

Northern News

October 16th, 2023

Dear Northern Dancer Families:

Last week we had many students attend the Area Cross Country meet at Lakeridge. A great effort by our athletes and many achieved their personal best! We had some top 10 finishes too:

Anthony Etmanskie - 1st (Gr. 3)

Mason Hudgins - 8th (Gr. 4)

Belle Geer - 8th (Gr. 4)

Shaheem Rose - 3rd (Gr.7)

Kennedy Warrington - 2nd (Gr. 3)

Jermaine Scott - 9th (Gr. 4)

Lakshara Gowrish - 9th (Gr. 6)

Ethan Soverall - 4th (Gr. 7)

Grade 3 Boys Team - 2nd Overall

Grade 4 Boys Team - 2nd Overall

Grade 4 Girls Team - 3rd Overall

Grade 7 Boys Team - 1st overall

Congratulations to all of our runners!

On the weekend our Co-Ed Soccer Team played in a tournament and showed great teamwork and athleticism. They earned an amazing silver medal for the whole tournament. Way to go Northern Dancer Fury!

Thank you to the parents, guardians and community members that attended our first SCC meeting of the 2023-2024 school year. An SCC executive was determined:

Chairperson: Brittany Nahoniak

Treasurer: Arlene LeBlanc

Recording Secretary: Angelos Spingos

Future Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, November 8th Wednesday, December 6th Wednesday, February 7th Wednesday, March 6th Wednesday, April 3 Wednesday, May 1st

All meetings begin at 6 pm with a goal of finishing by 7pm.

Drive n' Drop - Dismissal



Thank you to families for following our Drive n' Drop procedures and following directions of the staff. A few reminders for the end of the day:

- If you have older children there is no need to come to school before 2:30 pm
- Students SHOULD NOT cross through Drive n' Drop traffic to load into the vehicle. Please pull up to the GREEN curb and load along here. Encourage your older children to wait for you at the green curb.

- DO NOT park in drive thru lanes, or in driveway entrances and exits. It blocks thru traffic.
- Watch carefully for pedestrians
- Parents are encouraged to wait for staff directed parking spots and not walk through the parking lot with children
- Use sidewalks and pathways for the safest route home or to the vehicle.
- Always turn right while exiting the parking lot. Left hand turns are not permitted there.
- Be patient and drive slowly!

Together we can keep Northern Dancer safe!

Spirit Week - October 30th - November 3rd

Monday,	Tuesday,	Wednesday,	Thursday,	Friday,
October 30th	October 31st	November 1st	November 2nd	November 3rd
TV Show Day Dress up like your favourite TV character or show theme!	Hero Day Celebrate your real life heroes and heroes in movies, books and tv!	COLOUR Day Dress in your favourite colour or celebrate the rainbow!	Throwback Thursday Celebrate any time from the past!	JERSEY Day Celebrate your favourite sports and teams!

A team of grade 8s were very excited to plan our first Spirit Week for 2023-2024! We look forward to the fun!

Dress up costumes must be sensitive to the identities of others and not mock any race, religion, spiritual lifestyle or group of people (e.g., Indigenous headdress), as these can minimize the lived experiences of students within our community. Costume accessories such as weaponry, costumes that depict violent or graphic messaging/images and full face masks are not permitted.

A reminder that at NDPS, students are not to bring snacks in for the class to share at any point in the year.



Remembrance Day

We will be observing Remembrance Day in division assemblies on Friday, November 10th. There will be a Virtual Wall of Honour and Remembrance created to honour and remember Northern Dancer relatives and friends who have served in Canada (and other countries). If there is someone near and dear to you who is a Veteran, then please share a digital image of them to put on display. Please make sure to share the Veteran's name, years of service, element or force, and regiment/unit to which they belong. You can forward this to your child's homeroom teacher.

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct for Northern Dancer P.S. is designed to provide a framework to ensure that school is a safe, productive learning environment for all. We ask families to review this Code of Conduct and the Student Code of Conduct Summary so that all parties are familiar with school expectations and procedures. The Code of Conduct is for all staff, students, parents/guardians and visitors at Northern Dancer PS.

Northern Dancer Code of Conduct
Student Code of Conduct - Northern Dancer PS.pdf

Community Connections



Islamic Heritage Month

There are many opportunities to celebrate and learn during Islamic Heritage Month at the DDSB! Please check out the events organized by Muslim Educators Network Durham:

MEND Islamic History Month 2023.pdf