

Northlea Weekly News

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Thursday, December 12, 2014.

Hello Northlea Families,



As the first big wallop of snow announced winter's arrival, the Holiday Season really started a few hours earlier in Leaside with the Northlea Winter Concerts. It was again a musical feast - and the Premier of Ontario was even there to witness it! Read what Kathleen Wynne had to say, and (re)listen to all the performances: [here, on our website.](#)

It takes a small army to organize the concerts. Thanks to all who made these amazing events possible!

Another exciting event came this week with the start of construction on the new Kindergarten Play Structure. As many noticed, demolition is now complete, and hopefully the next phase will begin shortly! More information: [here.](#)

With only one week of school left in 2014, we have a few important, new items to share:

Registration is now open for Extra-Curricular Programs!

The line-up of lunch-time and after-school activities looks promising, with new classes like BoatSmart, CSI, Jewelry Making, Digital Photography, Cooking 101, and Young Rembrandts, plus old favourites like iCompute, Knitting, and drama.

Read all about it [here](#), and note the registration deadline: Friday, December 19!

Help Wanted! Newspaper Volunteers; Sports coach

Research shows that parent engagement is a significant factor in student success. Not only that, but it's great fun to work with Northlea kids. So check out the opportunity to help start a brand-new online school newspaper ([here](#)). Also, if you want to help coach the 7/8 boys basketball team, please [contact Mr. Ehrlich.](#)



Important dates!

Full Calendar [at northleaschool.ca](#)

December 15-19

Lost & Found Parade

December 19

Last Day of School

December 22 - January 2

Vacation

January 5

Back to School

January 23

PA Day (No School)

Ongoing

Choir; Sports; Field Trips

Extra-curricular programs

Northlea
Classifieds

[Latest Classifieds now available](#) (with the latest - November 24 - edition!)

Northlea Houses - starting January 2015!

- Want your child to feel like a valued member within the larger Northlea family?
- Want opportunities for your child to reach their full potential through encouragement and equality of opportunity?
- Want to build your child's strengths within a group and bond with other students of all ages?

Stay tuned - Details about Northlea Houses will be revealed after the Winter Break!

Thanks for your generosity!

It is that time of year where we all receive many requests for contributions and donations. The generosity at Northlea is legendary and much appreciated. Please continue to consider requests:

- from your Class Parent(s); and
- for Jake the Crossing Guard: donations welcome with Ms. Keith in the School Office.

New! Green Bin Composting at Northlea

In 2015, is Northlea joining the City of Toronto's Green Bin Composting Program. We encourage everybody to collect organics in the South Gym. Read more [here](#).



As always, more news and information are available at www.northleaschool.ca, including:

- **French Information and Resources:** Good to keep up the work over the holidays, check out [the newest FSLAC Newsletter](#) for a French Language Parent Guide, Library Programs, Media tips, and more.
- **Snow Pass:** [ski passes for students gr. 4 & 5.](#)
- [Automated attendance notification system.](#)
- **Yearbook:** [Looking for pictures.](#)

Health/Safety Tip of the week: Winter weather

We repeat: please use extreme caution driving around school. Roads are slippery, and skidding cars are a danger to pedestrians and vehicles alike. Also, please keep in mind that snow banks



drastically change sightlines and affect pedestrian safety. Please do NOT let your kids jaywalk - the east side of Sutherland and west side of Rumsey are NOT suitable for drop-off and pick-up and create undue risk to drivers and kids.

Our Admin team kindly reminds everyone that students should arrive at school dressed for the weather (coats, hats, gloves/mittens), and request that all children come prepared with indoor shoes.

Thanks for helping to keep everyone at Northlea safe.

Finally, in the home stretch with one week until the holidays, please remember that ALL absences need to be reported to Safe Arrival at 416-396-3775 (and not just with the teacher).

Have a great weekend everybody!

Alexis De Castro, Rachel Chernos Lin, Kara Kane - *Co-Chairs*
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