

The Grove

THE LATEST NEWS, EVENTS, AND UPDATES FROM NEWTON'S GROVE SCHOOL

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Welcome to our February Grove!

As we begin February, we are hopeful that the frigid temperatures are behind us and that our snow shoveling days are now a thing of the past! Even through the winter chill, the school has been a vibrant, action-packed place - full of energy, learning, and joyful moments.

This month, we have the special opportunity to celebrate Black History Month, reflecting on the achievements, stories, and contributions of Black Canadians and people around the world. It's a time to recognize the impact of history, honour those who have paved the way, and inspire our students to carry forward values of equity, respect, and justice in their daily lives.

February also invites us to refocus on our school theme of Kindness. As we celebrate Kindness Month and look ahead to Pink Shirt Day, we encourage our students to think about the small, everyday choices that make a big difference - welcoming a classmate, standing up for others, and showing empathy in our classrooms, hallways, and on the playground. These moments of kindness, coupled with an understanding and appreciation of diverse histories and voices, are what make our community strong.

This month's Grove highlights many of the experiences where we see our students living these values each day.





An incredible **TEDx Youth** Event!

Last week, our community was energized and inspired by an outstanding TEDx Youth event that showcased the depth, courage, and creativity of our students. Under the theme "What Will the World Be Like in 10 Years?", student speakers Isabella Thompson, Dylan Puri, Hala Elabbassi, Sfiyah Alli, Ariana Toor, Harvir Toor, Rita Jindal, and Kismet Dhuga took to the stage to share ideas that were both deeply personal and profoundly relevant.

Their talks explored powerful questions around identity, choice, time, technology, uncertainty, and hope - challenging us to slow down, think critically, stay present, and recognize our agency in shaping the future. Together, these students reminded us that the next decade is not something that simply happens to us, but something we actively influence through intention, mindset, and action. The insight, confidence, and empathy demonstrated on stage were truly remarkable and left the audience reflective, inspired, and proud.

A heartfelt thank you to the many students who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this event to life, and special appreciation to our Teacher Leader, Ms. Marha-Jo Lewis, for her vision, guidance, and constant support of student voice. This event was a powerful celebration of leadership, learning, and the future in the hands of our students.



Skating in the Junior School!

Our JK-Grade 5 students have been having an absolute blast on the ice every Wednesday! Skating has been filled with smiles, growing confidence, and plenty of joyful movement. Beyond the fun, these sessions support physical literacy, balance, and resilience - while building a lifelong skill that students can enjoy well beyond their school years. A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Ryan Penner, our Coordinator of Athletics, for organizing and making this wonderful experience possible for our students!





As report cards make their way home on Friday, we would like to take a moment to highlight their role in your child's learning journey. Report cards provide an important summary of progress, achievement, and the development of skills over time, aligned with curriculum expectations.

They are one meaningful tool used to communicate learning between home and school. At the same time, it is important to remember that a report card represents one of the important ways to report on your child's ongoing process of growth. It cannot fully capture the creativity, curiosity, perseverance, collaboration, and kindness your child demonstrates each day in the classroom. As such, we encourage families to view report cards as an opportunity for reflection and dialogue - celebrating successes, thoughtfully discussing areas for growth, and setting goals together for the months ahead. Learning is cumulative and lifelong, and each step forward contributes to your child's overall development. We also invite you to join us for Parent-Teacher Interviews, an opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and discuss their progress, strengths, and areas for growth. These meetings foster meaningful collaboration between home and school, helping to ensure each child receives the best possible support.

Please stay tuned for further information on booking your Parent-Teacher Interview(s).

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our students as they learn and thrive.

