



NORWOOD NEWS

September 2009

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Message from the Office

Welcome to the 2009 – 2010 School Year! We hope your summer was relaxing and you had an opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Our staff is looking forward to working with the parents and students who will be attending Norwood School.

Back to school is a special time for students, as there are many new and exciting changes for them; new teachers, friends and learning experiences. As well, our staff will be working with new students, new subject areas and implementing new instructional strategies to cover curriculum. With the start of school, also comes the re-establishment of important routines, in the classroom and at home.

We look forward to working with you this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office, and we will do our best to help you.

Sincerely,

Rick Venance

Jodie Mattia

MEET THE STAFF NIGHT

Mark September 16th @ 7:00 pm on your calendar! Come and meet the staff at Norwood School. The intent of this evening is to provide parents with an opportunity to meet the staff who will be working with your child this year.

There will be a short presentation in the gym at 7:00, with the remainder of the evening for touring the school and visiting your child's class. If you need to speak to your child's teacher about your child's needs or a specific manner, please schedule an appointment at an alternate time.



NORWOOD SCHOOL STAFF

We are fortunate to have several new staff members joining our team this school year:

Teaching Staff:

ECS: Ms. A. Kokott
Gr. 1: Miss J. Davis
Mrs. R. Sendeki
Gr. 2: Mrs. L. Dahl-Perras
Miss S. Nicol
Gr. 3: Mrs. J. Asp
Mrs. K. Shepansky
Gr. 4: Miss D. Wyllie
Gr. 5: Mrs. C. Brown
Mrs. J. Gusdal/
Mrs. J. Vandermeer
Gr.6: Mrs. M. Hofbauer
LAP: Mrs. S. Gibson

Resource: Mrs. M. Johnson
Mrs. J. Mattia

Vice Principal/ Mrs. J. Mattia
Counsellor
Principal Mr. R. Venance

Support Staff:

Admin. Assistant:
Mrs. L. Christie

Librarian: Mrs. D. Hawken

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs. C. Bentley
Mrs. L. Brand
Ms. N. Buwalda
Mrs. D. Feldberg
Ms. K. Goertzen
Mrs. B. Goode
Mrs. A. Grant
Mrs. C. Hebig
Mrs. H. Merchant
Mrs. M. Richards
Ms. M. Weissner
Ms. C. Wood

Custodians:

Ms. V. Berglund
Mrs. V. Crane

BELL SCHEDULE

8:30 First bell
10:15 Recess
12:05 Lunch
12:30 Recess
12:55 Classes Resume
3:15 Dismissal for bus students
3:18 Dismissal for non-bus

We ask for students to not arrive at school before 8:20 am, as supervision starts at is time. Students are asked to go directly home after school as there is no supervision on the playground. Students may return to the playground after 4:00 pm.

Students who do not take the bus are welcome to eat lunch at school. Each classroom has a microwave for students to have the opportunity to heat their lunches. Due to the number of students bringing items to heat up, each item may only be heated for one minute. This way, all students will be able to heat their lunches in the provided time.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student success is directly related to attending school on a daily basis. However, there will be times during the year students will be away. Wwe ask parents to please contact the office if your child will be absent. If we do not hear from parents/ guardians, the school will contact home to ensure the parents are aware of the absence.

COMMUNICATION

We believe our students, parents and staff benefit from working together as a team to support learning. Each Grade 1 to 6 student is provided with an agenda for daily communication between school and home. The School Handbook is located at the front of the agenda and contains important information. If there is a situation or a question you have, contact the school and we will do our best to help.



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EMERGENCY PLANS

Prior to school starting each year staff review the Emergency Crisis Plans. In the event of a situation where we would be required to leave the school grounds, staff will lead students directly across the street to the Church of God. For further information on our Emergency Procedures go to our website www.norwood-school.org

SCHOOL PATROL/SAFE CROSSING

At Norwood we have a very active and dedicated School Patrol Program. Grade 5 and 6 students will be manning crosswalks at 44th street and at 56th avenue before and afterschool. Please have your children cross at the crosswalk and not run across the street in front of the school, as this a very high traffic area before and afterschool.

PARKING AT THE SCHOOL

Just a friendly reminder that the front of the school is not a drop off zone or parent parking area. This area is designated for busses from 8:20-9:00am; 11:50—12:10 and 3:20—3:40pm. Thank you for keeping our students safety at the forefront.

PARENT SESSION: FOSTERING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS IN OUR CHILDREN

Are you concerned about how your child handles social situations? Does your child ever have any friendship issues? These questions plus many more will be covered during this Parent session held at Norwood School. Norwood's Comprehensive Counselling Committee has planned this session. Mrs. Mattia will be presenting ideas and strategies you can use at home to help support your child. Plan on attending and bring a friend on September 24 @ 7:00 pm in the Library.

