

February NEWSLETTER

We are off to a beautiful start for February. The sun is shining and the snow is just enough to play and have fun in. Our students are happy to be here and even with their masks on we can see their smiles.

At the start of every month it is nice to look at things that are working and things that need improving. My focus this month will be on student attendance and encouraging families to have their child(ren) here **before the 8:55 bell**. As adults it is uncomfortable to enter a room that is already in the learning now imagine how that feels for a child.

We are also making some changes to our front parking lot where you will notice pylons are now supporting the no parking sign. Do not park in this area, this is for your safety as our buses make large right turns out of our bus lane and they cannot do it safely with cars in these prohibited areas.

As always, if you have a question, concern or a complement please do not hesitate to call your child's teacher or myself.

Stay well,
- Mrs. Ostapek, Principal

Self Screening - Every, Single Day

All families, staff and students are asked to use our KPRDSB self-screening checklist each and every day.

We know that it takes all of us being vigilant to keep our community as safe as possible, so thank you for taking the time to use this tool.

Kids Help Phone

This has been a stressful time for adults, and we need to remember that it is stressful for children as well. Sometimes they need to talk to someone who is not mom, dad, or their teacher. We encourage you to share with your children and teens: **Students: need to talk? Get help 24/7 at kidshelpphone.ca or 1-800-668-6868, or text 686868.**

KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE



Do not come to school if...



You or someone you are in close contact with have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days



You have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19



You have any of the following symptoms

- Fever
- New or worse cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Headaches
- Diarrhea
- Unexplained fatigue/malaise/muscle aches
- Chills
- Runny nose/nasal congestion without known cause
- Nausea/vomiting
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- Difficulty walking
- Abdominal pain
- Decrease or loss of sense of smell or taste



Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19
www.kprschoools.ca

Inclement Weather Reminder

- when ALL buses are cancelled across the entire board, ALL schools will be closed for the day
- when ALL buses are cancelled within a specific geographic region of the board, such as the Municipality of Clarington, Northumberland County or Peterborough County, schools in that region only will be closed for the day
- and, finally, if ALL buses are cancelled for a specific school or group of schools, only that school or group of schools will be closed for the day.

When only a few buses are cancelled, or buses are delayed, schools will remain open.

Schools will provide learning for students to work at home on these days in a variety of ways, either through previously assigned or new work through the classroom teachers' regular communication platforms, based on the age and grade of the students. Virtual elementary and secondary school programming on snow days will continue as normal.

We will inform families of school closures on snow days in several ways, including local news media, on www.kprschoools.ca, through our social media channels (@kprschoools on Twitter and KPR Facebook).

Scent Sensitive Reminder

We are all familiar with the idea of "Nut Free" Schools. For years, parents and staff have been very vigilant in the quest for the nut free lunch due to allergies that exist within our school population. Foods that contain nuts or may contain nuts should not be sent in lunches. For people with certain medical conditions, scented products can trigger serious health reactions similar to those from nut allergies ranging from mild to severe. We ask for your help in keeping our school a scent sensitive and peanut free place for all to enjoy.

Some examples are: scented hairspray, bounce sheets, certain deodorants, essential oils and scented hand sanitizer.



NO DOGS ALLOWED

Kindly keep your dogs (both small and large) at home or off property if you are picking your child up. Dogs must be kept away from our students as some are very afraid while

others may have allergies. Please spread the word and help us keep our students safe.

Instructional time is valuable, even the last few minutes.

If you are picking your child up at 3pm we will not be calling into classrooms and disrupting the final moments of instructional time. We ask that you wait outside until the bell rings.



Remember to send a water bottle each day. We do not have extras and students may not use our water fountains but can fill their bottles at the filling station.

For Your Information



On Our Yard

We are **kind**.

We keep our **hands and feet** to ourselves.

We **stay under control**.

We *use equipment appropriately*.

We **problem solve**.

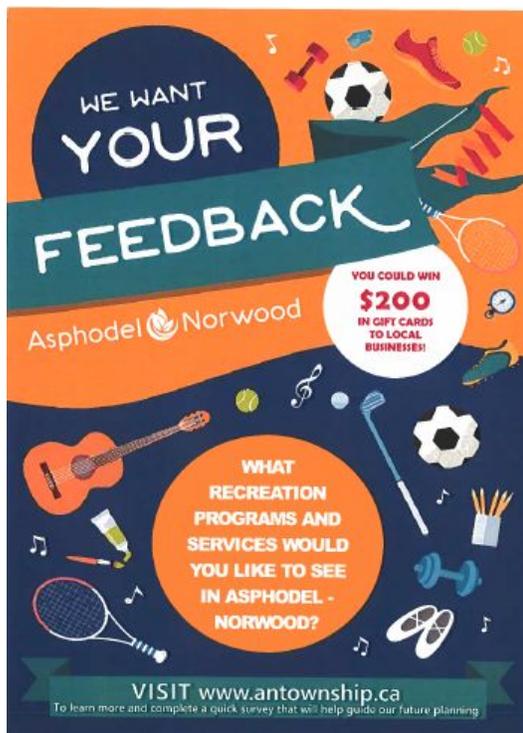
Kindergarten Registration 2021-2022

If your child will be 4 by December 2021, register [online now](#) for Kindergarten starting in September.

When completing the on-line registration, create an account using your email address. Then complete the fillable fields, providing the information requested. Submit the form to be reviewed by the school. The secretary will check the form for completeness and accuracy. The form may be sent back and forth between parent/guardian to ensure it is complete.

Finally, verification documents will need to be provided once schools are open and secretaries are able to book appointments.

- Birth certificate
- Proof of address
- Citizen verification
- Custody documents (if applicable)



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Asphodel-Norwood

YOU COULD WIN **\$200** IN GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES!

WHAT RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN ASPHODEL - NORWOOD?

VISIT www.antownship.ca
To learn more and complete a quick survey that will help guide our future planning

Celebrate Family Day in the snow!



There's no family like your snow family!

❄️ To participate, simply build your family in snowman formation and send **ONE** picture to family@antownship.ca by February 15, 2021*

❄️ As a thank you for participating, registrants will be entered into a random draw to **WIN** one of three \$50 gift cards to a local business in the Township of Asphodel-Norwood

*Contest is open to residents of Asphodel-Norwood only
*One entry/family

*Pictures will be posted to the Township's social media pages

*Full name, address, and contact information required with photo submission

Stay well, Stay safe, Stay kind 

