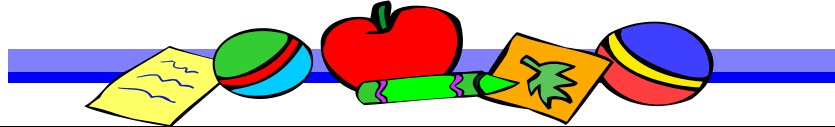




Newcastle Public School



Principal's Message

- We have completed our 3 fire drills and a lockdown in conjunction with Constable Duguay.
- Bus evacuation safety assemblies have been held for the entire school.
- Our Dog Guide assemblies were very informative.
- With tentative agreements in place for ETFO and CUPE, we look forward to a return to "business as usual".
- Time is racing by and Christmas will be upon us before we know it.

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In the interest of the environment, School Newsletter will be posted on the school's website (<http://newcastle.kprdsb.ca> and follow the link to our newsletter). We will no longer be sending newsletters home with our students. Hardcopies of the newsletter will be available at the office.

School Council News

REMIND

Do you ever forget when pizza forms are due, or when crazy hair day is and many more events? We all do, that's why we have started using **REMIND!**

Receive texts straight to your phone and never miss another event!!! It's simple, pull out your phone, text 289-276-0837 with the message **@council14** and never miss another event! Other options for REMIND include; download the REMIND app from your app store and enter class code **@council 14**, or go to www.remind.com and sign up as a parent using class code **@council14**

Brought to you by your School Community Council

Remembrance Day Service

Beginning at 10:30 am on Wednesday, November 11th, Newcastle Public School will be holding our annual Remembrance Day service. The students in Ms. McDonald's, Mrs. Parish and Mrs. Doyle's classes will also be representing Newcastle Public School during the service located at the Cenotaph.



November 11 is a day that has been set aside to commemorate the lives of those lost in armed conflicts. It is also a great opportunity to honour and thank the many men and women who have served and are still serving on behalf of our country in times of conflict and war.

Please feel free to show your support by wearing a poppy and joining our service this Remembrance Day.

STSCO

Dear Families, Parents and Guardians:

The winter season is once again fast approaching and it is very important that everyone involved in using the school busing system be reminded of winter weather procedures.



Prior to the beginning of the school day, inclement weather or poor road conditions may force the delay or cancellation of school transportation services. In this event, bus delay and cancellation information will be posted on the www.stsco.ca website, which is the primary means of communication regarding busing. Also, area radio stations and media outlets will broadcast related information (*see radio station list provided below*).

As a parent or guardian, it is recommended that you use the "Inclement Weather Days" reference sheet attached to this Newsletter and that you keep it in a prominent place for quick use on inclement weather days. Also, keep in mind that you should:

- ◆ *Know your child's school bus route number and the name of the bus company operating the route;*
- ◆ *listen to your local radio station;*
- ◆ *visit the www.stsco.ca website in the morning for delays or cancellations; or*
- ◆ *access the www.stsco.ca website and choose to receive delay and cancellation information by:*
 - *voluntarily providing your email address for direct email notices from STSCO;*
 - *signing up for the STSCO RSS feed; or*
 - *signing on to receive STSCO's posts on Facebook or Tweets via Twitter.*

Other reminders include:

- ◆ *If a bus is cancelled in the morning, it will **NOT** run in the afternoon.*
- ◆ *Make sure that your child is at the bus stop 5-10 minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time.*
- ◆ *Review busing procedures with your child to ensure they know what to do if a bus is late or cancelled.*

Clarington (Bowmanville & Courtice) area:

DURHAM CLASSIC HTIS - 1580AM, 107.7FM

THE ROCK - 94.9 FM

KX 96 FM - 95.9 FM

Please check out the school website <http://newcastle.kprdsb.ca> for the complete Winter Newsletter from STSCO.

Progress Reports

We will keep you posted as to when to expect the progress reports. This report will help parent(s)/guardian(s) understand their child's growth in learning skills and work habits. Teachers will also indicate a student's progress with respect to curriculum expectations addressed in one of three categories, **Progressing With Difficulty, Progressing Well, and Progressing Very Well.**



The intention of the **Progress Report** is to facilitate early communication between the teacher and the parent(s)/guardian(s). The Progress Report is an opportunity to focus on growth - the progress the child is making toward the overall expectations.

What do we mean by Progressing With Difficulty, Progressing Well, and Progressing Very Well in the subject boxes of the Progress Report?

Progressing With Difficulty:

In the professional judgment of the teacher, the student is **Progressing With Difficulty**, when:

- The student is demonstrating some progress in learning of the curriculum expectations and shows that they need further support to achieve the learning goals of the term.

Progressing Well:

In the professional judgment of the teacher, the student is **Progressing Well**, when:

- The student is demonstrating sufficient progress in their learning of the curriculum expectations and is likely to achieve the learning goals of the term.

Progressing Very Well:

In the professional judgment of the teacher, the student is **Progressing Very Well**, when:

- The student consistently demonstrates significant progress in their learning of the curriculum expectations and is expected to achieve the learning goals of the term.

A GREAT SUCCESS FOR THE THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

A tremendous note of gratitude must be made to all the staff, students, families, and community members that participated in the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Our school was able to donate a **substantial number of food items** to the Clarington East Food Bank. The tremendous amount of generosity and community spirit shown during this event is truly heart-warming. As a result of this support, many families in our community were able to have a warm meal this holiday season.

DOGS ON THE YARD/IN THE SCHOOL

Dogs are not permitted on school property.

***Autism Services Dogs are being used by two students and we have Dog Guide in training. They can be identified by the red vests (Autism Service Dogs) and green vest (Dog Guide in training) that they wear.**

***Personal Dogs are NOT permitted on school property.**

***Please remember we are a NUT aware and SCENT SENSITIVE school.**