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Mini-Newsletter – August 2019

Welcome Back!



We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday morning ready for a brand new school year at Northern Dancer PS. Our five new portables have arrived and are ready to go, our custodians have worked hard to make our school shine, and our staff have prepped classrooms for your children. We trust everyone had a wonderful summer vacation, and that you are ready to return to learning here at school!

A few reminders for a smooth and successful first day back:

- **Staff will be on duty in the yard beginning at 7:45 am.** They will have staff shirts on and will also have class lists to help direct you to your child's lineup.
- **Kiss and Ride will be running in the West parking loop beginning at 7:45 until 8:00am.** Please see the map attached and remember that Kiss and Ride is not a place to exit your vehicle and/or park. If you would like to walk your child to their line, please park on the road or consider walking as we are a designated walking school. **We value safety above all else!**
- **Please remain on the yard outside the school before the bell;** this will allow your child to play on the yard and line up with their class to enter the school at the bell at 8:00 – **we want to encourage independence!**
- **FDK entry:** Thank you for supporting your child's transition by saying goodbye at the gate to the FDK yard. We ask that parents remain outside the K yard for safety and supervision. Our staff will take students into classrooms at the bell with lots of waves goodbye!
- **Regular dismissal at 2:35** at your child's entry doors. Parking at day's end is only available on the community streets – again please consider walking to avoid congestion. Our lots are not open at the end of the day for safety and by-law reasons.
- **Late arrivals (after 8:05 bell)** must go in through our front doors and sign in at the office for Safe Arrival
- **GRADES 1 through 6 AGENDAS** – please send in \$10 (cash or cheque made out to Northern Dance PS) with your child and they can pick up their agenda from the office. Kindergarten will be using a communication bag, and Intermediates will be using innovative tools that build independence. **Our goal is to build the home-school connection!**

Pizza Days, Milk Sales and Treat Fridays

Beginning the week of September 9
cheese pizza Wednesdays \$2 a slice (Halal)
White/ chocolate milk sold daily for \$1
Healthy treats every Friday for \$1

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

SCHOOL COMMUNITY PARENT COUNCIL

WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR SECOND YEAR TOGETHER. OUR FIRST MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 11 AT 7PM, DURING WHICH WE WILL HOLD OUR ELECTION FOR THE FOLLOWING ROLES:

CHAIR
SECRETARY
TREASURER

PLEASE PRINT AND SEND IN THE ATTACHED FORM IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOTING MEMBER OR IN RUNNING FOR ONE OF THE ABOVE ELECTED POSITIONS.

Newsletters and Family Communication in 2019-20

We will be emailing home a mini-newsletter at the end of every month with SCC updates, upcoming events, and special information for our school community. Classroom teachers and coaches/clubs will select independent tools to communicate with their families which may include REMIND, Agenda use, paper forms, email. We want everyone to feel connected to your school community!

Upcoming events in September:

September 3: First day of school – regular dismissal
Sept 3-6: Grades 1-6 bring in \$10 for agenda
Send in SCC nomination form by Friday Sept 6
September 11: SCC Elections 7pm Staff room
Thursday September 19: Curriculum and SCC Movie Night
– more info to come!
Friday September 20: Terry Fox Run
Friday October 4: Choir singing at Oshawa Generals game!!!



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We would like to invite you to be an active member in the S.C.C and school community. Please read the following roles and responsibilities and return the nomination form if you are interested in an elected position.

The Durham District School Board recognizes the importance of strong links between home and school to create a positive learning environment.

Purpose/Function of S.C.C:

- the active participation of parents/guardians, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents/guardians.
- make recommendations (in accordance with the Regulations) to the principal of the school and the Board that established the Council.

S.C.C. is comprised of:

Administrator(s), parent(s)/guardian(s), student, teacher, nonteaching staff, community representative

A person is qualified to be a parent/guardian member of the School Council if he or she is a parent/guardian of a pupil who is enrolled in the school

Roles and responsibilities:

Chair or Co-Chairs (Elected):

- call school community council meetings,
- prepare the agenda for school community council meetings;
- chair school community council meetings;
- ensure that minutes of school community council meetings are recorded and maintained;
- participate in information and training programs;
- communicate with the school principal
- ensure that there is regular communication with the school community;
- consult with senior board staff and trustees, as required.

Vice- Chairperson (Elected):

- Exercises all functions in the absence of the Chairperson
- Maintains a listing of the membership with phone numbers, addresses, and attendance
- Assists the Chairperson as needed
- Assumes other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Council

Secretary(Elected):

- Keeps full and accurate accounts of the proceedings and transactions of all council meetings

- Keeps accurate notes and minutes of all meetings and files them with the school administration for a period of up to 4 years
- Provides copies of the minutes to the principal and staff meeting
- Prepares any official correspondence that the Chairperson may request
- Maintains a "Council File" containing copies of all minutes, Council plans and progress reports, any Council related information from the Ministry or Board, and a current copy of the by-laws
- Provides an annual report of all Council activities to be distributed to all members
- Provides an annual copy of the bylaws to all Council members by the third meeting of the year

Treasurer (Elected)

- Ensures that accurate accounts, receipts, disbursements, and monthly bank reconciliations are maintained
- Assumes other duties as assigned
- Develops any budget proposals necessary for the operation of the School Community Council
- Prepares regular statements to be shared at all Council meetings
- Provides an annual report of all collections, disbursements and assets to be distributed to all members of the school community

Voting Council Members (decided at first meeting after elections):

- Participate in monthly council meetings
- Participate in information and training programs
- Act as a link between the School Community Council and the community
- Encourage the participation of parents from all groups and within the community
- Sit on other committees that may be established by the Council
- Give information that contributes to the knowledge and decision-making process
- Elaborate on another's contribution

_____ Cut and return below _____

**If you are interested in joining the SCC as a voting member/elected member please return the following nomination form no later than Sept 24.
An election will be held on Sept 11 at the Northern Dancer P.S. staff room from 7 - 8p.m.**

Name:

Student's name:

Elected Position ☐

Voting member ☐