

# Northlea Weekly News

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Thursday, January 22, 2015.

Hello Northlea Families,

The Northlea House League had a great start this week with 80+ kids turning out for the grade 5/6 Dodgeball alone! Thanks as well to all who came out yesterday to the H&S/Council Meetings, which featured, among other things, an highly informative presentation on concussions by James Murphy of the Bloorview Research Institute.

## **Tonight, 7pm: iPad Parent Information Session**

We encourage everybody to come to the School Library tonight for the iPad Information Meeting. This session will inform parents on the ways tablets can be used to help children learn - both at home and in class. More Info: [here](#).

## **Exciting new program: Northlea starting a School Travel Planning Initiative**

Northlea School and Northlea H&S/Council are excited to announce a partnership with Green Communities Canada to help Northlea create a *School Travel Plan*. This is a comprehensive process whereby many stakeholders (including police, city staff, and community members) work together to create, promote, and encourage safe & active travel to/from school.

The first order of business is this process is a neighbourhood walk-about next week to investigate travel in the area and identify hazards. It will be followed by a week of daily surveys of Northlea students on the ways in which our students arrived at school each day. Volunteers and input welcome! If you are interested in being a part of this exciting new initiative, please read more about it: [here](#).

## **Choir Performances: Kiwanis & TDSB Choral Festival**

The 5/6 Junior Choir and all the grade 1-4 Grade Choirs have started their preparations for their upcoming performances: the grade 3,4 and 5/6s at the Kiwanis Festival, and the Grade 1 and 2 students in the TDSB Choral Festival (with special adjudicator!). All information (including permission forms and grade 1-4 lyrics) are posted on the website: [Kiwanis & TDSB Choral Festival](#).



## **Important dates!**

Full Calendar [at northleaschool.ca](#)

### **January 22**

Ipad Parent Info Session

### **January 23**

PA Day (No School)

### **January 26**

Start of JK Registration

### **January 29**

School Travel Plan  
Community Walkabout

### **February 2-6**

Lost & Found Parade

### **February 9**

Report Cards come home

### **February 10**

Karyn Gordon at Windfields

### **February 13**

PA Day (No School)

### **February 16**

Family Day (No School)

### **February 23**

Kiwanis: grade 3 performs

### **March 2 & 6**

## TDSB Consultation about Critical Ministry Report

The Toronto District School Board was shaken up considerably this week after the release of an official review, commissioned by the Ontario Ministry of Education. This review, known as the *Wilson Report*, revealed serious concerns with operational issues and governance structure. The TDSB is holding a Public Consultation on this report and the Ministry's follow-up directives. More information, including a reaction from Ward 13 Trustee Gerri Gershon, is [here](#).

### Volunteers Needed:

- **Online Student Newspaper:** work together with Mr. Ehrlich & Mrs. Robson to give a group of students a unique publishing experience. More information: [here](#).
- **Northlea Houses:** a few more parents are very welcome to help with lunch-time activities, and/or co-lead the Northlea Houses (limited time commitment). If you can help, please contact [northleahouses@northleaschool.ca](mailto:northleahouses@northleaschool.ca).

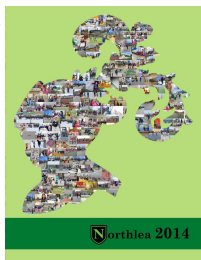
Much more information is on the [Northleaschool.ca](http://Northleaschool.ca) website and its [calendar](#). Some important items to note:

### Events/deadlines:

- **Junior Kindergarten 2015/2016:** Registrations starting Monday, so book your appointment now. Info: [here](#).
- **Open House:** at Spectrum (Jan.28) Alternative School.
- **Exciting speaker:** [Karyn Gordon](#) at nearby Windfields JHS (Feb.10).

### News/information/programs

- **Forest of Reading Programs.** Fun, recreational reading with Red Maple, Silver Birch, Blue Spruce, Le Prix Peuplier.
- **Leaside Youth Athletics Club:** LYAC has started Tuesdays and Thursdays, and still accepts participants.
- **Police Reference Check:** fee increase...
- **FSLAC Newsletter:** Parent Guide, Library Programs, media tips & more.
- **Snow Pass:** discounted ski passes for students gr.s 4&5.
- **Yearbook:** pictures still welcome!



Kiwanis: Junior Choir

**March 5**

Kiwanis: grade 4 performs

**March 5**

Family Fun Night

**March 12**

TDSB Choral Festival: grades 1 & 2 perform

**March 16-20**

March Break (No School)

**April 3**

Good Friday (No School)

**April 6**

Easter Monday (No School)

**April 28-30**

Northlea Musical

**May 7**

Junior Choir at Massey Hall

**May 8**

Date Knight

**Ongoing**

Choir; Sports; Field Trips  
Extra-curricular programs

Northlea  
Classifieds

[Latest Classifieds now available](#) (with the latest - January 5 - edition!)

**Safety Tip of the Week: Concussions**

In light of the enlightening presentation by kinesiologist and research coordinator of the BrainFit Lab at Bloorview, we urge everyone to treat injuries to the head with caution and follow proper protocols regarding to Return to Learn and Return to Play.

Concussions can have lasting effects and symptoms can worsen if proper care is not taken, so play it safe!

Please remember that tomorrow, Friday, January 23rd is a PA Day - so no school for the kids. Upon their return to school on Monday, be sure to check or have your child(dren) visit the Lost & Found Parade outside the library. There is once again an astonishing amount of items left behind - from expensive clothing, to team gear (Tigers soccer, Flames hockey), and many, many lunch bags (containing,,,, well, we don't want to know!).

Have a great weekend Northlea!

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