

# NORTON ELEMENTARY NEWS

## PRINCIPAL'S POST!

I don't know about the rest of you, but around this time of year I start to get a version of the 'winter blues'. I find it too slippery and cold to venture very far, the long nights and short days are leaving me less than motivated to do very much, and don't get me started on the road conditions! So, what to do? As I would be quick to tell my students, it is up to each one of us to pull ourselves out of moods like this. It got me thinking of gratitude and all of the great things that are going on here at Norton Elementary School these days... Mrs. Sherwood is working hard with all of our students to bring the musical 'The High Seas' to life and they will be presenting it to parents at the end of the month. Yo Ho Ho! A good time will be had by all!

Hands on learning is taking center stage in Mrs. Willett's class with their Little Green Thumbs 3 tier indoor garden. Students are getting a close-up view of how rewarding it can be to grow your own food and are using the garden as another way to incorporate Literacy, Numeracy, Science, and Personal Wellness into their day-to-day learning. Our teachers are embracing the UFLI program as an effective way to zoom in on individual learning targets in Literacy. It is not uncommon for students to excitedly ask when they are doing UFLI each day, as they see the benefits of this program too, and are becoming more confident Literacy learners.

The recent visit from Science East gave our students an up-close look at our solar system and we have Ms. Teakles to thank for arranging their visit and to NESPA for sponsoring it.

Our NESPA group is very active this year in their fundraisers and purchases for our students that include the supplies for our upcoming 'Art from the Heart' school-wide art exhibition as well as our Christmas break breakfast. NESPA is responsible for our hot lunch program as well.

Our breakfasts at the beginning of each month have been a successful school wide activity and I love seeing the students dive into the bowls of fresh fruit that are out in the hallways every day.

And that sounds like a lot to be thankful for!

## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

With the cold temperatures upon us, it is especially important that everyone has warm mittens, coats, snow pants, hats, and boots.

Please write your child's name on any outdoor clothing to avoid confusion when students are getting dressed for outside or to go home.

## ART FROM THE HEART

We invite parents to join us on February 15, 2024 at 6:00p.m. to view a special Art From The Heart NES student artwork gallery. This project is sponsored by NESPA, and part of Norton Elementary's Kindness Week celebrations.

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## The High Seas!

Just call them all hornswagglers, because the NES students' are stealing the show!

Performances of '*The High Seas*' will take place in the school gymnasium on February 27 for Wonderland Daycare, and February 28, 2024 (storm day February 29) for NES parents. There will be two performance times— 10:00a.m. and 12:00p.m.

So grab your duffle and coffer, and join us for a swashbuckling good time!

To prepare your little performers for this event, please make sure they wear the following outfits on the days of their performances:

Sailors—Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 3, and some Grade 5—wear white shirt and blue pants

Pirates—Grade 2 and some Grade 5—wear all black (shirts and pants)

Sea Creatures—Grade 4—costumes provided by the school

If you have any questions about the upcoming performance feel free to contact the school by phone or email our in-house director/producer/choreographer/conductor, Mrs. Sherwood.

We look forward to seeing you there! ARRRRRRRRRRRH!

## WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

We look forward to seeing all of our 2024/2025 Kindergarten families at our Welcome to Kindergarten event on February 6 at 2:30p.m. (storm day February 13). This fun event is for our new Kindergarten students and parents!

## KINDNESS WEEK

National Kindness Week is celebrated from February 11-18, 2024. Canada was the first country in the world to pass legislation in 2021 to officially name the third week of February to be Kindness Week. The bill states that the purpose of this week is to improve the health and wellbeing of Canadians by encouraging "acts of kindness, volunteerism and charitable giving."

NES is celebrating Kindness Week by giving back to our community. We encourage you to complete one small act of kindness every day to celebrate National Kindness Week too!

## SCHOOL WIDE BREAKFAST

To feed the mind, you must first feed the stomach! We are happy to continue our school-wide breakfast thanks to the support from our community and district. February's breakfast will be yogurt and granola, fresh assorted-fruit trays, and juice boxes.

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Safe Arrival & Attendance : <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>  
 ASD-S Snow Line : 1-855-535-7669 (SNOW)

**PLEASE SEND A NOTE OR CALL THE SCHOOL BEFORE  
 1:30P.M. IF THERE ARE CHANGES IN YOUR CHILD'S  
 AFTERSCHOOL PLANS.**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2  SCHOOL BREAKFAST	3
4	5	6 <b>WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN @ 2:30PM</b> Grilled Cheese	7 Spaghetti	8 Chicken Wrap	9 Pizza	10
11	12	13 <b>WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN STORM DAY</b> Grilled Cheese	14  Spaghetti	15 <b>ART FROM THE HEART GALLERY @ 6PM</b> Chicken Wrap	16 Pizza	17
18	19  <b>FAMILY DAY!</b>	20 Grilled Cheese	21 Spaghetti	22 Chicken Wrap	23 Pizza	24
25	26	27 Grilled Cheese	28  SCHOOL PLAY Spaghetti	29 Chicken Wrap	1  WEAR PINK STOP BULLYING Pizza	2

**HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR NES STAFF?**

#1 This staff member has worked at Norton Elementary School for 22 years. Can you guess who it is ?

Answer from January's newsletter:

#1 - Mr. Bouley used to be an underground and open-pit miner before becoming a teacher.