



“creating a village in the city”

Please Contact Us

We are located in the community room at
Kortright Hills Public School
 23 Parmigan Drive Guelph, ON N1C 1B5
kortrighthillsng@gmail.com www.khng.ca

Our Boundaries

- North** – Downey and Niska Rd from Hanlon to Niska Bridge - North to Stone Road;
- East** – Hanlon Expressway;
- West** – City Limits;
- South West** – City Limits to Downey Rd;
- South East** – Teal Dr. from Downey to Hanlon.

January 2025 issue

Visit us on the Web: www.khng.ca

KHNG BOOOnanza

KHNG would like to thank the community for supporting our 2024 Boonanza event last October. Over 200 people enjoyed the many activities, crafts, games and viewing several community vendor tables and much more. Thank you also to David Robertson for lending us three minions for our photo booth area.



KHNG WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR MANY SPONSORS & DONORS FOR SUPPORTING OUR 2024 EVENTS. WE WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY, HEALTHY 2025!



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Welcome!

If you are new to the Neighbourhood, we extend a warm welcome to you and your family! Please consider joining us for our regular monthly meetings to help plan social & recreational events.

Thank You!

A special 'thanks' goes to all of our volunteers and community partners, 26th Guelph Scout Group, Kortright Hills Public School and the GNCS. Your support for our Neighbourhood is greatly appreciated!

Stay Informed:

To get email updates of our Neighbourhood events delivered to your inbox, please send your request to kortrighthillsng@gmail.com. Visit our website, Facebook group or page telling you of upcoming events, programs and workshops.

Winter Info!



REGISTER TO ATTEND A SCOUTS CANADA STEM PROGRAMS NEAR YOU

Contact Larry, Group Commissioner

by email: lshtsa@gmail.com

Beavers	ages 5-7	meet Mon 6:30-7:30
Cubs	ages 8-10	meet Mon. 6:30-8:00
Scouts	ages 11-14	meet Tues 7:00-8:45
Venturers	ages 14-17	meet Tues 7:00-9:00

We are looking for volunteers, Join the Adventures

WE WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION & NEED YOUR HELP

Can you help us continue to deliver social and recreational programs for our community? In the coming months we are seeking your assistance with:

- * Planning of upcoming events
- * Becoming a leader with 26th Scout Group
- * Volunteering with KHNG

If these or similar opportunities are of interest to you, contact us today at kortrighthillsng@gmail.com
Your help is needed – e-mail us today!!



2024 KHNG executive committee & Ward 6 Councillors at Boonanza

Action Read Literacy Program

Action Read Early Literacy Program: Join us for **FREE** literacy and numeracy programs! Enjoy story-time, number and language games, songs, rhymes, word play, puzzles, crafts and nutritious snacks. Gain ideas, tips and resources for early literacy activities at home. Caring and nurturing staff, qualified in Early Childhood Education. Programs operate on a 'first come, first serve' basis in locations throughout Guelph. They are open to parents or caregivers with children aged newborn to 6 years. Register at the program site. For more information, or to check if a site is full, please call 519-836-2759. **KHNG site is located in the community room on Mondays from 9am - 12pm**



Want to Advertise in KHNG Newsletter

KHNG Newsletters Published in Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct 2025

Sponsorship Suggested Rate Scale:

Full page ad, graphics, logo and border
\$100.00 for Newsletter \$50.00 for Website

Half page ad, graphics, logo and border
\$50.00 for Newsletter \$25.00 for Website

Quarter page ad, graphics, logo and border
\$25.00 for Newsletter \$15 for Website

Business card size, graphic, logo and border
\$15.00 for Newsletter \$10.00 for Website

Small word ad, max 15 words, No graphics, FREE
Newsletter advertising helps fund KHNG events

Advertise in our next newsletter April 2025!!

**** KHNG OFFICE IS OPEN ****

REACH OUT TO OUR STAFF TO REQUEST USE OF THE ROOM

EMAIL: kortrighthillsng@gmail.com





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Winter Info Cont'd!

KHPS School Council 2024-2025 Information

Council Chairs:

Ainsley Otten & Susan Sinclair

Treasurer:

Jessica Piaseczny

Secretary:

Julie Rowe

Meet & Greet:

6:15pm

Formal Meeting:

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Location:

School Library

Monday, January 20	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Monday, February 24	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Monday, April 14	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Monday, May 26	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Monday June 23 (Tentative)	6:30pm - 7:30pm



Cobs Bread Program



KHNG is pleased to continue "Cobs Bread Program" in 2025.

