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OUR SCHOOL

Northlea Public School is located in Leaside on the site of the old Divadale Estate on Rumsey Road north of Eglinton Avenue. The school opened in 1944. In 1991-93 the school underwent extensive renovations. This provided additional classroom space to the school as well as a new library and a second gymnasium. In 2006, 2007, and 2008, three portables were added to the site and three additional classrooms were built on the roof in order to accommodate the increasing student numbers and the Ministry mandated cap of 20 students to 1 teacher.

Today there are over 890 students enrolled in the school. Northlea School is a dual track school offering regular English programs from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, and French Immersion programs from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Northlea is a barrier free school including full wheelchair accessibility. A childcare centre is also housed in the facility.

School Focus For This School Year

- ✦ improving student achievement in literacy and numeracy
- ✦ strengthening curriculum delivery
- ✦ creating a continuum of research skills from Primary to Intermediate Division which are cross-curricular and which encompass a variety of sources (e.g., texts, Internet, periodicals, encyclopedia) to promote teaching these skills through Partners in Action
- ✦ continuing a school-wide implementation of Second Step, a conflict resolution program
- ✦ continuing our Recess Revival program engaging older and younger students in constructive play during recess periods
- ✦ fostering positive attitudes about Northlea School among students, staff, and parents generally and, in particular, to instill a sense of pride and ownership in our school among our student population
- ✦ implement the Character Education program to promote the pursuit of personal excellence and service to the school and community
- ✦ providing opportunities for leadership training and leadership experience for all student
- ✦ improving the quality of the outdoor environment at Northlea
- ✦ developing a school-wide EcoSchools approach to energy and waste management

OUR STUDENTS (As of spring 2008)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Percent</u>
✦ Total number of students:	883	
Junior Kindergarten - Grade 3	443	
Grade 4 - Grade 6	275	
Grade 7 - Grade 8	165	
✦ Gender:		
Female	451	51%
Male	432	49%
✦ Primary language other than English:	161	18%*
✦ Students born outside of Canada:		
Students living in Canada for 2 years or less	16	2%
Students living in Canada for 3 - 5 years	27	3%

* Calculation does not include students for whom language information is missing.

THE SCHOOL BOARD PROVIDES:

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB), in partnership with students, parents, teachers and all our communities, is committed to taking responsibility for continuous improvement of schools. This is achieved through:

- ✦ **Relevant Curriculum**
- ✦ **Equity**
- ✦ **Accountability**

Regular Instructional Programs

- ✦ Languages - English, English as a Second Language, and French
- ✦ Mathematics, Science and Technology
- ✦ Arts - Music, Visual Arts, Drama and Dance
- ✦ Social Studies, Health and Physical Education; in Grades 7-8: History and Geography, Family Studies and Guidance

Special Education Programs

A variety of special education programs and services are offered to meet the needs of all students, including students with exceptionalities, such as behavioural, communication, intellectual, physical and multiple learning disabilities. Students' exceptionalities are identified through a formal review process undertaken by an Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC).

OUR SCHOOL ALSO OFFERS:

Co-Curricular

Arts Programs

- ✦ Dance:
Concert & Performances, Dance Workshops
- ✦ Dramatic Arts:
Drama Club, Drama Workshops, Live Production/Play
- ✦ Integrated Programs:
Learning through the Arts, Talent Show
- ✦ Music:
Band, Choir, Excursions, Music Concerts / Performances, Music Festivals, Music Workshops, Stageband, Vocal
- ✦ Visiting Artists:
Dance, Drama, In-School Performances By Professional Artists, Music, Prologue to the Performing Arts, Visual Arts
- ✦ Visual Arts:
Animation, Artists in the School, Computer/Graphic Arts, Crafts, Excursions, Film/Video Workshops, Photography, Stage design, Visual Arts Workshops

Intramurals

- ✦ Badminton
- ✦ Basketball
- ✦ Dodgeball
- ✦ European Handball
- ✦ Floor Hockey

Athletic Teams

- ✦ 3-pitch
- ✦ Baseball
- ✦ Basketball

- ✦ Cross Country
- ✦ Flag Football
- ✦ Flag Rugby
- ✦ Ice hockey
- ✦ Soccer
- ✦ Track and Field
- ✦ Volleyball

