

# NORWOOD NEWS

February 2010

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## Message from the Office

We have now reached the half-way point of the 2009-2010 school year and it is exciting to see the academic and personal/social growth in our students over the past five months.

The staff and students at Norwood School have been focused on the positives. Currently, the staff have handed out 2078 yellow positive recognition slips to students. Students receive these slips when they have been caught following an EBS expectation (ie: using kind words, playing safely on the playground, to name a few).

To date only 10 office referral forms have been sent home. This certainly is an attest to the positive impact the EBS program has on our students and to the teachers, who consistently model and reinforce positive behavior and choices. Congratulations to our students and staff. Keep up the awesome work!

Sincerely,

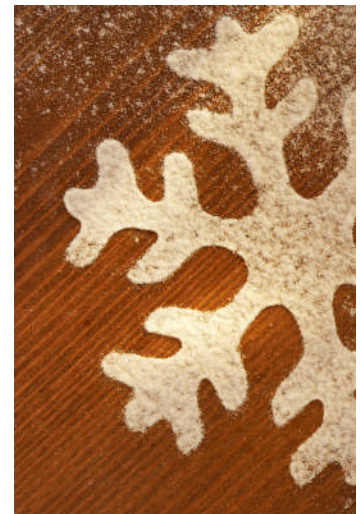
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## February Twilight

I stood beside a hill  
Smooth with new-laid snow,  
A single star looked out  
From the cold evening glow.

There was no other creature  
That saw what I could see--  
I stood and watched the evening star  
As long as it watched me.



## ***INTRAMURAL UPDATE***

The Basketball schedule is almost finished and the finals will be played February 8th. The students are showing great team work and their skills are steadily improving each game. Good luck to all six teams! Thanks to Mrs. Hofbauer for organizing the teams/league and all staff for supervising the games.

## ***RABBIT HILL SKIING***

Our school will be providing students in grades 4-6 the opportunity to downhill ski/snowboard in the month of February and March. We have booked two days for this extra-curricular activity, February 9th and March 10th, leaving the school at 8:40 am and returning by 4:45 pm. This is an optional activity for students and those that wish to participate will be registered once they have paid the required fees. This activity is currently full and we are unable to accept any further registrations. Thank you for such a great response.

## ***NORWOOD LEADERSHIP GROUP***

The Leadership Group is currently working on ideas for assisting in Haiti and the Spring Dance. The students continue to be busy with doing morning exercises, running assemblies and assisting in supervising the Games Room on Mondays and Fridays.

The Games Room will run until March. We have purchased a large number of games for the students to play for all age ranges. The admission is \$1.00 which goes toward the Playground Fund for Norwood School. The fund is well over \$120.00

### **Spring Dance**

The group is working on plans for the family spring dance. We are looking for items for the silent auction (all funds will go to the playground fund) and for volunteers to assist that evening. Please let Mrs. Mattia or Mr. Venance know if you can assist in some way.

## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

Feb. 2	7:00 Parent Council Meeting
Feb. 4/5	Teachers' Convention—No classes
Feb. 9	Rabbit Hill Ski Trip (Gr. 4 –6)
Feb. 11	Parent Session @ 7:00 pm
Feb. 12	Assembly @ 1:00
Feb. 15	Family Day Holiday
Feb. 18	Coffee and Baking 8:15—8:45
Feb. 24	Hot Lunch Day
Feb. 26	Assembly @ 11:30 am
Feb. 26	Early Dismissal @ 12:00

## ***PARENT COUNCIL NEWS***

The next parent council meeting will be held on February 2nd at 7:00 pm in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend.

The playground fund has grown to approximately \$36 000.00. Thank you for your continued support, as the parent council works toward this great goal which will benefit our students for years to come.

## ***HOT LUNCH DAYS 2008-2009***

February 24: Family Pizza Day/Jersey Day

March 24: Career Dress up Day

May 19: Beach Day

## ***VOLUNTEERS AT NORWOOD***

A huge thank you to the parents who volunteer at Norwood School, be it in classrooms or after hours. Your time, help and assistance is appreciated and helps make this a great place to be.

If you are interested in helping out in some way, please contact Mr. Venance or Mrs. Mattia.

## ***PARENT SESSION***

### ***CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT:***

**What to Expect Emotionally and Physically**

I look forward to working with our parents on February 11th regarding this topic. It will be an informative, fun filled evening. See you at 7:00pm in the school library.



## ***NORWOOD SCHOOL WEB SITE***

[www.norwood-school.org](http://www.norwood-school.org)

For a copy of the monthly calendar for this month, please go to our website and open up School Events-Monthly Calendar.

### **eTeachers**

Several teachers have activated their eTeacher's account on the Norwood School Website. This feature is located on the home page. Once you click on eTeachers you then choose the teacher of choice and their page will come up. Several teachers have posted homework and weekly reminders on this page. Do take the time to check it out.

