

NORWOOD NEWS

May 2010

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Message from the Office

April showers bring May flowers! As the rain falls and the wind blows I am reminded we are nearing the completion of the school year. With two months to go, there is much to do and accomplish. This month is like many others in the school year, a busy one; with the family dance and silent auction; provincial achievement tests for Grade 3 and 6; along with several programs wrapping up.

We would like to commend our students for their behavioral choices on the playground. The positive choices they have been making, has resulted in a drastic drop in the number of students visiting the indoor room. Way to go!

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The Voice of Spring

by Mary Howitt

I am coming, I am coming!
Hark! the honey bee is humming;
See, the lark is soaring high
In the blue and sunny sky,
And the gnats are on the wing
Wheeling round in airy ring.
Listen! New-born lambs are bleating,
And the cawing rooks are meeting
In the elms--a noisy crowd.
All the birds are singing loud,
And the first white butterfly
In the sunshine dances by.
Look around you, look around!
Flowers in all the fields abound,
Every running stream is bright,
All the orchard trees are white,
And each small and waving shoot
Promises sweet autumn fruit.



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SUCCESS FOR EVERYONE, EVERYDAY

SPRING CONCERT/OPEN HOUSE

A huge thank you to all the students and parents who attended the spring concert and open house on April 27th. The students showcased the excellent music program at Norwood, which Mrs. Gusdal leads. Congratulations to the Norwood Choir and Mrs. Gusdal in their recommendation to provincials on May 7th in Edmonton. We know you will shine like the stars you are.

COLLABORATION TIME

A heart felt thank you to all the parent volunteers and support staff who assisted with delivering collaboration lessons this year. Without your dedication, time and support, this would not have been possible. Teaching staff used this time to work together and have found it so very valuable.

INTERNET SAFETY

Computers and the internet are common place today and with this, at times, we as parents, forget the dangers of the internet. Social networking sites seem like a great, safe way for students to interact outside of school hours, however, this may lead to online bullying, harassment or slander of character issues. For some, they believe, they are alone at the computer or the person they are emailing or networking (Facebook, MSN, etc) is not visible so it is safe and acceptable to write what they may not say to their face. The issue with this type of behavior is once the send button is pushed the comments are for public viewing. The comments are no longer your private thoughts. The analogy we have used with students is, it is like putting it on the front of a newspaper for all to read that can get their hands on and you are the author.

Attached to the newsletter this month is a pamphlet on internet safety. An excellent site is www.netsmartz.org check it out.

INTRAMURAL UPDATE

The intramural program is complete for this school year. Congratulations to the Blue Thundercats for winning the floor hockey championships.

A big thank you to Mrs. Hofbauer for all the time and effort in organizing intramurals and the staff for supervising.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 4	Parent Council @ 6:00 pm
May 7	Family Dance 6:30—8:30
May 7	Choir at Provincials
May 11	Gr. 3 Prov. Achieve. Test LA
May 12	Gr. 6 Prov. Achieve. Test LA
May 13	Gr. 2 Swimming
May 14	Assembly @ 1:00pm
May 19	Class Pictures
May 19	Gr. 4 Notables
May 19	Hot Lunch
May 20	Gr. 2 Swimming
May 24	No School (Victoria Day)
May 28	Final EBS Assembly

HOT LUNCH DAYS 2009-2010

May 19 Subway/Beach Day

COUNSELLING CORNER

The Comprehensive Counselling Committee will be meeting this month to review the first year of implementation of Norwood's Program Plan and look towards our second year of implementation.

I will be wrapping up individual counseling sessions by the end of May. If you'd like to touch base with me regarding services I have provided, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Mrs. Mattia

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

In April, Student verification forms were sent home. Thank you to all who have returned them. If you have not returned the form, if you could to so as soon as possible it would help us for preparing for the following school year. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

SHORT CUT TO THE CURE

If students are wishing to register as a team or an individual for Short Cut to the Cure, they can do so online www.albertacancer.ca/shortcut

Short Cut to the Cure is taking place on May 29 this year.

