom, to watch the children learn through play, and to see them begin to grasp the sounds of letters and the meaning of numbers," he adds.

Parents and guardians can pick up a registration package at the office or print student registration forms ahead of time from www.kprschoools.ca, and bring the completed forms with them when they register their child at school. The school offices, in turn, offer practical information and tips to help parents prepare their children for the transition to school.

To start school in September 2016, the following requirements apply:

Junior Kindergarten - child must be four years of age by December 31, 2016

Kindergarten - child must be five years of age by December 31, 2016.

When registering their children, parents and guardians should bring a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age, proof of address, and current immunization information. As office times may vary among schools, KPR encourages parents to call their local school ahead of time to confirm the best time of day for registering their children.

Parents who are unsure of which school their child will attend can visit <http://www.kprschoools.ca/Schools/FindaSchool.html> and enter their home address to find their designated school.

If parents or guardians are worried about their child's readiness for Junior or Senior Kindergarten, they should contact their child's school principal as early as possible. Schools are a good source of information and community contacts, and they may be able to help parents get support for children with special needs.



Please remember we are a NUT aware and SCENT SENSITIVE school.

Dogs are not permitted on school property.