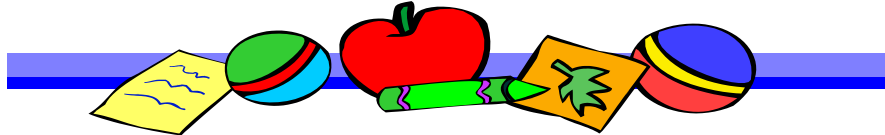




Newcastle Public School



Principal's Message

We've had a great start to our school year and events are already in full swing.

- Our new JK students are off to a wonderful start.
- We've had 1 successful fire drill, with the students responding quickly and safely.

School Council News

A big thank you to all who came out to our first meeting!

2015 - 2016 School Council Representatives

Chair: Chris Steven Co-Chair: Robin Blesse
 Treasurer: Nicole Chartrand
 Secretary: Jane Crabbe
 Fundraising Committee: Dawn Loudon & Robin Blesse
 Regional Council Rep: Robin Blesse
 YMCA Rep: Denise Borkwood
 Volunteer Coordinator: Marni Lewis
 Playground Committee: Marni Lewis, Susan Schonemann & Connie Legace
 Policy & Procedures: Jaimee-Lea Eymans
 Hot Lunch Coordinator: Lisa Matier
 Kiss N Ride Coordinator: Robin Blesse



Upcoming meeting dates for 2015 are: October 5th, November 2nd, and December 7th.
 Upcoming meeting dates for 2016 are: February 1st, March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th.
 All meetings start at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

Terry Fox Walk

The students and staff at Newcastle Public School participated in a Terry Fox Walk on Thursday September 24th.
 Thank you to Mr. Jack & Mrs. Sage for organizing this event and to everyone who made donations.



A Few Reminders About Yard Supervision and Dismissal

Bus Loop

The bus loop is closed in the morning & after school for the safe arrival & departure of buses and children.

Morning Yard Supervision

Please be aware that before school from 9:05 - 9:20, students in Grade 1-6 are to go directly to the primary and junior yards where supervision is provided.

October 2015

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 Mary Lynch-Taylor
 Shirley Patterson*

*Hunter Iafrate
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YMCA Daycare Facility
 905-987-5305



Dismissal

At Newcastle Public School, safety is our utmost concern and we are committed to ensuring every part of our day is as safe as possible. With that in mind, we would like to remind you of a few procedures to ensure dismissal runs as smoothly as possible.



We ask for parent support in the following ways:

- Please continue to send in notes if your child will not be leaving school in their usual manner
- Parents picking up their child early are asked to come to the office and the student will be called out of class at that point. *Students will **NOT** be called out of class early to wait in the office in order to maximize instructional time. Parents are welcome to arrive a few minutes early in order to ensure their child is ready on time.*
- Please try to avoid last minute phone calls. The office can be quite busy at the end of the day and we cannot always guarantee the message will be relayed in a timely manner.
- Students are **NOT** allowed to get off anywhere other than their regular bus stop. Please do not ask the driver to stop at another stop.

Police Record Check

This is a reminder that police checks, including vulnerable sector screenings, must be done annually in order to volunteer on class field trips and volunteer in the school. Please check your expiry date and renew your record check for the new school year.



Thanks for helping us keep our records up-to-date and our students safe.

Autism Service Dogs

On October 1st Waldo and Mina, Autism Service Dogs, will be riding the bus and attending school with two students at Newcastle Public School. We also have Dog Guide in training, Idyll. An assembly was given by Dog Guides Canada and the students learn the reason Dog Guides are used and the rules around having Dog Guides in the school.

Newcastle welcomes:

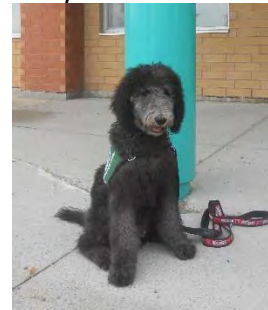
Waldo



Mina



Idyll



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect with family and friends and give thanks for all we have. It is also a time when we can share and help others in our community. This year Newcastle Public School will be embracing the holiday spirit with our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.



Starting **Wednesday, September 30th** - **Wednesday, October 7th**, students can bring their non-perishable donations to class.

