



NORWOOD NEWS

June 2010

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Message from the Office

As we enter the final month of the school year, we reflect on our time together. As we look ahead, inevitably there is change within the world, the school, the family and the children we work with. Change can be difficult and it can be exciting. Education is continually changing and transforming, especially now as our government phases in the inspiring education and setting the direction initiatives. This may mean significant changes within the educational setting affecting all stakeholders in the near future.

As we plan into the 2010—2011 school year, Norwood will be experiencing changes also. These being the reduction of 1.5 staff members and the loss of the resource program for Language Arts and Mathematics for Grade 2 to Grade 6. These changes are due to budget restraints. However, on a positive note we will maintain the music program for all students. We do look forward to working with you in the fall and wish each of you a wonderful summer!

Rick Venance

Jodie Mattia



AWARDS ASSEMBLY

The year end assembly will be on June 29th @10:35 am. The assembly will acknowledge our volunteers for the 2009-2010 school year, student awards and our grade six class will be honoured. At 2:30 pm we will conclude our year with a fabulous slideshow "A Year At Norwood School"

Parents and relatives are welcome to attend both celebrations.

BECOMING A SCHOOL TRUSTEE

CALLING ALL CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD

The time is fast approaching for voters to decide who will shape and direct local education for the next three years. Elections for school trustees take place October 18, 2010 and it's not too early to think about who you would like to see as candidates for this important office.

Having good trustee candidates in the upcoming election is critical because school boards make decisions about how education is delivered locally – including the operation of schools. School board policies directly impact the development of our children and affect community interests.

That's why, on behalf of our board, I would encourage people with an interest in children and a vision for local education to consider running for trustee. Nomination day is September 20, 2010.

Our central office has information about becoming a school board trustee. You may also wish to visit the Wetaskiwin Regional Public School website www.wrps.ab.ca. We encourage people to stop by or call to have the information sent to you. Trustees are also available to speak about trusteeship. Call our central office number at 780-352-6018 for more information.

Yours truly,
Rob Reimer
Board Chair

WRPS PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS 2009-2010

The Board of Trustees received the ten year Strategic Facilities Plan and will hold public consultations on the draft recommendations. Three public consultations are scheduled for June 2nd at Falun Elementary School, June 9th at Wetaskiwin Composite High School and June 16th at Buck Mountain Central School. Each meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. for coffee and registration with the consultation process starting at 7:00 p.m. and concluding at 9:00 p.m.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 1	Gr. 2 Field Trip
June 3	Gr. 1 – 6 Track Meet @ 8:45 am
June 3	Final Hot Lunch Day
June 4	Alternate Track Meet Day
June 7	Class Pictures
June 9	Public Consultation @ WCHS
June 10	Library ends– Return all books
June 11	Farmer's Day
June 15	PAT Gr. 3 LA/ Gr. 6 SS
June 16	Gr. 4 Field Trip
June 16	Gr. 5 Field Trip
June 16	PAT Gr. 6 LA
June 17	ECS Final Day and Fun Day
June 17	Gr. 1 Field Trip
June 17	PAT Gr. 3 Math/Gr. 6 Math
June 18	PAT Gr. 6 Science
June 21	Talent Show Auditions
June 21	Gr. 3 Field Trip
June 25	Patrol/Leadership Lunch
June 25	Gr. 1 Field Trip
June 28	Talent Show @ 1:30
June 29	Awards Assembly @ 10:35
June 29	Slide Show presentation @ 2:30
June 29	Last day for students

HOT LUNCH DAYS 2009-2010

June 3 will be the final hot lunch day for this school year. Thank you to Mrs. Helen Bye for coordinating the Hot Lunch Program this year!

TRACK AND FIELD DAY

Track and Field this year will include students from Grade 1 to Grade 6. The students will be involved in a variety of activities throughout the day. The activities include: ball throw, soccer kick, running long jump, standing long jump, hurdles, 50m/75m, accuracy toss, javelin, basketball throw, high jump and obstacle course.

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for this day. If it is a hot day, please remember sunscreen, hats and a waterbottle. Running shoes are a must. You may wish to consider bug spray as we have a friendly, abundant flock of mosquitoes in our field at present.

Come and join us on June 3rd (June 4th if it rains on the 3rd)!

