



Northlea EMS
 September 2019
 Parent Acknowledgement



Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____
 (Please Print) (Please Print)

LUNCH INFORMATION

While at school during lunch, your child will be expected to eat in the appropriate area, cooperate and comply with direction from lunch supervisors and staff, and **stay on school property for the duration of the lunch period.**

To reduce the amount of waste, please send your child with a **litter-less lunch**. This means that children bring their food in plastic containers in a reusable lunch bag. **All leftovers and garbage will be taken home by the student to be disposed of at home.** Please make sure that your child's name is on all the containers and lunch bag. Unfortunately we are not able to warm up lunches for students.

There are students attending our school who have life threatening allergies to nuts, shellfish and other foods. We are asking for your co-operation in not sending any snacks or lunches containing any nuts (including peanuts, pecans, walnuts, cashews) and shellfish (including shrimp, crab, and lobster). Students who have severe allergies to such food substances are exposed to a severe health risk when certain products are consumed in their environment or shared with them. Please speak with your child about not sharing snacks or lunches with other students. If your child has life threatening allergies, please make sure to contact the school office to let us know the specifics of your child's allergies.

Please select **ONE**:

- My child will be going home for lunch on a **daily basis**.
- My child will **occasionally** be staying at school for lunch. I understand that on the days when my child is expected to be at school for lunch, he/she should **NOT** be leaving the school property during the lunch period & I will be notifying the classroom teacher in writing.
- My child will be **staying consistently** at school for lunch. **I understand that my child should NOT be leaving school property on any day without a written note by a parent.**

My child and I have discussed the above rules in regards to lunch time rules.

 Parent/Guardian's Signature

ALLERGIES – Do NOT send NUTS to school!

I have read and discussed with my child about not sharing food with students due to severe life-threatening allergies. We understand that Northlea is a nut-safe school. We are also aware that some students have fish and seafood allergies.

 Parent/Guardian's Signature

SAFE ARRIVAL 416-396-3775

The Safe Arrival Program is a mutual responsibility of Parents/Guardians and school staff. The Safe Arrival program is a mechanism parents/guardians and school can use to account for any pupil's unexplained failure to arrive at school. **Parents/guardians MUST call the Safe Arrival line 416-396-3775 and leave a message when their child is absent or late.** An automated system will call the numbers provided by parents on the Student Record, to confirm unaccounted absences. If there is no confirmation we are required to notify the police.

 Parent/Guardian's Signature

PHYSICAL EDUCATION INFORMATION AND INTRAMURAL INFORMATION/PERMISSION

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Physical activity is essential for healthy growth and development. Growing bones and muscles require not only good nutrition, but also the stimulation of vigorous physical activity to increase the strength and endurance necessary for a physically active lifestyle. Active participation in games, fitness activities, dance, gymnastics, and outdoor pursuits provides opportunities for students to discover and trust themselves and gain the confidence necessary to play and work co-operatively and competitively with their peers. Both curricular and co-curricular Physical Education programs provide opportunities for students to experience "the fitness feeling" and to help them understand and make decisions regarding personal fitness and the value of physical activity in their daily lives.

During Physical Education classes, including stand-alone Daily Physical Activity sessions, students will participate in a variety of activities (e.g., _____).

Students will also have the opportunity to choose to participate in intramural activities that are offered outside of classroom time (e.g., _____). Permission is required for students to participate in intramural activities.

Please be advised that some Physical Education classes, Daily Physical Activity sessions and intramural activities, such as cross-country running, power walking, softball, and soccer, may take your child off the school grounds and into the immediate community. Supervision will be provided.

ELEMENTS OF RISK NOTICE

The risk of injury exists in every athletic activity. However, due to the very nature of some activities, the risk of injury may increase. Injuries may range from minor sprains and strains to more serious injuries. These injuries result from the nature of the activity and can occur without fault on either the part of the student, or the School Board or its employees or agents or the facility where the activity is taking place. The safety and well-being of students is a prime concern, and attempts are made to manage the foreseeable risks inherent in physical activity as effectively as possible.