Feel free to pick up items for your family or a family you know in need. Some items that may be available are loaves of bread, pizza, croissants, pastries, baguettes and bagels. (when available).

Cobs end of day giving program connects with the local community by helping every left over items find a home. It makes Cobs a real part of the community and helps reduce waste.

Cobs items will be picked up and delivered to the KHNG Community Room 23 Parmigan Dr. (entrance is last door on right off of north parking lot) to be sorted.

Mark your calendars to attend the below Cob dates:

Sunday January 5th & 26th, 2025 - 6:45 to 7:30pm

Sunday February 2nd & 23rd - 6:45 to 7:30pm

Sunday March 2nd, 23rd & 30th - 6:45 to 7:30pm

(Please note our closing time has changed and our doors close early if all items are picked up)

*** Please note dates above may change. Confirmed dates will be posted on our Facebook page and sent out via email. Connect with Leone by email kortrighthillsng@gmail.com if you have any questions ***

BRING YOUR OWN BAGS TO TAKE YOUR COBS ITEMS HOME

KHNG has a small food pantry of items for anyone who needs. When you are in the community room and see something from our pantry that you could use, please ask one of our volunteers to help you or if you can donate to our pantry, please bring & we can add to it.

We ask that you practice social distancing. Masks are optional.

If you would like to volunteer to help sort and distribute Cobs products please contact kortrighthillsng@gmail.com or Sign up using our google form link below: <https://forms.gle/yMYHf2CSznHo9r5u5>



KHNG GIGGLE CORNER....



The doctor called me today and said that I need to eat more greens, so I'm gonna start with some mint chocolate chip ice cream. 🍦

I'm multitasking: I can listen, ignore, and forget at the same time.

What do I like most about my job? Payday & lunch breaks & leaving.

Do you ever wanna lose weight but weight doesn't wanna lose you

YOU KNOW WHEN YOU BUY A BAG OF SALAD & IT GETS ALL BROWN & SOGGY?

COOKIES DON'T DO THAT

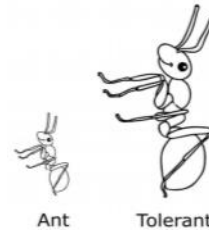
Ha! Ha! Ha!

ACUPUNCTURE



Whenever I have to fill out a form that asks "who to call in case of emergency"...

I always put "ambulance" because no one in my family is going to answer a call from an unknown number.



Makes perfect sense.

Ant

Tolerant

Look how instinctively, the mother croc carries the baby in its mouth. Nature is beautiful.



How to keep all the cookies to yourself



Winter Info Cont'd!



KHPS Dates to Remember 2024/2025

Mark your calendars, below are the student days off of school for both boards.

Upper Grand District School Board

H-Statutory Holiday P-Professional Activity Day B-Board Designated Holiday
E-Exam Day



Elementary Calendar:

Jan 1(H), 2, 3(B), 24(P)
Feb 17(H)
Mar 10-14(B)

Secondary Calendar:

Jan 1(H), 2,3(B), 23-29(E), 30-31(P)
Feb 17(H)
Mar 10-14(B)

Wellington District Catholic School Board

H-Statutory Holiday P-Professional Activity Day B-Board Designated Holiday
E-Exam Day



Elementary Calendar:

Jan 1, 2,3(B), 24(P)
Feb 17(H)
Mar 10-14(B)

Secondary Calendar:

Jan 1, 2,3(B), 23-29(E), 30-31(P)
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KHNG Fictionary

KHNG is pleased to introduce "Fictionary".

Each newsletter we will provide you with some obscure words without providing the meaning.

Search google to learn the meaning of these new word.

Boondoggle

Bildungsroman

Nefarious

Red Cross Stay Safe Course

Stay Safe Course by Red Cross

The Stay Safe! Course offers basic first aid and safety skills for youth 9-13 years old. Participants learn about being safe when they are without the direct supervision of a parent, guardian, or trusted adult, both at home and in their communities.



