

# NORWOOD NEWS

January 2010

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## Message from the Office

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! We hope everyone had a relaxing break as we prepare to enter the final half of the 2009—2010 School Year. The upcoming months are highly curriculum focused and both staff and students will be working hard to complete the requirements set out by Alberta Education.

In light of New Year's Resolutions, we would like to take time to think about all the things that make Norwood a great school to be at...our EBS program comes to mind. This program continues to focus on teaching and reinforcing positive behaviors throughout our facility. Please check it out on our school website.

Sincerely,

Rick Venance

Jodie Mattia

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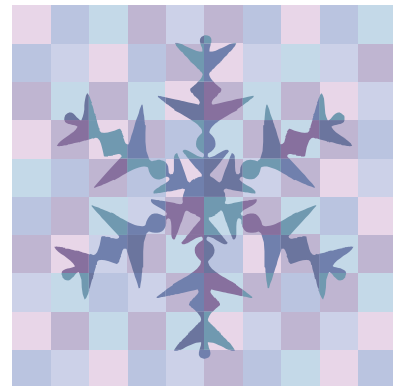
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## January

January opens  
The box of the year  
And brings out days  
That are bright and clear.  
And brings out days  
That are cold and gray,  
And shouts, "Come see  
What I brought today!"

Leland B. Jacobs



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## ***CHRISTMAS CONCERT***

Congratulations to all our students and Mrs. Gusdal for entertaining our audience of over 600 people at this year's Christmas Concert. It was a huge success! A big thank you to all the teaching, support staff and parents who assisted with the concert.

Congratulations to Nagib Krammedine for winning the 50/50 draw of over \$4800.00

A huge thank you to all the parents, family and friends who purchased 50/50 tickets.

## ***PARENT COUNCIL NEWS***

The next parent council meeting will be held on January 12th at 7:00 pm in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend.

## ***COLLABORATION TIME***

We are seeking volunteers to assist us during collaboration time on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:40 to 10:15 am. If you are able to assist, please drop by the office or give Mrs. Mattia a call at the school. This is a great opportunity to see our EBS program first hand!

## ***RABBIT HILL SKIING***

Our school will be providing students in grades 4-6 the opportunity to downhill ski/snowboard in the month of March. We have booked two days for this extra-curricular activity, February 9th and March 10th. This is an optional activity for students and those that wish to participate will be registered once they have paid the required fees. There will be more information sent home this month. This year we are opening up this activity to grade four. We have the capacity to take 45 students, the sign-up will be on a first come, first serve basis.

## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

Jan. 4	School Resumes
Jan. 12	Parent Council Meeting @ 7:00
Jan. 15	EBS Assembly @ 1:00
Jan. 20	Hot Lunch Day
Jan. 28	EBS Assembly @ 8:45
Feb. 4/5	Teachers' Convention (No classes)
Feb. 9	Skiing Trip (Gr. 4-6)

## ***HOT LUNCH DAYS 2009-2010***

January 20: Soup/bunwich/Crazy Hat/Hair Day

February 24: Family Pizza Day/Jersey Day

March 24: Career Dress Up Day

May 19: Beach Day

## ***A BIG THANKS TO OUR STUDENTS!***

We would like to acknowledge Norwood students for working hard each day, acting responsibly in school, playing safely on the schoolyard, patrolling the cross-walks, listening during assemblies, coming to school on time, removing their boots at the door, completing homework assignments, helping younger students with lunches, returning library books on time, walking quietly in the hallways, keeping our school clean, assisting and taking part in the intramural program and participating in choir.

We have an awesome school due to the great students and the wonderful things they do for others.

## ***PARENT SESSION CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT: WHAT TO EXPECT EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY***

Mark February 11th on your calendars at 7:00pm! If you have questions about what to expect as your child grows (emotionally and physically) and if you are wondering what in the world we teach in human sexuality. If you have ever asked yourself, is it just my child that does this? This evening is for you. Please join us in the school library.



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## ***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.

## ***STREET CROSSING AT NORWOOD***

Just a reminder to cross at the two designated crosswalks with and without your children. The school has received several complaints from community members concerned about individuals crossing in the middle of the street and not at the crosswalks.

## ***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. Announcements of school closure will be posted on school and district websites. Announcements may 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.

## ***WINTER WEATHER TIPS***

Winter weather has arrived, we just want to review some basic safety information in regards to our students. We will be sending students outdoors at recess if the temperature does not drop below -20C, which also takes wind-chill into consideration. Proper winter clothing is necessary and should include winter coats, ski pants, headgear, mitts and winter boots. We ask that you put your child's name on their winter boots as many students seem to have the same brand of boots and they do, from time to time, get mixed up.



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## ***NORWOOD ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT***

The Annual Education Results Report for Norwood School 2008-2009 is now on our School Website for viewing. You can access the report at [www.norwood-school.org](http://www.norwood-school.org).

## ***NORWOOD LEADERSHIP GROUP***

### **FOOD BANK**

The food bank donation drive was a huge success! Thank you to all who donated food! The class that collected the most food was 4W and 5B was very close behind. The students and families at Norwood made a difference for many community families this holiday season.

### **GAMES ROOM**

The games room will be opening this Friday, January 8th at 12:35 for Grade 4—6 students. Mondays will be for Grade 1 to 3's and Friday's will be for Gr. 4-6. The admission is \$1.00 and all proceeds go towards the playground fund. The games room raised \$100.00 in the month of December. This is a great opportunity for students to play organized board games.

### **SOCK HOP**

Due to the Christmas Concert date change we were unable to host the Sock Hop for Grade 1-3 and 4-6. We will be rescheduling the sock hop, watch for further updates in February.

## ***STORYTELLER EXTRAORDINAIRE***

Mary Ann Lippiatt will be visiting our school on Jan. 11th. She will be spending an hour with each group and sharing "Story in My Pocket" which is an interactive storytelling/sharing experience. Parents are welcome to attend.

ECS—Gr. 1: 9:15—10:15  
Gr. 2—Gr. 3: 10:45—11:45  
Gr. 4—Gr. 5: 1:05 - 2:05  
Gr. 6 : 2:10—3:15

**Grade 6 Poetry**

**The Flea Market**

**I Smell:**

Buttery Popcorn  
Warm buns  
Fresh fruit  
Tasty ginger cookies

**I Hear:**

Money clanging  
People talking  
Music  
Old People talking  
People selling stuff

**I See:**

Signs  
Tables  
Yummy food  
Clothing  
Jewelry

**By Katie**

**The Flea Market**

**I see:**

Fresh Flakey Bread,  
Cheerful children playing with toys,  
Seniors sewing sweaters,  
People grabbing ginger cookies.

**I hear:**

People clapping coins,  
Children chanting for new toys,  
People finding friends.

**I smell:**

Small shiny cinnamon buns,  
Buckets full of fresh fruit,  
Warm toasty toast.

**By Sierra**

**Flea Market**

**I see:**

Old cold clothes,  
Smelly moldy money,  
Tiny shiny jewelry,

**I smell:**

Warm crispy cinnamon buns,  
Big Jumbo Burgers,  
Tasty buttery popcorn,

**I touched:**

Moldy rotten shoes,  
Flat wobbly skateboard,  
Fresh chewy vegetables,  
Rough decomposed books.

**By Miguel**



***NORWOOD NEWSLETTER DRAW***

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

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

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

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



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