It is important that your child participate safely and comfortably in the Physical Education, Daily Physical Activity and intramural programs. In your child's best interests, we recommend the following:

- a) Students should have an annual medical examination.
- b) Students should bring emergency medications (e.g., asthma inhalers) to Physical Education classes, Daily Physical Activity sessions and intramural activities.
- c) Appropriate clothing should be worn for safe participation (e.g., T-shirt, shorts or track pants, and athletic running shoes appropriate for the environmental conditions). Jewellery must be removed, if possible. Jewellery that cannot be removed and that presents a safety concern (e.g., medical alert identification or religious requirement) must be taped, or the activity must be modified.
- d) An eyeglass band and shatter-resistant/shatterproof lens should be worn if your child wears glasses that cannot be removed during Physical Education classes, Daily Physical Activity sessions and intramural activities.
- e) Attention should be paid to protection from environmental concerns (e.g., sun, hypothermia, dehydration, frostbite, and insect bites and stings).
- f) Safety inspection should be done at home of any equipment brought to school for personal use in class and intramural activities (e.g., skis, skates, helmets).
- g) When it is necessary to use a water bottle, students should use a personal water bottle that is not shared.



Please sign and return the Physical Education Acknowledgement of Risk section below. If you anticipate that your child/ward will be participating in intramural activities, please also sign and return the Intramurals Activities Permission section.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

In signing this form, I acknowledge the information about the elements of risk noted in the letter attached to this form (*Form 511K: Physical Education Information and Intramural Information/Permission*). I/we also acknowledge that some Physical Education activities, including Daily Physical Activity sessions, will occur in the immediate community.

Name of Student: _____ Grade/Class _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ (*please print*)

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

INTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES PERMISSION

I/we give permission for my child/ward, _____, to participate in intramural activities. I acknowledge the information about the elements of risk noted in the letter attached to this form (*Form 511K: Physical Education Information and Intramural Information/Permission*). I also acknowledge that some activities may occur in the immediate community.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ (*please print*)

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____



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September 03, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Toronto District School Board uses ***School Cash Online***, an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents/guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including agendas, and class trips.

School fees applicable to your child will be posted on ***School Cash Online***. Once you register, you can choose to purchase the items or activities using a debit or credit card (Visa only). You will be able to see when the school has a new item posted online for purchase and you will also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school event requiring payment.

If you haven't yet registered for ***School Cash Online***, please visit
<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Select "Get Started Today" and complete the three registration steps. For more information on the registration process, please see the handout attached to this letter. Once registered, you will receive email notifications when items become available online.

If you have questions about the registration process or using ***School Cash Online***, please select the "Get Help" option on the top of School Cash Online web page. You can also contact the School Cash Online Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com (available 24/7). The Parent Help Desk is available to assist parents/guardians with the registration process, password recovery, accessing your account or payment issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Sandler', written over a horizontal line.

Barbara Sandler

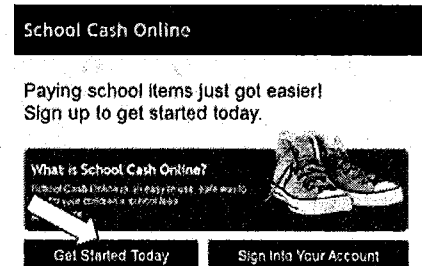
SchoolCashOnline

The Toronto District School Board is launching School Cash Online, an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents and guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including agendas and class trips. To register for School Cash Online, please follow these step-by-step instructions.