A list of non-perishable Items that can be donated can be found below:

- a) Canned food items such as soups, fruit, vegetables, juices and pasta sauces.
- b) Cereal both hot and cold, biscuits, crackers, cookies, cake mixes and pancake mixes.
- c) Kraft dinners and all types of pasta.
- d) Glass items such as pickles, sauces, jams, relishes and salad dressings.
- e) Toiletry items such as hand soap, dish soap, laundry detergent and hair shampoos.

Your donations will go a long way in providing a meal for others this Thanksgiving.

Please note: No peanut products for the food drive.

Junior Soccer

On September 28th the Junior Soccer team travelled to Orono to compete in the ASG soccer tournament. It was a great day (aside from a little well a lot of rain).

Our team was undefeated and managed to clinch first place!



A big thank you goes out to this remarkable team consisting of the lightning fast forwards of Matt, Arron, Julia, Evan, Nolan, Tyler, Daniel, Morgan, Monet and Maria. Our marvelous mid fielders Ty, Kristin, Micah, Ethan, Matthias and Ashley. The divine defenders Claire, Adam, Ella, Megan, and Evan. The great goalies of Illianna and Jack and the cheery cheerleaders Mitchell and Jayme. It was wonderful to see all the parents come out and cheer on our team to victory! Thanks to coaches Mrs. Parish and Mrs. Joskow for all of their hard work.

Stay Healthy this Fall: Tips from Your Health Unit

Getting the flu shot and washing your hands regularly are some of the best ways to stay healthy. Good hygiene practices also reduce the spread of common illnesses like influenza and enterovirus. Lower your risk and protect others by following these simple steps:

1. Get your flu shot. Vaccine will be available from your healthcare provider and pharmacies by mid-October.
2. Ensure your routine immunizations are up-to-date.
3. Wash your hands frequently.
4. Stay home when you are sick.
5. Cough into your sleeve.
6. Avoid touching your mouth, face, or eyes with unwashed hands.
7. Avoid sharing personal items.
8. Clean and disinfect commonly-touched surfaces.



For Peterborough City/County schools: Visit www.pcchu.ca for the latest updates and health tips. For Northumberland County schools: Visit www.hkpr.on.ca for the latest updates and health tips. For Municipality of Clarington schools: Visit www.durham.ca/health for the latest updates and health tips. For Quinte West schools: Visit www.hpechu.on.ca for the latest updates and health tips.

Firehouse Fright Night!



We're giving away up to 100 free tickets, one per family with a child age 9 and under, accompanied by one paying adult, for the 9th annual Firehouse Fright Night on October 23rd and 24th at 132 Church Street, downtown Bowmanville. This interactive, all-indoor, 3-floor haunted house has many different spooky scenes and 60 creatures to encounter. There are two different trails inside, giving visitors the opportunity to have unique experiences on each brave walk. New this year, we have a kid-friendly "Casper" time for gentler scares.

Fright Night is run by the Firehouse Youth Centre, a service of the John Howard Society, which provides a free after school drop-in program for youth age 17 and under. Over 100 volunteers create a fun experience for the whole family to enjoy. Proceeds support the Firehouse and the United Way, helping dozens of local non-profit charities. See www.thefirehouse.ca for details on the event. E-mail monsters@jhsd.ca for your free ticket!

Volunteers Volunteers



Do you have a bit of time, one morning a week? Even once in a while? Newcastle School and Community Council can use your help.

First, we really need more people helping with our Kiss N Ride program. We are currently running with only 3 regular volunteers. If you could spare one morning a week to help make sure all of our kids are getting to school safely, please email Robin at council@robinblesse.com. It's only a half hour, from 8:55 to set up cones & signs and clean up by 9:25 after the bell has gone.

Newcastle PS has a snack program that needs some help, as well. Each morning a volunteer is needed to deliver snacks to the classrooms. It's about 45 minutes to fill all the class baskets. If you would like to help with snacks, please email Shauna at ravyn_74@yahoo.ca

Both volunteer opportunities will require a police check. Please ensure your police checks are up-to-date.

Lastly, our School and Community Council meets once a month, the first Monday on the month. All are welcome. You can find information on the school website as well as on Facebook.

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

****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.***