Date: Friday January 24, 2025
Time: 9am-3pm
Location: Kortright Hills Community Room
23 Ptarmigan Dr. Guelph, ON
Cost: \$68, includes course manual, certification card (youth to bring in bag lunch, snack and water bottle)
Age: Participants must be 9 years old or have completed grade 3

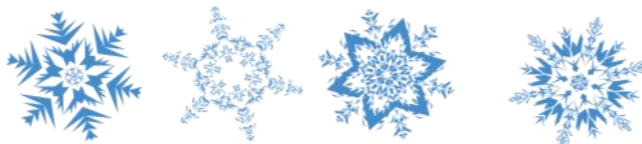
COURSE CONTENT

- The importance of responsibility and respect while being accountable for yourself
- The importance of setting and following safety rules when on your own
- How to stay safe at home and within the community
- How to prepare for, recognize and respond to unexpected situations (e.g., inclement weather, strangers, and unanticipated visits)
- Basic first aid skills



Red Cross Instructor:
Sarah O'Brien - 519-362-6478

Register using our google form link or Scan QR Code
<https://forms.gle/BSKTSAGmq4udHU9Q6>



KHNG Thursday Night Book Club & Games Night



NOW STARTING:

BOOK CLUB

Join us biweekly for fun books and crafts!

3:30-5:00 pm
Thursdays
Jan 16th - Jun 19th

23 Ptarmigan Dr.
In the KHNG Community Room
All ages!
Donations welcome :)



Game Nights!



Thursdays from
5:30-7:30 pm

23 PTARMIGAN DR.
ALL AGES!

Biweekly starting Jan 23rd until
Jun 12th!



Join us for nights of fun games and prizes!

This is a free event and all supplies will be provided!
Donations are welcome :)





Share Community News In The KHNG Newsletter:
KHNG sends an electronic newsletter, four times a year, next issue is April 2025. Want to advertise your business? Want to share your favourite recipe? Write an article of interest? Or are you a student looking to offer your services (i.e. babysitting, shoveling snow, cutting/raking the lawn). Send your information by E-mail to: kortrighthillsng@gmail.com. This is a great way for Kortright Hills Neighbours to come together by sharing thoughts, talents & services with our community neighbours.

Kortright Hills Community News!



Community Crime Report

ICYMI: Suspect caught & arrested in Kortright Hills

On November 5, a female trespassed around the homes located around the Niska/Ptarmigan area. Around 12:30am, she approached the front porch of a house on Trendell Lane but quickly left after seeing the homeowner's Ring security camera. Several minutes later, she tried to break-in to another home by crawling through a window while the tenants were asleep. The tenants were awoken by the noise and they alerted their landlord who lives upstairs. Just before 4am, another resident of Niska Road reported to police that the suspect was seen on the security camera walking around the property. The police finally caught the 36 year old Guelph woman and formally charged her with break & enter & trespassing by night.

KHNG Volunteer Appreciation

Thank you to our many wonderful volunteers that have helped us this past year with Eggstravaganza, Summer Chill Night, Boonanza, Friday Youth Nights and Cobs Bread Program.

Without your continued support we would not be able to have these events or programs offered in our community.

A Thank You social was held Thursday Dec 12th in the community room where we enjoyed snacks, refreshments and getting to know each other.

If you wish to get involved with KHNG please reach out as we are always looking for new members. Email Leone kortrighthillsng@gmail.com for more information.

THANK YOU
Volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you

Giving Tuesday and the Free Hot Chocolate Tradition

Every year, on the morning of the Tuesday after Black Friday and Cyber Monday, you'll find free hot chocolate being given from the driveway of 5 Ptarmigan Drive.

We started this tradition 10 years ago in 2014 when our sons, Noah and Daniel, were in grade 1. Giving Tuesday was relatively new then (to us at least) and my husband, John, wanted to use the occasion to help the boys understand the concept of doing something for others without expecting anything in return. Giving for the sake of giving. He's the one who came up with the idea to give out hot chocolate and every year he makes sure there are large pots of it ready to go in time for the morning rush of kids and families on their way to school.

The next year, in 2015, Noah and Daniel were joined by Noah's friends, Acadia and Brianna. While they've missed a year or two (thanks COVID!), Noah, Acadia and Brianna (and sometimes Daniel and other friends) have been doing it every year on Giving Tuesday since then. As some people want to give a donation, they also collect money to give to a local charity.

This year they gave out approximately 80 cups of hot chocolate and collected \$15.05 for the Guelph Humane Society.

Thanks to everyone who came by, and we'll see you next year on Tuesday, Dec 2, 2025!