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

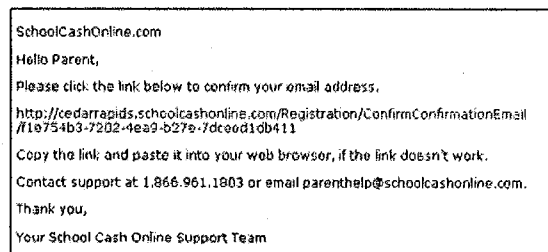
- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use the email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Select the School Name
- Enter Your Child's First and Last Names (Legal Names)
- Enter Your Child's Date of Birth
- Select *Confirm*
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*
- Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. Five children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items for Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Stay connected! Be sure to select the option to receive email notifications when new items become available, selecting "Yes".

- I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

Welcome to Northlea School!

**From the Northlea Home and School Association and Northlea School Council
September 2019**

Northlea has two parent organizations, The Northlea Home and School Association ("H & S"), as well as the Northlea School Council ("S/C") that work closely in conjunction with the school administration, to consistently seek parent and teacher involvement during the year.

The following is an overview of the two groups

- The Northlea H&S is primarily focused on fundraising. The H & S organizes fundraising events including pizza lunches, Spring Fling and the Dance-a-Thon, to name a few.
- The Northlea S/C focuses on issues related to school. The S/C liaises between parents and the school on a variety of issues such as curriculum and safety.

Together, these two organizations hold public meetings with our admin team approximately 6 times/year. We welcome volunteers and parent involvement at all levels, and hope to see many new and returning faces at our meetings this year.

The following material relates to information the H&S and S/C would like to share at the beginning of the school year and includes the following topics:

- Welcome Back BBQ
- H&S Membership
- Fundraising at Northlea
- Volunteers
- Staying Informed- Provide consent for communications!

Welcome Back BBQ

To kick off the school year, mark your calendars for the first event of the year, the **Welcome Back BBQ**. The BBQ will be held on **Tuesday, September 24, 2019** where we look forward to catching up with friends and welcoming new families to the school.

H&S Membership

We kindly ask all families to purchase a Home and School Membership annually with the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFSHA). The annual \$20 membership fee covers all family members in one household and provides liability insurance for volunteers at H&S events, access to publications for parents and other resources.

We strongly recommend purchasing this membership if you plan to volunteer at any H&S events throughout the school year.

To join, submit your home and school payment online at <https://www.northleaschool.ca/signup2019/> by **September 30, 2019**.

Fundraising at Northlea

The Northlea community has always been a strong supporter of fundraising events throughout the school year. This support assists the administration in providing Northlea with additional funding to enhance the school environment and activities. In fiscal 2018/2019, the Home and School Association presented the Northlea Administration with fundraising dollars to support the following:

- Phase 1 of a new Kindergarten play space
- Chromebooks
- Library Technology
- Scientist in the School and Logics Academy programs
- Additional dance and drama programming
- Water bottle refilling station
- Lice checks
- Kilometer Club
- Enhanced equipment for the Knights TV Media Group
- Forest of reading Program

These are all programs and activities that are possible due to your generous contributions. Thank you!

What's New?

In fiscal 2019/2020, we will be piloting a new approach to our communication of fundraising events and the community's decision on the direction of those fundraising funds.

Fundraising Goals

The Home and School and Administration have determined the fiscal 2019/2020 fundraising goals to focus on four priorities. These priorities are:

1. Technology & Collaborative Learning Spaces
2. Literacy Resources
3. Outdoor Learning - Front Yard Revitalization
4. Artists in Residence

All of our fundraising events will focus on these four priorities.

Fundraising Calendar

The Home and School Association has put together a [calendar of proposed fundraising events for the fiscal 2019/2020 calendar year](#) to help provide more visibility into the events that will be run throughout the year. Please see the calendar attached for our proposed events that our Parent Community has been working on. This calendar will be posted on the H&S website, and will be updated and modified as needed.

