



Northern News

September 18th, 2023

Dear Northern Dancer Families:

We look forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher event this Thursday Sept. 21st, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Families are welcome to tour their children's classrooms and meet the teachers. This is not an interview with the teacher, just a meet and greet. Should you wish to talk at length about your child, please arrange for a teacher conference at another time.

Thank you for cooperating with staff through our entry and dismissal procedures! We are continuing to work at creating the safest Drive n' Drop zones as possible, and it requires the cooperation of all of our community! Please continue to follow our Drive n' Drop Procedures.

 Drive n' Drop Procedures.pdf

Drive n' Drop Tip: If you have older children (Grades 3 and Up) there is no need to come to school before 2:30 pm for dismissal. Students of these grades are not dismissed until 2:30pm. If these families wait until the dismissal bell or a few minutes after before coming to school, a lot of traffic congestion is gone from parents of children in younger grades. Direct your older children to come and wait on the sidewalk in the Drive n' Drop area. Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Lamb support the Drive n' Drop until all students are picked up and will not leave a child unattended.



Returning Student Verification Forms

Please complete the Returning Student Verification for your student(s) in your Parent Portal account: <https://ddsbps.ddsbschools.ca/public/home.html>

Attached you will find a reference sheet which contains instructions on (a) creating a Parent Portal account (if you have not yet done so), (b) adding new students to your existing account (all of your students will be linked to one account) and (c) updating the information that the school requires each new school year. It is very important to check and update your personal information and student waivers as they change yearly. This is also where you give permission for your grade 7 or 8 students to receive a Board issued Chromebook. Your Parent Portal account will follow your student/s throughout their education while in the DDSB, and you will also find access to Grades and Attendance, School Information, School Messenger (our Safe Arrival application), and other useful information.

If you have not yet created a Parent Portal account you will need the Access ID, which is your student's OEN number (found on any previous report card) and their Access Password (5 capital letters), which DDSB sent via email to you in early August. If you have issues or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our School Office at 905-440-7350.

[Parent Portal Trouble Shooting Tips \(1\).pdf](#)

Book Fair is Here!

Books, books, books!!

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held at Northern Dancer Monday, September 18th until Thursday, September 21st. The book fair will be open for the first two days, for class/student viewing only, when students will make a wish list.

Beginning on Wednesday, September 20th our students will be able to browse and make purchases during the school day. Purchases will be CASH only during the school day. On Thursday, September 21st the Book Fair will be open in the gym for families to attend on Meet the Teacher Night beginning at 4:15 pm. The book fair will wrap up at the end of Meet the Teacher Night. We will have a debit/credit machine available for this evening.

Proceeds from the book fair will be given back to our school library for book purchases. Please consider supporting our school book fair, as we would love to continue filling up our shelves with great books for NDPS students!



Portable Etiquette

At Northern Dancer, we have many portable classrooms. Just like in the school, parents may not enter portables without a meeting scheduled with the teacher. All parents should sign in at the office first before meeting with any staff, at any time of day. Please be respectful of staff and students who work and attend school in our portables, and follow the same etiquette as in the main building. Thank you for your support.

Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) Policy - Student Cell Phone Use

Please take a moment to review our PED Policy at Northern Dancer PS:

 [Personal Electronic Device.pdf](#)



Meet The Teacher Night
Thursday, September 21st, 2023
4:30 - 6:00 pm
Book Fair in the Gym
Please join us!