## ***SCHOOL CLOSURE INCLEMENT WEATHER 2009-2010***

The single factor that precipitates the need to close school is the health and safety of students. Any conditions of weather or other circumstances which impair health and safety are cause to seriously consider school closure. All school closures will be posted on the WRPS website and the Norwood School Website. Announcements of school closure will be made over radio stations: CFCW, CKJR, CHED,CKGY, and CBC by 7:00 am. Global Television is also contacted and asked to make closure announcements. It should also be noted that parents are not required to send their children to school if, in their judgment, weather conditions are detrimental to the safety or well-being of their children.

### ***STAFF PARKING LOT***

Due to the increase in the number of staff at Norwood, the parking lot is full. Please refrain from parking, dropping/picking up students or turning about in the staff parking area at all times. as staff have varying hours of employment.

### ***ROSA'S BIRTHDAY***

Thank you to all the families that sent in donations towards our foster child, Rosa. The birthday celebration raised \$327.92, which will go towards the Foster Parent Plan.



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## ***NORWOOD'S MISSION/VISION***

The Norwood Team has updated our mission and vision, which assists us in providing "Success for Everyone, Everyday."

**Mission:** "We are becoming life-long learners in a changing world"

**Vision:** "The learning environment is one in which all learners, children and adults, grow and succeed."

**Motto:** "Success for Everyone, Everyday!"

### ***LOGO CONTEST***

Norwood School is looking for a new logo to match our new motto. The students of Norwood have been asked to design a logo with the world and people in it. Please make sure it is completed on plain white paper. All entries are due to the office by February 8th. Make sure you have your name marked on the back of the entry.

### ***PRE-REGISTERING AT NORWOOD SCHOOL FOR 2010-2011***

We are currently accepting names for Kindergarten and other new students (Gr. 1-6) to Norwood School for the 2010-2011 school year. Kindergarten students should be five years of age on or before December 31, 2010. Our Parent Information meeting for Kindergarten (ECS) will not take place until later in the spring, if you have a new student you would like to enroll at Norwood School for next year, we ask that you call the school now (780-352-3782) so we can record your child's name and address.

Students residing in the Norwood School attendance area will be given first priority. Other students would be accepted based on our ability to provide an appropriate educational program, class size and the date the registration form was completed.

If you know of other families that may be interested in Norwood School, please ask them to contact our school right away.

**FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES**

**Who: The Rotary Club and Catholic Social Services Sign of Hope**

**When: Monday, February 15, 2010**

**Where: By the Lake Park**

**Time: 1:00—3:00 pm**

**What: Sleigh rides, ice skating, tobogganing, face painting, tours of fire truck, ambulance and police car  
Refreshments provided free of charge to those attending**

**ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR**

**SURVEYS**

Alberta Education is conducting the annual Accountability Surveys from January to February 2010.

Parents of students of grades 4, 7 and 10 students will receive a survey mailed to their homes directly from Alberta Education. In addition to English and French, the survey will be available in Mandarin/ Cantonese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog. Parents wishing to have surveys in a language other than English or French can contact their principal.

In February, students in grade 4 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online through their schools.

All surveys are anonymous and no reports will be issued if the number of respondents is fewer than six to further protect the privacy of respondents. Respondents are expected to answer the questions based upon the experiences they have had at their school.

We strongly encourage your participation as the results help us identify our school and jurisdiction's strengths and weaknesses.

**Precision Reading at Norwood School**

Precision Reading is a reading intervention tool taking place daily with individual students at Norwood School. Students receiving this intervention have made great gains over the past 3 weeks. They have developed strategies to enable them to increase their rate of reading and recognition of words (i.e. automaticity in reading). As a result, they have become more confident, skilled readers! The success of this intervention is very exciting. Thank you so much to Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Brand for helping to carry out this program and for creating a successful environment for these students.

Mrs. M. Johnson



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**NEIGHBOUR OUTREACH  
WETASKIWIN**

The Grade 4 students at Norwood School spent the morning of January 22nd at the centre. The students had the opportunity to see the different ways the centre supports individuals in need within the community of Wetaskiwin. They had a tour of the facilities, had an opportunity to work in the kitchen (supervised of course), help with inventory and several other tasks.

The Norwood School community continues to look for a community service project our students and staff can become involved in. If you have ideas or suggestions for a community service project, please let us know.

**CAREER DAY**

We are planning a Career Day for the Grade 1 to 6 students at Norwood School, on March 24th. The students will have the opportunity to hear about 10 different careers. The planning committee will be sending out request for presenters.

Students will have the opportunity to dress up as a career they are interested in on this day. More information will be provided in the March Newsletter.



**NORWOOD NEWSLETTER DRAW**

(Please cut out and return to the school. If more than one student in the home, send a small note with a parent signature and the student's name.)

This is to certify that I have received and read the Norwood News for February, 2010.

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_



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