Learn more about Giving Tuesday at www.givingtuesday.ca

Article and Photo
By Ruth Morton



#GIVINGTUESDAY

Kortright Hills Community Photos Captured



Halloween statistics 2024

2024 approximate number of trick or treaters listed on the streets below

- Bridlewood - 60 - 70
- Downey - 5 - 25
- Elsley - 75
- Foxwood - 15 - 20
- Hazelwood - 16
- Milson - 60 - 160
- Old Colony - 260
- Peer - 60
- Pheasant Run - 60
- Pintail Crt - 12
- Ptarmigan - 20 - 150
- Sandpiper - 50
- Tanager - 32 - 50
- Teal - 10
- Trendell Lane - 12
- Wagoners Trail - 65 - 70
- Waxwing - 136 - 138
- Weir - 200 - 250
- Wood Duck Court - 48
- Woodland Glen - 37 - 100



Kortright Hills Community News Cont'd!



Eggstravaganza

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND
KHNG 7TH ANNUAL "2025 EGGSTRAVAGANZA"



SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025
12PM TO 2PM

KORTRIGHT HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL GYM
23 PTARMIGAN DR.

KHNG Youth Nights



IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
23 PTARMIGAN DR.
AGES 6+ WELCOME!

S.T.E.A.M
YOUTH NIGHT
JANUARY 17TH - JUNE 20TH
FRIDAY'S AT 6:30-8:30 PM

REGISTER NOW!

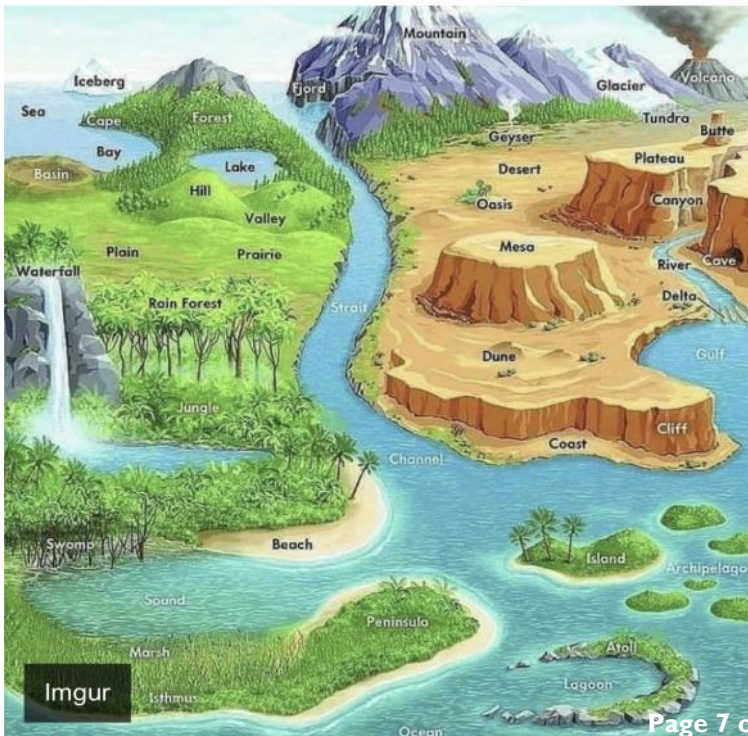
THIS IS A FREE EVENT AND ALL SUPPLIES ARE PROVIDED

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT S.T.E.A.M.,
HAVE FUN AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

*\$5/YOUTH DONATIONS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS
APPRECIATED*

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Guide for geographical features



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**Trees
FOR
TOTS**

Christmas Tree Pick-up Service
Saturday, January 11, 2025

Registration opens the first Monday in December

Scan the QR Code
to register or for
more info:



treesfortots.ca
519-826-9551 x125



All funds raised benefit the
Children's Foundation of
Guelph and Wellington

Kortright Hills Community News Cont'd!



Spotlight on Kortright Hills' Resident - Linda Main

How long have you lived in Kortright Hills? I moved here from Brampton. We built the house and moved in on June 30, 1989. I had two small children at the time. We welcomed our third child in Feb 1991.