2019/2020 Northlea Fundraising Calendar

Month	Fundraising Activity	Description
September	Pizza Lunch	This event happens monthly, but sign-up for the entire year is performed in September.
	SPC Cards	Student discount cards
	Labels, Labels, Labels!	Back to school personalized labels with the Northlea logo from My Label Factory.
November	Date Knight	Adult night out
December		

January		
February	Dance-a-Thon- February 13, 2019	Valentine's day themed event that is run during the school day.
April	Social Series (runs April through June)	A lineup of events hosted by parents or teachers, some for kids, some for grown ups or the whole family. A great way to make friends and raise money for the school. (ex: Breakfast in your PJs, Floor Hockey, Lawn Bowling)
May	Acorn Cards	Your child's art for purchase A fun fair event for the whole neighbourhood!
	Spring Fling	Spring community Fun Fair

*The calendar is subject to change. Any changes will be communicated.

Direct School Donations

We recognize that some of our Northlea Community members would like to contribute to the school outside of the fundraising events, whether it's because they aren't able to attend the fundraising events, or they want to contribute additional funds to the school. The H&S has worked with the administration to offer the following donation options:

1. Payment by Cheque

Cheques must be made payable to: "TDSB c/o Northlea EMS", and please write "Donation" on the memo line. Use a sealed envelope marked "Direct School Donation- Northlea" and submit to Ms. Keith in the main office.

2. Payment through School Cash Online

Please use the **NORTHLEA DONATION LINK** to make your donation. You can reference this **STEP BY STEP GUIDE** for quick instructions.

The full amount will be allocated to Northlea EMS. All donations will receive a tax receipt. Your information will be available only to the School Administration. Please consider donating **by September 30, 2019**, so that the funds raised can be applied to programs in the 2019/2020 school year.

Allocating Fundraising Dollars

The first H&S meeting will include a review of the budget for the fiscal 2019/2020 school year and a vote on where the fundraising event dollars should be distributed. Community members are invited to put forward proposals for consideration by the Northlea community. More information on this process and the date of the meeting will be shared in September.

Volunteers

There are many ways to support Northlea that suit your availability and interests. As required by the Education Act, we annually elect the School Council committee members and elections are held at the end of the school year for the following school year.

There are several positions that have not yet been filled. If you are interested in joining the team, we would be excited to have you. The following positions are open:

Position	Short Description
Home and School Chair	We are looking for someone interested in being the parent lead/chair for the home and school. This role works in collaboration with the administration to organize home and school meetings and share Northlea parent feedback with the administration. Don't worry, you have a whole team behind you!
Kiss and Ride Co-Chair	Looking for an individual interested in assisting with our student morning drop off program.
Yearbook Committee	Parents interested in supporting the creation of the yearbook.

For more information on the roles or to join our team, please contact northleahomeandschool@gmail.com .

Stay Informed...Meetings, Bulletins and Instagram

The Northlea Home and School Association requires online sign-up for all communications. Please read the information below, fill out the online forms and make sure your family stays informed!

These forms can be found at: <https://www.northleaschool.ca/signup2019/>

It is very important that all Northlea families complete the online sign-up by Friday, September 13th , 2018.

The permission to contact section has two main purposes:

1. **Class Lists:** Class Parents use the information to compile 'Class Lists'. These are circulated among parents/caregivers (for playdates, sharing homework materials, etc), and they are used to distribute important and timely class and grade-specific updates.
2. **Regular updates:** The vast majority of school information at Northlea is now distributed electronically.

Important note: Even if you are currently receiving our updates, you must still fill out the 2019 online forms as this is an annual confirmation process.

Should you have any questions regarding the new online forms, please do not hesitate to contact the H&S at homeandschool@northleaschool.ca

Additional information channels include **H&S meetings** which are an interactive session for parents to learn of H&S initiatives and events, reconciliation of the budgets, and how to be involved. The meetings will be posted to the school calendar in the fall. Stay tuned!

We are **online!** www.northleaschool.ca has all the information you need about our activities. We also have **Twitter** @Northlea_HandS, **Instagram** @northlea_hands and **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/northleahomeandschool/> accounts to help you keep informed.