Clubs

- ✦ Announcement Club
- ✦ Blue Spruce Reading Club
- ✦ Chess
- ✦ Computer
- ✦ Environmental
- ✦ Equity
- ✦ Lego
- ✦ Library Helpers
- ✦ Recycling
- ✦ Silver Birch Book Club
- ✦ Student Newspaper Club/Yearbook Club
- ✦ Website
- ✦ Weight Training
- ✦ Yearbook

Leadership

- ✦ Daily Physical Activity Leaders
- ✦ Office Helpers
- ✦ School Safety Patrol Program
- ✦ Student Announcers
- ✦ Student Leadership:
Student Leadership Council

THE SCHOOL BOARD PROVIDES:

- † Toronto Schools On The Move Leaders

Competitions

- † Gauss Contest
- † Kiwanis Festival:
Christina Loucks, Mitch Bondy
- † Mathematics Competitions:
Susan Gardner
- † Speech Arts

Curricular Enhancement

- † Family Literacy Night
- † Family Math Night
- † Toronto Schools on the Move

Community, Culture and Caring

Community - Mentoring

- † Community Based:
One-on-One Mentoring Program, Toronto Police Services - School Liaison Officer
- † School Based:
Peer Mentoring

Community - Tutoring

- † School Based:
After Four Program, Homework Clubs, Peer Tutoring, Tutors in the Classroom (Elementary)

Culture/Caring

- † Caring:
Blood Drives
- † Fundraisers:
Jump Rope for Heart, Terry Fox Run
- † Nutrition Programs:
Nutrition Program
- † Safe & Caring Schools:
Let's Stop the Bullying: Bully Prevention Program, Personal Safety and Injury Prevention
- † Social Skills:
Character Development Program, Conflict Management Program, Second Step

Student Success

Pathways Programs

- † Schools to Future:
Career Fair, Pathways to Education, Pathways to Success

Transitions

- † Grade 9 Orientation:
Brian Hill
- † Parent Information Nights
- † Ready, Set, Go - Welcome to Kindergarten
- † Welcome to Kindergarten

Specializations and Other Programs

Other Programs (Not deemed specialized)

- † French Immersion
- † Quest for Excellence (Q4E)

Information about the success of our programs comes from a wide variety of student assessments. These assessments are based on clear expectations for all learners, consistent with those described in *The Ontario Curriculum*.

The primary purpose of student assessment is to improve learning. Assessment has the greatest potential to improve learning when it is an integral part of classroom activities. Teachers assess student progress towards achieving the expectations on an ongoing basis by using strategies such as projects, class presentations, homework assignments, classroom observations, portfolios of student work, and tests.

Schools use assessment information and information from other sources to make informed decisions for school improvement planning. Schools identify areas of strength as well as areas that require improvement. Input is obtained from a variety of sources such as student assessments, teacher feedback, parent feedback, and community surveys. In this way, schools monitor, celebrate and improve their efforts in providing a supportive and challenging learning environment for all their students.

WHAT OUR SCHOOL IS PLANNING FOR THIS YEAR

Northlea School is involved in many programs for the upcoming year.

Literacy

We continue to work at improving our students' results in literacy in a variety of ways:

- ♦ Continued implementation of the First Steps literacy program in both our English and French Immersion classes
- ♦ Staff development in the writing component of the First Steps program
- ♦ Reading Buddies program expanded throughout the whole school to develop a reader mentoring program
- ♦ strategies to address language gaps when transferring from French Immersion to English programs
- ♦ appropriate assessment strategies in literacy through Developmental Reading Assessment and Junior and Intermediate CASI
- ♦ expansion of our resource centre collection with materials that support all students with special focus on non-fiction and biography
- ♦ updating leveled library from grades 1-8 in both French and English
- ♦ support for students with special needs through our resource program and our integration initiatives
- ♦ language lab to support students having difficulty in reading, writing and comprehension

Mathematics

In mathematics, our plans for continued improvement:

- ♦ acquisition of new materials at different grade levels to match the curriculum
- ♦ acquisition of additional support materials for the mathematics programs - such as manipulatives for all divisions

We also continue to focus on improvement in other areas of the school program. We strive to provide a

well-rounded program for our students to allow them to develop in as many ways as possible.

Science and Technology

We continue to implement the new science and technology curriculum policy with additional texts, support materials, manipulatives and field trip opportunities. We also continue to refine our cross-curricular approach in the teaching of science and technology.

Health and Physical Education

We support healthy active living and quality daily physical education. An extensive intramural sports program is offered. Our school teams successfully participate in various competitions in the Toronto area.

