

# Northlea Weekly News

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Friday, March 6, 2015.

Hello Northlea Families,

Last night saw our school transformed into an incredible indoor carnival with terrific activities, incredible treats, and smiles and laughter heard throughout the hallways. The community spirit displayed with families and kids volunteering their time as well as participating and cheering each other on in the pie eating contest (alongside our Principal and City Councillor no less!), was truly inspiring.

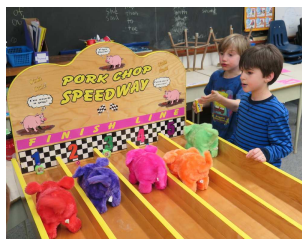


Highlights of the night for so many included running the "Giant Hamster Ball Race", winning wonderful prizes in the Raffle, getting "done up" in spectacular style at the Beauty Salon by the stylists from the Marca College

of Hair and Esthetics, and visiting the amazing Candy Shoppe, created by Northlea candy shoppe whiz, Angie Novachis, and sponsored by the Novachis-Kalentzis Family. Of course these were only a few of the many, many incredible offerings last night. As our trustee, Gerri Gershon, who was in attendance last night remarked, Northlea seems to outdo itself every year in both fun and community spirit. An incredible sight to behold!

The FFN chairs wish to thank all the volunteers, class parents, members of the Admin team, office & custodial staff, [FFN sponsors](#) (check them out: [here](#)), contributors, and especially the members of the FFN Exec Team (check out who they are: [here](#)).

A number of special people also stepped up to help make this such



NORTHLEA  
**FAMILY**   
**FUN NIGHT**

## Important dates!

Full Calendar [at](#)  
[northleaschool.ca](http://northleaschool.ca)

**March 9-13**

Lost & Found Parade

**March 11**

Trustee Gershon Coffee  
Morning

**March 12**

TDSB Choral Festival: grades  
1 & 2 perform

**March 16-20**

March Break (No School)

**March 23**

Start of Spring X-Cur  
Registration

**March 26**

Manitou Camp gr.8 Parent  
Info Evening

**April 1**

Parent Evening Leaside HS

**April 3**

Good Friday (No School)

**April 6**

Easter Monday (No School)

**April 28-30**

Northlea Musical

a memorable night, including Claudine Lukawesky and Roger Guttormson, Lesley Bruce, Leslie Beyers, Kim Rossos, Kathy Murphy, Cynthia Brandt and family, Doug McCormick, Kristi Lepore, Linda and Joe Manserra, and of course, our perennial über volunteer, Wilmar Kortleever. As well, we could not have pulled this night off without the help of our amazing tech gurus, Colin Bryan, Adam Lin, Galen Richardson and the techies in training. Appreciation as well for all who stayed to clean up (and apologies for all we are forgetting to mention).



At the end of the day though, the amazing thing about FFN is how so many members of this community come together to work on this great event, and it could not happen without

this giant community effort. Not only does it make for such a warm and fun evening, but it also raises a lot of money, and the funds raised will truly make a difference in the lives of Northlea children.

Finally, the Home and School chairs want to thank Susan Gray and Arti Panday for their incredible leadership in bringing FFN 2015 to fruition. Their dedication and vision for FFN 2015 truly made this a night none of us will ever forget, and made it a pleasure to work on. As so many of us remarked last night, FFN 2015 was so much fun to be a part of that we all felt a little sad it was over (and we know Northlea children certainly felt the same way!). That said, it's always nice to finish something wanting a little more -- so FFN 2016, here we come!!!

**Social Series update:** thanks for the great enthusiasm for the Social Series. Very many events attracted many participants. Tickets for events with capacity left will go on sale via the website next week, but if you don't want to miss out in the mean time, please contact our fabulous co-ordinators [Val](#) and [Kara](#).

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**Message from Principal Ehrlich:**

*What a great week at Northlea! Our school participated in the Kiwanis festival under the leadership of Ms. Malach and Ms. Loucks and performed very well. Thank you to them both for the time they spent preparing the choirs. The students should be very proud of their accomplishments and how they represented Northlea.*

**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 - February 23 - edition!)

*Last night, we had our annual Family Fun Night at school and thank you to the entire committee for their outstanding work in ensuring a successful evening. Special thank you to Sue Gray and Arti Panday for co-ordinating the event. The students, parents, and staff had a fabulous time and it was a great night for the whole community.*

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### **Kiwanis: Gold, Gold & Gold, and PLATINUM**

The excellent Gold score by the grade 3 Choir last week set the stage for three more great Kiwanis performances. Monday and Friday, the gr.5/6 Junior Choir sang beautifully, and obtained scores of 91 and 90, good for two more Gold designations. On Thursday, the grade 4 Choir was absolutely tremendous at Harbord Collegiate: their renditions of Manx Lullaby and Rocking in Rhythm earned a score of 92 - the only elementary choir this year to score Platinum in the entire 2-week Festival! More info and audio clips of all performances on the website: [here](#) (video clips were sent to participants via Class Parents & Ms. Malach).



### **French Speech Arts Festival**

For the past couple of months, students in Grades 4 - 8 French Immersion have been hard at work researching, planning, writing and finally presenting their speeches. Each class selected representatives to participate in the "Concours d'art oratoire" at Northlea. All of the presenters did a fabulous job, and 3 students were chosen to represent Northlea later this month at the TDSB festival. Well done and congratulations to all participants! More information: [here](#).

### Upcoming events & activities

**Grade 1 & 2 Choral Festival:** Next Thursday, March 12, the grade 1 and grade 2 Choir participate in the (non-competitive) TDSB Choral Festival. Parents/caregivers welcome, more information: [here](#).

**Grade 7 & 8 Cycling:** After a month with the 5/6s, the fun Youth Cycling Development Program (YCDP) switches gears: From March 9, it is the turn for the grade 7 & 8 students! First come, first served,

so read on: [here](#).

**Northlea Houses:** returning with exciting activities after March Break.



**TDSB:**

- [Trustee Community Coffee](#): all welcome on March 11;
- [Special Education Parent Conference](#): Register now for March 28

**Wanted: Parent coaches:** Among the many sports teams starting after March Break is girls 5/6 soccer. Two parent volunteer coaches are sought to help out with this team. Please contact [Vice-Principal Wadden](#) for information.

**Yearbook:** Many parents were spotted with cameras and camera phones at Family Fun Night. Have you submitted your pictures to the Yearbook yet? Pie-eating, Dream Room, Circus and Classroom Activity pictures are all needed! Info: [here](#).

Much more information is on the [Northleaschool.ca](#) website and its [calendar](#) (see also to the right).

Finally, next week is the last week before March Break. Let's make it count!

Please be sure to stop by the Lost & Found Parade before you go on holidays!

Have a great weekend!

Alexis De Castro, Rachel Chernos Lin, Kara Kane - *Co-Chairs*  
*Northlea School Council / Northlea H&S Association*

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