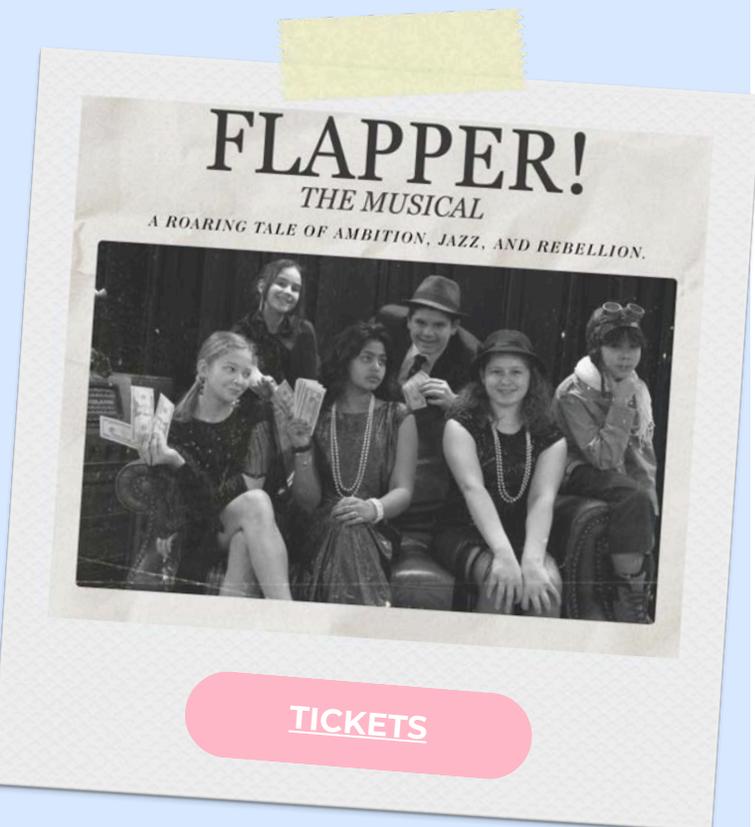


FLAPPER! THE MUSICAL

**JOIN US! February 12th at 11am
& 6:00PM**

Don't miss it! Our Middle School production, Flapper! The Musical, is coming up soon, and tickets are still available.

With great music, energy, and a talented cast, it's shaping up to be a fantastic show. Be sure to grab your tickets and come support our middle school performers.



Wearing the Uniform with Pride!

At NGS, our school uniform is more than a dress code - it is a visible expression of our shared values, our sense of belonging, and our pride in being part of this community. Students are expected to be in full school uniform each day, with Number 1 uniform worn every Tuesday. Wearing the uniform properly helps establish a sense of routine, respect, and readiness for learning, and it reinforces the standards we hold for ourselves and for one another.

We would also like to share a few common uniform concerns that we are noticing with increased frequency. These include, but are not limited to:

- Non-uniform hoodies or sweatshirts worn in place of approved uniform layers
- Improper footwear that does not align with school uniform guidelines that states all black shoes from soles to laces
- Missing or substituted uniform items on designated Number 1 uniform days



We recognize that oversights can happen from time to time; however, consistent attention to these details is important. As a school, we are committed to upholding our expectations fairly and consistently, and we appreciate your support in reinforcing them with your child. It is also important to remember that NGS regularly welcomes visitors, prospective families, and future students into our school. When our students are dressed with care and consistency, they send a powerful message about who we are - a school that values respect, responsibility, and pride in our traditions. Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping your child arrive at school prepared, appropriately dressed, and ready to represent NGS with pride.

'Today Is a Rainy Day'

To mark the start of Black History Month, we welcomed author and mental health advocate Sommer Knight, alongside co-author Desreanna Barnett, to Newton's Grove School. The pair read *Today Is a Rainy Day* with our Junior School students and led thoughtful conversations around mental health, emotions, and how to talk through difficult feelings. The session created a supportive space for reflection and reinforced the importance of empathy, self-awareness, and open dialogue.