What is the most significant changes you have seen or encounter in the Neighbourhood since you first moved here? Molison park was just greenspace. There was some old-fashioned swings, teeter totter and sandbox. When we bought the house we were told a school was being built soon. We were all happy that approx. 50 of the neighborhood children would be going to Aberfoyle PS. Finally the school we were promised opened Sept 2000. Hasty Market, the tennis courts and the paths all came around then too. Phase II of KRH started construction in the 90's. What was significant about this development was the introduction of mixed housing. We had larger homes over 2000 sqft and then some smaller homes of 1500 sqft and the two townhouse complexes at 39 and 60 Ptarmigan. When we built our home we were told it had to be a minimum of 2000 sqft. At first the original Kortright residences were concerned that the smaller housing could devalue their property. This of course never happened and mixed housing is now a set standard in all new neighborhoods being developed. Apparently, Guelph was the pilot project for laying out neighborhoods in this fashion.

In your opinion, I would add or improve the following to make the Neighbourhood better because... Probably the only issue is that commuters use Downey Rd to get to the Hanlon. The installing of bike lanes, the two crossing locations on Downey and the speed bumps have helped to reduce the speeds. I really love our neighbourhood.

How long have you been a real estate agent? I have been an agent since July 2006. My first career was as a high school math teacher.

What housing trends do you foresee for 2025? The housing trends are going to be for the continuation of multi-dwelling units. Especially low rise. Our neighborhood is unique in that it is situated on the boundary of Puslinch and is all farmland or grand river conservation. Do to I do not see this neighborhood expanding for at least 10 years or longer. The first indication of this change will occur when sections of the farmlands are parceled and sold to developers. Presently, the land west of Downey, south of Pheasant Run is privately owned.

Lets talk about 50 Shades of grey - the colour, not the book/movie. Do you have a favourite grey paint colour? No not really. My house needs grey accents colors for doors and windows since my brick is a very unique color of burgundy. I was very young when we built the house and choose a none traditionally color. I just went with a grey color with green undertones but don't quote me. I leave all color choices for in my house to a professional with a keener eye.

Do you watch any of the reality TV shows about home renovations like Property Brothers or Fixer Upper? I actually don't. I think because I look at houses for a living, I don't have an interest in seeing more on my spare time. Although, I did like watching Gillian Harris on Love it or list it. That was a regular program for me for a while.

If I could live anywhere in the world, I would like to live in Germany. I have family there. I love the idea of being able to get on a train or plane and be in another country in 2 hours. My cousins go to Greece, Italy, Portugal, Canary Islands, Prague, Croatia etc. I love the historical sites of Europe.



2024 Community Housing Stats

Total sales in KH: 32

Number detached sales: 23

Range of price: \$810,000 – 1,350,000 First was a 1600 sqft home – 2500 sqft home

Av days on Market: 33

Av price: \$1,102,097

Range of days on market: 2 – 109

Number of Townhouses: 9

Range in price: \$ 625,000 to \$770,000

Av days on Market: 38 days

Av Price: \$682,389

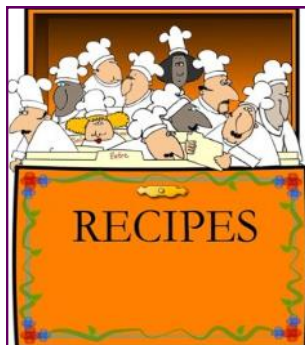
Range of days on Market: 6 to 103



Kortright Hills

Recipe

Corner!!



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Snowman Cheese Ball

Ingredients:

2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
 1 (8-ounce) package shredded pepper Jack cheese
 1 tablespoon salt-free Cajun seasoning, such as T-Don's Cajun Goods No Salt All Purpose Blend
 1 (1-ounce) packet ranch dressing mix
 10 whole peppercorns
 1 baby carrot
 1 jalapeno pepper with stem
 crackers for serving



Directions:

Mix cream cheese, pepper Jack cheese, Cajun seasoning, and ranch dressing mix together in a large bowl; divide mixture to form one small cheese ball for the head and one larger cheese ball for the body. Wrap and chill in the refrigerator for 4 hours or up to overnight before serving.

Place larger cheese ball on a serving plate for body. Place smaller cheese ball on top for head. Slice the tip off baby carrot; press into cheese ball for nose. Use whole peppercorns for mouth, eyes, and buttons. Cut the top, with stem, from a jalapeno, and place on top for a hat. Serve with crackers.

Instant Gingerbread Hot Chocolate

Ingredients:

1 cup cocoa
 1 cup white sugar
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 2 teaspoons ground ginger
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 pinch cayenne pepper (optional)



Directions:

Add cocoa, white sugar, brown sugar, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, salt, and cayenne to a bowl, and whisk thoroughly to combine.

Store in an airtight container until needed. Be sure to stir very thoroughly before each use.

