

# Courtice North Public School

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**On November 11**  
**Courtice North Public School Remembers**

Please consider contributing your work for the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day contests this year. Posters can be no larger than 56 x 71 cm, and can be either colour or black and white. Computer generated entries will not be accepted. Posters must reflect remembrance with a Canadian theme. Registration forms are available at [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca) and must be attached to the poster without staples. Full details are available at the Legion website. Students can also submit entries for either the poetry or the essay contest, but not both. Poems can be no longer than 32 lines excluding the title. Essays are no more than 350 words for grades 4-6, and 500 words for grades 7-8. Registration forms are available at [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca) Full details are available at the Legion website <https://www.legion.ca/communities-youth/youth-education/remembrance-contests>

**Character Trait for November: Honesty**  
*I am sincere, truthful and trustworthy.*

#### Terry Fox Fundraising Campaign

Thank you for your generous support as our students ran to raise funds for cancer research on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Thanks also to Mrs. Durst for leading this year's campaign. Courtice North PS raised \$2864 this year.

#### Loose Change For The Refuge

Courtice North is once again collecting loose change for The Refuge to assist homeless youth in our area. Students are encouraged to bring in a looney or tooney on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

#### On November 14<sup>th</sup>, Durham Region Police Services 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Food and Toy Drive launches at Courtice North PS!

We are happy to host the launching of this year's campaign at Courtice North at 8:45 on November 14<sup>th</sup>! Huge, festive collection boxes have already arrived in our school entranceway for food and toy donations!

## Key Upcoming Dates – Please always check Edsby for up-to the-minute news

Nov. 4-7	Senior Kindergarten Vision Screening by Durham Region Health Department
Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day/ Gr 8 Visits to Secondary Schools
Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	PJ DAY – bring in a looney or tooney for the The Refuge
Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Character/Student of the Month Assembly; Progress Reports Home
Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Durham Region Police 31 <sup>st</sup> Annual Food and Toy Drive launches at Courtice North PS!
Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	PA Day – No Classes
Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Council Holiday Bazaar 10:00 am – 300 pm
Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Volleyball

White milk is available from the office for \$1.00/carton.

### Grade 8 Secondary School Information Open House

Courtice Secondary School invites Grade 8 students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) to our Grade 8 Information Session and Open House on Thursday, January 16, 2020 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. The information session will include a presentation about our grade 9 program. You can also meet our teachers and take a tour of the secondary school classrooms.

### Violence Threat Risk Assessment

The KPR Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all. When students behave inappropriately, principals use progressive discipline to change behaviour. When student behaviours pose a potential threat to safety or serious harm, KPR's Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) protocol helps principals take immediate steps to protect student well-being. While such incidents are rare, the VTRA outlines how we work with local police, mental health providers and community agencies to keep students safe. Read more about the protocol, including notification requirements, in the Safe, Caring and Restorative Schools section of [kprschools.ca](http://kprschools.ca). Student safety is our first priority. Should you have any questions, please contact our school office.

### Code of Conduct Changes Effective Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

As of November 4, 2019, all schools are required to incorporate the following restriction of personal mobile devices into their School Codes of Conduct (2.2.5 below)

School Codes of Conduct include the following section:

- 2.2 Additional Student Responsibilities
  - Each student has the additional responsibility to:
    - 2.2.1 exercise self-discipline, follow the established rules and accept responsibility for their actions based on age and individual ability;
    - 2.2.2 come to school prepared, on time and ready to learn;
    - 2.2.3 show respect for themselves, for others and for those in authority; and
    - 2.2.4 refrain from bringing anything to school that may compromise the safety of others.
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  - 2.2.5 **use personal mobile devices during instructional time only under the following circumstances:**
    - for educational purposes, as directed by an educator
    - for health and medical purposes
    - to support special education needs.

### Indigenous Education

We believe that our students, staff and communities are enriched by learning about the histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples in Canada. To promote understanding, and as part of our commitment to championing Indigenous education, achievement and awareness, we are very pleased to once again recognize November as Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month. The month of November was chosen because of other special dates and events in November, including Treaty Recognition Week, Louis Riel Day and Inuit Day.

Parents, staff and families are welcome to attend all evening events throughout the month of November. [Check out the free film screenings and discussions](#) taking place, to which all interested members of the community are invited.

Some of the other events noted below may require registration, or are limited in enrollment/access. For more information on any of these events and information on how to register for the non-school based events (marked \*\*), please contact Colleen Honey at [colleen\\_honey@kprdsb.ca](mailto:colleen_honey@kprdsb.ca).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
November 1 8:20-9:35 AM	Alderville First Nation Chief Dave Mowat – Treaty Week	Courtice Secondary School
November 1 7:30 pm	Kawartha Lakes Round Dance 44 <sup>th</sup> Annual Elders Gathering	Great Hall – Trent University**
November 1 – 30	First Nations Child and Family Caring Society Hosting Caring Across the Boundaries exhibit	Clarington Central Secondary School and various other schools
November 2 10 AM – 2 PM	Ezhi-Wijjikwendiyang Friendship Accord Signing (Canadian Association of Municipalities)	Lang Pioneer Village**
November 7	Inuit Day - David Ruben Piqtoukun, Inuit Artist & Sculptor, teaching about Soap Stone Carvings	Colborne Public School
November 8 11:55 AM	Alderville First Nation Chief Dave Mowat – Treaty Week	Cobourg Collegiate Institute
November 8	National Indigenous Veterans' Day	Various Schools
November 13	Indigenous Awareness Lacrosse Day	Bowmanville High School
November 14 7:00-8:30 PM	Colten Boushie Documentary – Film Screening and Community Discussion	Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute
November 15 9:15 AM	Métis Flag Raising	Education Centre
November 21 7:00-8:30 PM	Rumble – Film Screening and Community Discussion	Port Hope High School
November 28 7:00-8:30 PM	Our People Will Be Healed – Film Screening and Community Discussion	Bowmanville High School

Treaty Recognition Week is November 4 to 8. Ontario is covered by 46 treaties and other agreements, such as land purchases by the Crown. These agreements were signed between 1781 and 1930. Schools within the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board sit on land within the Williams Treaties of 1923, signed with the Mississauga and Chippewa Nations. The Williams Treaties First Nations include the Mississaugas of Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation, as well as other neighbouring First Nations. Treaties helped to establish relationships between First Nations and Europeans, and between people and the land.

## **Edsby**

If you are experiencing any difficulty accessing Edsby, our communications platforms for classroom photo/video sharing and academic sharing/assignment updates, please contact our school office.