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Are you busy on August 7th? Parent Council is looking for 10 adults to assist with the Blues Brews and Bar-B-Q. There will be a 50/50 draw taking place during this event with the proceeds going towards the Norwood School Playground Fund. Please contact Kim Stashko at 780-352- 8953 if you are available.

Playground Funds Update

The following is a snapshot of fundraising, approximately \$20,000 was raised this year for the playground fund:

Mundare Sausage:	\$5000
50/50 Cash for Christmas	\$4800
Lion's Club Donation	\$5000
Kinsmen Club Donation	\$3500
Family Dance	\$4000
Hot Lunch	\$ 700
Ladies of the Moose	\$ 250

The Parent Council has been approved for a casino in the next year. The goal is to raise another \$50,000 throughout the next year and break ground in 2011. Thank you to the school community and the Wetaskiwin Community for the donations thus far!

WRITE-ON SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thank you for the excellent response to the Write-On School Supplies orders. The orders will be arriving during the week of June 15th. A note will be sent home, notifying parents of pick up instructions. School supply lists will be located on our website.

LEADERSHIP GROUP-FAMILY DANCE

The family dance was a roaring success! There were 200 plus in attendance, with much fun had by all. Thank you to all the community members and families who donated items for the silent auction. As mentioned above through ticket sales, silent auction items, 50/50 draw tickets and the concession sales, we raised approximately \$4000 to go towards the playground fund.



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PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT EXAM SCHEDULE FOR 2010

Grade 3

Tuesday, June 15 Language Arts - Part B

Thursday, June 17 Mathematics

Grade 6

Tuesday, June 15 Social Studies

Wednesday, June 16 Language Arts Part B

Thursday, June 17 Mathematics Part B

Friday, June 18 Science

EBS YEAR END INFORMATION

Our EBS program is now completed for this school year. Overall, we had a very successful year, with students working hard to follow the expectations of the school. All of Norwood students were placed on one of our three House Colors at the start of the year. The final points earned are as follows:

Blue Streaks:	48 168
Yellow Lightning:	48 849
White Wizards:	47 401

A total of 3393 positive recognition notes were given to students this year. Congratulations to the Yellow Lightning for earning the most points for the 2009-2010 school year!

ECS INFORMATION FOR 2010-2011

The ECS program at Norwood School will be going through some changes for the 2010-2011 school year. Staggered entry will be from September 2 to 8th. Regular classes will begin on September 9th. ECS class will run from 8:30 am to 11:30 am, Monday to Friday. The program end date will be June 28th, 2011.

GRADE 2 SWIMMING LESSON

The Grade 2's have completed their swimming lessons. A big thank you to staff for supervising this activity.

PATROLLERS OF THE WEEK/ MONTH

Congratulations to the Patrollers of the month for May. A huge thank you to all the patrollers for their outstanding dedication this year and to Mrs. Hawken for supervising and organizing the patrollers daily!

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

As the year comes to a close, most field trips tend to occur. Parents will be informed well in advance of the details of the field trip. Students must have a signed permission slip at the school before they can go on the field trip. These forms will be sent home with students providing details of the trip. Teachers will inform parents if there is a need for volunteers.

NORWOOD SCHOOL WEB SITE

www.norwoodschool.ca

For a copy of the monthly calendar, please go to our website and open up Monthly Calendar.

RETIREMENT

The staff and students at Norwood School would like to wish Mrs. Jan Asp the best in her retirement. Mrs. Asp has taught for 32 years and will be dearly missed! Enjoy your journey ahead!

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Summer camps are back for 2010! For more information call 780 352-4643 Ext. 27, or visit www.wetaskiwinyouth.ca. Pamphlets will be available starting May 20th at the Boys and Girls Club or on the website.

Brianna Sweet
Justin Wieclaw—Program Coordinator

BABYSITTING COURSE

This course is designed for youth 11 years and up who want to become a babysitter or may already be one.

Ages: 11-15

Cost: \$50 per participant

Length: 8 hours

Date: Friday, June 11, 2010 (Farmer's day)

Time: 9 am—5 pm (bring a lunch)

Instructor: Brianna Buskas

Location: Wetaskiwin Fire Hall #1
5940-40 Avenue

Contact: b.safetytraining@hotmail.com
780-312-4640

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR!

HAVE A FANTASTIC SUMMER!



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