To make hot chocolate, heat milk over medium heat until it almost starts to simmer. Whisk in 2 tablespoons of instant gingerbread hot chocolate mix per 1 cup milk.

Once everything is mixed together and dissolved, and the milk is piping hot, transfer into mugs and enjoy.

Winter Fruit Salad with Poppyseed Dressing

Ingredients:

1/2 C white sugar	1/2 C lemon juice
2 tsp diced onion	1 tsp Dijon-style prepared mustard
1/2 tsp salt	2/3 C vegetable oil
1 tblsp poppy seeds	1 head romaine lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces
4 oz shredded Swiss cheese	1 C cashews
1/4 C dried cranberries	1 apple - peeled, cored and diced
1 pear - peeled, cored and sliced	

Directions:

Combine sugar, lemon juice, onion, mustard, and salt in a food processor or blender; process until well blended. With machine still running, add oil in a slow, steady stream until mixture is thick and smooth. Add poppy seeds, and process just a few seconds more to mix.

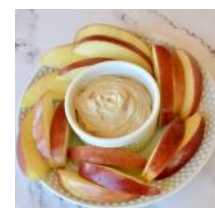
Toss romaine lettuce, shredded Swiss cheese, cashews, dried cranberries, apple, and pear together in a large serving bowl. Pour dressing over salad just before serving, and toss to coat. Page 9 of 10



Apple Dip

Ingredients:

1 (8 ounce) pkg cream cheese
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1 tablespoon vanilla extract



Directions:

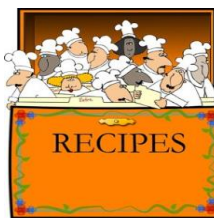
Stir cream cheese, brown sugar, and vanilla extract together until sugar has dissolved and mixture is smooth.



YOU ARE THE APPLE OF MY PIE!



Kortright Hills Recipe Corner!!



Mom's Fabulous Chicken Pot Pie with Biscuit Crust

Ingredients:

1/4 cup butter
1 small onion, chopped
3 medium celery ribs, chopped
3 medium carrots, chopped
2/3 cup frozen peas
3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups lower-sodium chicken broth
2/3 cup half-and-half cream
salt and ground black pepper to taste
3 cups cooked chicken, cut into bite-size pieces
1 (16.3 ounce) can refrigerated flaky-style biscuits (such as Pillsbury Grands)
1 large egg yolk, beaten
1 tablespoon water



Directions:

Gather the ingredients. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Melt butter in a skillet over medium-low heat. Add onion, celery, and carrots and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 15 minutes.

Stir in peas, flour, parsley, and thyme and cook, stirring constantly, until the flour coats the vegetables and begins to fry, about 5 minutes.

Whisk in chicken broth and half-and-half, and cook until the sauce is thick and bubbling. Stir in cooked chicken, and season with salt and pepper.

Transfer chicken, vegetables, and sauce into a 7x11-inch baking dish. Arrange biscuits on top of the filling.

Beat egg yolk with water in a small bowl. Brush mixture over the biscuits.

Bake in the preheated oven until the biscuits are golden brown and the pie filling is bubbly, 20 to 25 minutes.

Remove from the oven and let rest for 10 minutes before serving.

Cooking
is
Love made visible

Mashed Sweet Potatoes

Ingredients:

6 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed
3/4 C warm 2% milk
1/2 C butter, cut into chunks
3/4 C maple syrup, or to taste



Directions:

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add sweet potatoes, reduce the heat to medium-low, and simmer until tender, 20 to 30 minutes. Drain and transfer to a bowl.

Mash potatoes with a potato masher. Slowly mix in 1/2 cup warm milk at a time until desired consistency is reached. Stir in butter and maple syrup until well blended and butter is melted. Serve warm.

Peanut Butter Cup Cookies

Ingredients:

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1 large egg, beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 tablespoons milk
40 miniature chocolate covered peanut butter cups, Unwrapped



Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Sift flour, salt, and baking soda together in a bowl; set aside. Cream butter, sugar, peanut butter, and brown sugar together in a separate bowl until fluffy. Beat in egg, vanilla, and milk.

Add flour mixture; mix well.

Shape into 40 balls and place each into an ungreased mini muffin pan.

Bake in the preheated oven for 8 minutes.

Remove from oven and immediately press a mini peanut butter cup into each ball. Let cookies cool before carefully removing them from the pan.

Enjoy!