Music

Our music programs, both vocal and instrumental, allow students to develop skills and talents. The band and choir are involved in special events and competitions during the year.

Guidance

Our guidance department provides programs to help students deal with conflict management, time management and stress as well as providing individual counselling. Career counselling, parent information evenings and course selection help is available for Grade 8 students.

Field Trips

The following special field trips are planned this year:

- ♦ Grade 8 trip to Quebec City
- ♦ Grade 7 trip to Ottawa

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Parent And Community Involvement

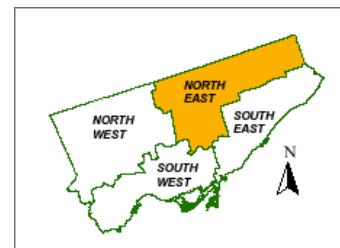
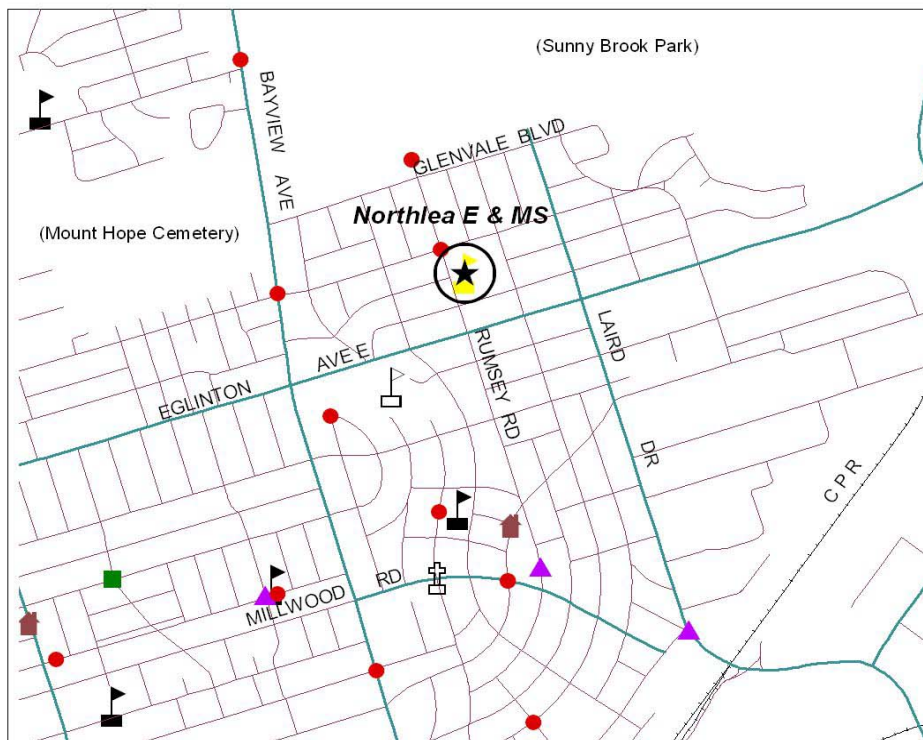
Parent Involvement:

- ✦ School Council
- ✦ An active Home and School Association with over 300 family members
- ✦ Active parent volunteers in the school
- ✦ Safe Arrival program
- ✦ Fundraising initiatives

Community Links:

- ✦ Northlea Community Child Care
- ✦ Bloorview MacMillan Centre and Variety Village
- ✦ Intergenerational Teaching Learning Community (ITLC)
- ✦ Metro Police - School Liason Officer
- ✦ Co-op placements with local high schools, colleges, and universities
- ✦ Student-Teacher programs with various faculties of education
- ✦ Canadian Blood Donor Services

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



- ★ OUR SCHOOL
- ▢ TDSB Elementary School
- ▢ TDSB Secondary School
- ⊕ Separate School
- Daycare/Nursery School
- Family Resource/ Parenting Centre
- ▲ Community/ Recreation Centre
- 🏠 Public Library

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Notes: The map shows the locations of local schools, community and social service facilities. For more information about these locations please contact the school. Sources: TDSB - Academic Accountability, Facility Services; City of Toronto - Children's Services, Toronto Land Information Services.



The mission of the Toronto District School Board is to enable all students to reach high levels of achievement and to acquire the knowledge, skills and values they need to become responsible members of a democratic society.