

Northlea Weekly News

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Friday, January 16, 2015.

Hello Northlea Families,

It's been a bit of a whirlwind week at Northlea! Aside from very cold wind-chill temperatures, we saw the launch of the new Northlea Houses this past Monday, and also launched the Family Fun Night campaign on Tuesday! And next week will bring the start of the first official House-associated program: **Northlea House League Dodgeball!**

At the fun kick-off House meetings this afternoon, students learned about the first House League sport set to begin next week. Please check the House League schedule to be aware of which day of the week your child(ren) can participate: [here](#).

Volunteers still needed: we would also welcome a few more parents to help coordinate the Northlea Houses, specifically co-leading the **Purple**, **Pink**, and **Blue** Houses (limited time commitment). If you can help, please contact northleahouses@northleaschool.ca.

Council/H&S Meetings: Wednesday, January 21 -- featuring guest speaker on concussions!



This hot topic is at the forefront of every parent's mind, it seems, these days. Research shows that concussions can be sustained not only through organized sports, but also during regular play. These brain injuries can have profound and lasting effects, especially if not managed properly. Please join us to next Wednesday, January 21st, as members of the Holland Bloorview Concussion Research Centre visit Northlea to give a presentation during the Northlea School Council Meeting. From 6:30 in the School Library, child minding provided. Info: [here](#).

iPad Information Meeting: Thursday, January 22.

Studies show that parent engagement is a key factor in student success. In this informative session, parents will learn how tablets can help their children learn - both at home and in class. From



Important dates!

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

January 16

Northlea Houses Spirit Day

January 21

H&S and Council Meetings
Stemmler & Stevenson-Ruble
at Blytwood

January 22

Ipad Parent Info Session

January 23

PA Day (No School)

January 26

Start of JK Registration

February 2-6

Lost & Found Parade

February 10

Karyn Gordon at Windfields

February 13

PA Day (No School)

February 16

Family Day (No School)

March 5

7:00-8:00 in the School Library. More Info: [here](#).

Cassidy Sheng - Visitations & Service Information

Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to family and friends of 2014 Northlea Grad Cassidy Sheng. Information about Visitations (today/tomorrow) and Service are on the website: [here](#).

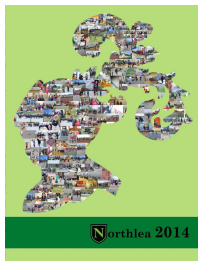
Much more new and current information is on the Northleaschool.ca website and its [calendar](#). Some important items to note:

Events/deadlines:

- **Exciting speakers:** [Brian Stemmler & Lynnette Stevenson-Rumble](#) at nearby Blythwood PS (Jan.21).
- **Open Houses:** at [Equinox \(Jan.22\)](#), and [Spectrum \(Jan.28\)](#) Alternative Schools.
- **Junior Kindergarten 2015/2016:** Registrations starting Jan.26, book your appointment now. Info: [here](#).
- **Exciting speaker:** [Karyn Gordon](#) at nearby Windfields JHS (Feb.10).

News/information/programs

- Volunteers needed: online student newspaper.
- **Forest of Reading Programs.** Fun, recreational reading with Red Maple, Silver Birch, Blue Spruce, Le Prix Peuplier.
- Updated Extra-Curricular Calendar
- Leaside Youth Athletics Club: LYAC has started Tuesdays and Thursdays, and still accepts participants.
- Thank you letter - from the Thorncliffe PS Snack program.
- Green Bin Composting: now at Northlea.
- Police Reference Check: fee increase...
- December 2014 Northlea Administration Newsletter.
- FSLAC Newsletter: Parent Guide, Library Programs, media tips & more.
- Snow Pass: iscounted ski passes for students gr.s 4&5.
- Automated attendance notification.
- Yearbook: pictures still welcome!



Family Fun Night

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:

With the continuing freeze/thaw winter weather, please remember to clear sidewalks of ice and dress your child(ren) according to the

weather forecast, or, in case of older children, remind them of the importance of dressing according to the weather.

Students are only kept indoors at recess when weather is dangerously cold or during heavy precipitation. We all know that fresh air at recess help kids stay focused in class throughout the rest of day, so please send kids to school prepared for some outdoor weather fun!



Finally, please remember next week is a short week: Friday, January 23rd is a PA Day (no school for the kids).

Have a great weekend

- and see you next Wednesday and/or Thursday!

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