LEADERSHIP GROUP

FAMILY DANCE

Norwood School's Leadership Group is organizing the Family Dance and Silent Auction on May 7th from 6:30—8:30 pm to raise funds for the Playground.

Silent Auction items can be dropped off at the school until May 5th. A huge thank you to community members, parents and staff for their generous donations. The auction items are excellent and range in interest from children to adults. All auction items will be pulled at 8:30 and picked up by before bidders leave.

There will be refreshments for sale at the dance for a dollar each. This will include water, pop, chips and candy.

Parent Council will be organizing a 50/50 ticket door prize draw during the dance. The tickets will cost \$2.00 each.

Tickets are on sale until May 5th for the cost of \$3.00/person or \$10.00/family. Family tickets will be sent home with students on the 5th, please bring these to present at the door upon arrival on May 7th. There will be no ticket sales at the door, so purchase your tickets early.

All proceeds from this event; ticket sales, refreshment profit, silent auction funds, and 50/50 revenue will go towards the playground fund, so come out and support the Leadership Group as they raise funds for their playground.

This will be the final event for the Leadership Group this year. Thank you to this group of students who have put forth an outstanding effort this year and truly made a difference at Norwood.



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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Norwood School's "Destination Book Fair" was held from April 22nd to April 28th. Mrs. Hawken would like to express sincere thanks to all the parents, staff and others who purchased many books at the fair. Also thanks to all the volunteers who helped in any way. Without your support the book fair would not be so successful. The school is pleased that the parents are contributing to Norwood and to the library. For every book that is sold the school receives 60% profit and 40% is returned to Scholastic. We have had 2 book fairs this year and we were fortunate enough to bring in over \$7,000 total. Our destination book fair prize winners were students from Kindergarten, Grade 2, Grade 4 and Grade 5. Our \$50 event evening winner goes to Ms. Wyllie (\$25) and 2 students in her class (\$25). The library benefits from the fairs and is purchasing over 100 new books with the profits, as well as, receiving a certificate for future buying and purchasing books through the book orders. As the Librarian, I'm glad you value and take pride in your children's future for the love of reading.

PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT EXAM SCHEDULE FOR 2010

Grade 3

Tuesday, May 11 Language Arts - Part A

Tuesday, June 15 Language Arts - Part B

Thursday, June 17 Mathematics

Grade 6

Wednesday, May 12 Language Arts - Part A

Tuesday, June 15 Social Studies

Wednesday, June 16 Language Arts - Part B

Thursday, June 17 Mathematics

Friday, June 18 Science

GRADE 2 SWIMMING LESSON

The Grade 2's will be wrapping up their swimming lessons at the end of this month. Students will continue to walk to the pool.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Norwood School Parent Council will be holding their final meeting of the school year on Tuesday, May 4th @ 6:00 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion in the Les Bradey Room. The council will be discussing the following items:

- Playground
- Planning for 2010-2011:
 Parent Council
 School Budget for 2010-2011
- Spring Dance

Parent council is looking for new ideas and faces for the 2010—2011 school year. Come to the meeting and get involved at Norwood!

WRITE ON SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thank you to all the parents/families who placed Write On School Supplies orders. The orders will arrive at the school on June 15th. In the June newsletter, information regarding pickup date, time and procedure will be provided. Each student package will come sealed and inside is a printed list with the students' name to be attached to all their supplies.

All orders are due in the office by May 5th, unfortunately, we are unable to accept any late orders.

NORWOOD SCHOOL WEB SITE

www.norwoodschool.ca

For a copy of the monthly calendar, and select full calendar to print or view.

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 and the cost of admission.

NEW RESOURCES

Norwood School has received a \$650.00 grant through SCHEP to purchase numerous resource to support our Comprehensive Health Plan, which will also support our Comprehensive Counselling Program. The resources are not only for the teaching staff but also for our parents. The Norwood School Library has a parent section and soon it will be seeing some excellent resources on parenting, anxiety, grief, how boys and girls learn differently. Resources should be arriving throughout this month, so come and check it out.

NORWOOD NEWSLETTER DRAW

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

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

STUDENT'S NAME _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____



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