

# Northlea Weekly News

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Friday, March 27, 2015.

Hello Northlea Families,

We hope everybody had a great first week back after March Break. With only three more months left in the school year, we have a busy spring on the horizon: numerous activities will start, resume, and continue - from sports (teams, cycling, athletics, house league, extra-curricular), to the arts (Open House, the Musical and the Yearbook) to literacy (Forest of Reading, the online school newspaper), and, of course, academics (EQAO in May). Clearly, lots to keep everyone busy and lots to look forward to!

To help keep up with everything Northlea, did you know Northlea families can sign up to receive daily morning updates from new posts on our website (if there are any)? Our volunteers post updates to [northleaschool.ca](http://northleaschool.ca) almost daily! Stay informed by signing up [here](#) (or at the bottom-left of the front page of the school website).

This past week was a busy one for many Northlea students. The swim team got off to great start with 62 students participating in the Junior and Intermediate meets today and Wednesday.

Looking Ahead...

Coming up are four important **Parent Information Events**:

- **Sat., March 28:** For families with kids that have *any* special need or gift, make sure to attend the parent-run and organized [PIAC/SEAC Special Education Conference](#). This conference aims to provide parents with practical information on navigating a complex system of how your child can, will, or should be supported. Pre-registration closed, but limited walk-in available.
- **Tue., March 31:** Anxiety is a *serious* issue for our children. In our busy lives, we don't even always realize the pressure our

NORTHLEA SCHOOL PRESENTS: AN EVENING WITH SOCIAL WORKER, JANIS BEACH, M.S.W., R.S.W., PARENT AND CHILD THERAPIST

ANXIETY: WHAT IS IT? HOW CAN WE MANAGE IT?

Janis has been working with children and their families for over 25 years. She believes strongly in building the strength and resiliency of children and adults; this belief is the central core of her work. Prior to entering private practice in 2000, Janis was the coordinator of social work at the Toronto District School Board for seven years, and a school based social worker for



SOCIAL SERIES 2015

Northlea's Series of Fortunate Events!

## Important dates!

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

### March 30

Spring X-Cur Registration  
Continues  
Youth Cycling Program (new session)

### March 31

Parent Info Evening:  
Janis Beach about Anxiety

### April 1

Parent Evening Leaside HS

### April 1/2

Me to We Cookie Sale

### April 3

Good Friday (No School)

### April 6

Easter Monday (No School)

Council & Home and School  
meetings  
Pink Day

### April 20

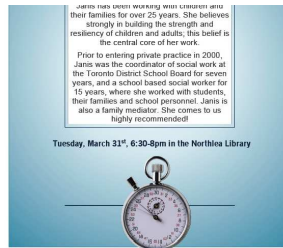
Blood Donor Clinic

### April 28-30

Northlea Musical

### May 7

families are under -- be it from sports, social situations, etc. Come learn from parent expert Janis Beach, on how to identify and deal with this issue.



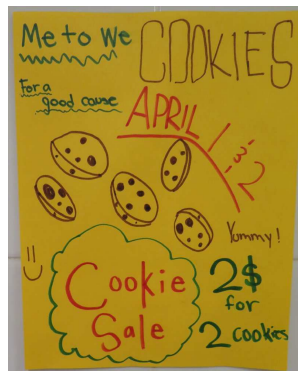
- **Wed., April 1:** Jennifer Kolari talks Teen Brain at Leaside High.
- **Tue., April 7:** **Home and School Meeting: School Model 2015-2016.** How many students will Northlea have next year, how many teachers, how many classes per grade, how many kids per class? Has the School Board indeed reduced Special Education support? Come and learn at this important and informative School Council Meeting a week from Tuesday in the school library.

### **Social Series, Date Knight**

Family Fun Night may be over, but more terrific events are being held in support of Northlea School.

- **Date Knight:** treat yourself to an adults-only Northlea tradition! Back at the Amsterdam Brewery, on May 8th, enjoy the company of your friends and neighbours, browse the impressive silent auction and dance the night away!
- **Social Series:** tickets for Date Knight and many other events can be bought online: [here](#). Some fun ones coming up shortly:
  - April 12: Sunday Morning Tea
  - April 29: Hoops (and pizza) with Principal Ehrlich
  - May 6/13: Floor hockey (and pizza) with Mr. Arthurs
  - Adults events: Shake your Groove (April 24), Donalda Brunch (May 26), Men's Hall Pass (May 28).

**Charities:** Speaking of fundraising, please keep an eye out for information regarding the Annual Heart & Stroke Foundation Fundraiser, expected to come home next Tuesday. Then, next Wednesday/Thursday, your children may ask you for a toonie to buy a couple of cookies in support of the student-run, Me to We charitable fundraising initiative. Please support these very good causes!



### **Miscellaneous announcements:**

**Yearbook:** production is about to go into overdrive.

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!)

- All interested students (grades 7 & 8) are invited to an information meeting on Wednesday, April 1 (afternoon recess).
- More parent help (for student Yearbook Club, Ordering/Delivery, and more) very much needed
- Many more pictures needed imminently

**Youth Cycling Program:** for students in grades 5-8, and running Mondays and Wednesday from 7:15-8:15am, join this free program starting up again on Monday, March 30th!

**School Climate Survey:** we encourage all grade 7 and 8 students and parents to fill out a (students in class, parents: [online](#)).

**Acorn:** This very popular fundraising program is back!! Forms will be sent home in the next few weeks. Stay tuned for details.

As always, much more information is on the [Northleaschool.ca](http://Northleaschool.ca) **website** and its [calendar](#) (upcoming dates to the right).

There, among other items, you will find:

- [Extra-Curricular Programs](#): Registration deadline this coming Wednesday.
- [Metrolinx LRT work shifts at Eglinton & Sutherland](#)
- [Principal Ehrlich's March Newsletter](#)
- [TDSB Choral Festival](#) (with clips)
- [Kiwanis: Gold, Gold, Gold, and Platinum](#)

and events/activities:

- [Northlea Houses](#): news about the next exciting activities next week.
- April 8: Celebrating Day of Pink.

We hope you find these weekly parent updates useful. Please know that questions, suggestions, contributions, and feedback are always welcome: [here](#). Have a great weekend, and we hope to see you next Tuesday night at the March 31st evening presentation by Janis Beach in the school library at 6:30pm.

Finally, a reminder that we have two shortened weeks coming up around Easter Weekend!

Wilmar Kortleever - *Communications Chair*

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

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