Sommer Knight is a mental health advocate with a Master's degree in Psychiatry from McGill University and clinical experience supporting children and families in hospitals, community health centres, private practice, and school settings. **Desreanna Barnett** is an educator with over a decade of experience teaching students across elementary, middle, and high school classrooms, including work with Indigenous youth in northern Quebec. Together, they use *Today Is a Rainy Day* to help young readers, and their families, better understand emotions and navigate mental health conversations with care and confidence.



March Break Camps

Nike Basketball Camp



This March Break, Newton's Grove is hosting a Nike Basketball Camp—an action-packed week of top-level coaching, skill-building drills, real game play, and a special surprise on the final day that makes it one kids won't forget.

The co-ed camp is for players ages 7 - 15 of all skill levels.

Spots are filling up fast, so hurry up and secure your spot today!

Dates: March 16-20, 2026

Times: 9am-3:30pm

PLUS! Free early drop off from 8:30am

Aftercare: Optional after care available (FREE)

Location: Newton's Grove, 6850 Goreway Dr, Mississauga

» [LEARN MORE AND REGISTER FOR NIKE BASKETBALL CAMP](#)

NGS Grove Camp

We are excited to offer March Break Camps at Newton's Grove in 2025!

This multi-activity Grove Day Camp will keep your child active and engaged with a blend of basketball, soccer, dodgeball, STEM, arts & crafts, and other activities.

If you're interested in learning more about either of our March Break camps, we invite you to register.

Dates: March 9-13, 2026

Times: 9am-3:30pm

PLUS! Free early drop off from 8:30am

Aftercare: Optional after care available (FREE)

Location: Newton's Grove, 6850 Goreway Dr, Mississauga

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Summer Camps

This summer, Newton's Grove is offering six weeks of on-campus summer camps for students from JK through Grade 8, with a mix of academic enrichment, creative exploration, and high-energy sports programming. Camp offerings include favourites like Nike Basketball Camp, Soccer Camp, Multi-Sport Camp, Camp Brain Power by Brightsparkz Tutors, Camp Bright Minds STEM, and Scholars in Action, along with several age-specific programs designed to keep students engaged, learning, and having fun all summer long.



YOU CAN BOOK JUST ONE WEEK OR GO ALL IN FOR UP TO SIX - WHATEVER WORKS BEST FOR YOUR SUMMER PLANS.

MAJOR DATES FOR THE 2026 SCHOOL YEAR



FEBRUARY 3RD, 10TH, 17TH AND 24TH

Number 1 Uniform Days



FEBRUARY 17TH

Parent/Teacher Interviews (9:00am – 4:00pm)



FEBRUARY 6TH

Report Cards are available on Edsby



FEBRUARY 18TH

Parent/Teacher Interviews (4:00pm – 8:00pm)



FEBRUARY 12TH

Celebrate **LOVE**: Red, White and Pink Day!



FEBRUARY 20TH

Fashion Friday



FEBRUARY 12TH

Grade 5 – 8 “Flappers” The Musical 6:30pm @ The Assembly Hall



FEBRUARY 25TH

Pink Shirt Day



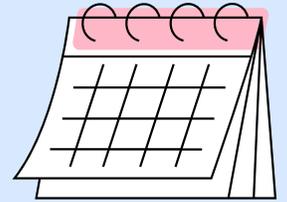
FEBRUARY 13TH – FEBRUARY 16TH

Family Day Long Weekend



FEBRUARY 26TH

Black History Assembly (parents and guardians welcome)



Re-registration Season Is Here!

As you are aware, I sent an email last week outlining the re-registration process and informing you that re-reg is open for the school year 2026/2027. You now register through your parent portal on Veracross. If you need assistance with the re-registration process, please contact Kim Mellet: kmellet@newtonsgroveschool.com

As we look ahead, I am grateful for the shared commitment that moves our school forward each day. The best of our work is always shaped by what we do together.



Should you have any questions or suggestions, our doors are always open to you!



Cheri Grogan

HEAD OF SCHOOL