EXCITING NEWS AT NORWOOD

Norwood School will be implementing the first year of its Comprehensive Counselling Program Plan (can be viewed on our school website). Many new and exciting programs will be launched this fall and throughout the school year. In September, students in Grade 5 and 6 who are interested in Leadership opportunities within the school will have their chance to be part of the Leadership Club. Students interested in the environment may be interested in joining our Recycling Crew. And older students who enjoy helping younger students will have their chance with our Lunch Buddies program. Watch for more information on these and many more ways to become involved at Norwood.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR TEACHERS— SEPTEMBER 25TH

The first 1/2 day Professional Development Day will be on September 25th. Students will be dismissed at 12:00. Bus students will be picked up at this time. If there are alternate arrangements for your child that day please notify the school. Staff will be working on improving teaching practices.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS-FEE

The Instructional Materials Fee for the 2009-2010 school year is \$40.00 per student for ECS to Grade 6. The instructional material fee assists in providing necessary materials for student instruction. Fees are to be paid at the office and are due by September 30th. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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TERRY FOX RUN

Norwood School will be holding our Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 18th starting at 2:30 pm. Students are requested to donate a twonie (\$2.00) for Terry will be forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation. Students will participate in a presentation in the gym and then we will be walk/running outside.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Students in Grade 4 to 6 will have the opportunity to participate in the Rod Driebert Cross Country Run at Peace Hills Park. The event will take place on Wednesday, September 23 from 10:00 am to 1:15 pm. Students will be bussed out to the run in the morning and will return in early afternoon. A big thank you to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Hofbauer for coordinating this event!

MILK PROGRAM

Norwood School provides a milk program for students. Milk (white and chocolate), yogurt tubes, juice, ice cream sandwiches and fudge bars available. Yogurt tubes and juice are \$0.50 all other items are \$0.75. Milk cards can be purchased at the office for \$6.00 (10 purchases), these may not be used to purchase ice cream products. The Milk Program runs out of the LAP class.

COFFEE AND BAKING

On September 24th starting at 8:15 am Mr. Venance and Mrs. Mattia will be serving Coffee/ Tea and baking for parents. Please plan on stopping for a few minutes we would love to see you. We will be located in the front foyer of the school.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 8 EBS Starts
- Sept. 14 Staggered Entry for ECS
- Sept. 16 Meet the Staff @ 7:00 pm
- Sept. 16 Parent Council Meeting @7:45
- Sept. 18 Terry Fox Run @ 2:30 pm
- Sept. 21 ECS Starts
- Sept. 23 Cross Country Run Meet
- Sept. 24 Leadership Club Mtg. @ 12:30
- Sept. 24 Coffee and Baking @ 8:15 am
- Sept. 24 Parent Session: Relationships @ 7:00
- Sept. 25 Assembly @ 11:30
- Sept. 25 1/2 Day Professional Develop (12:00 Dismissal)
- Sept. 30 School Pictures starting @ 8:45 am

PARENT COUNCIL September 16

The Parent Council meeting will take place at 7:45 pm in the Library, during the Meet the Staff Night. At this time, the 2009-2010 Council Executive will be elected. Meetings take place once a month throughout the school year. All parents are welcome! We look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

NEWSLETTER AND MORE...

Newsletters will be sent home once a month from the office. In following months only one newsletter per family will be sent with the youngest. School-wide notes will follow the same procedure. All newsletters and notes home from the office will be posted on our School website.

NORWOOD NEWSLETTER DRAW

This year one student from ECS to Grade 3 and Grade 4 to 6 will be drawn from the returned slips that month and will have an opportunity to choose a scholastic book.

(Please cut out and return to the school)

This is to certify I have received and read the Norwood News for September, 2009.

STUDENT'S NAME _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

SCHOOL FEES

School fees for the 2008-2009 school year are now due. Payment can be made to Norwood School. Fees are \$45.00 per student per year. Parents/guardians have the opportunity to not participate in this program, which would mean they would have to purchase the text books on their own. A waiver form is available at the office.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Pyramid Book Fair was again a huge success. I would like to thank Mrs. Elder for helping set up and assisting during the Open House on Friday night, along with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Wood. The kids had a fun time building and designing their own pyramids which made it very exciting. Our lucky winners for free books were Grade 1— Jordan Lalonde, Grade 3—Greyson Scolah and Grade 6— Dylan Harris. Leif Dahl won the Guess How Many Dinosaurs Draw, and the \$25.00 Scholastic Family event winner was Grade 5 student Dakota Nurse! Congratulations!

With the participation of the parents and coming out to the Family Night we raised over \$2100.00. This money is used to purchase books for the library from the fair and a certificate to purchase books at a later date. We purchased over 100 new books that will be circulating in the library very soon. Thanks again, for your support.

Mrs. Hawken, Librarian



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STUDENT HEALTH

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools and the Regional Health Authority are partners in their commitment to healthy schools and community. We value parents' insights and are looking for their input in identifying health needs. We are conducting a survey to guide us in identifying priorities and developing programs to meet these needs.

Please take a few moments to provide us with your thoughts by participating in our Parent Survey. Your responses will be kept completely confidential. Go to the Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools website to participate. www.wrps.ab.ca

BOYS AND GIRLS BIG BROTHERS OF WETASKIWIN

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION
www.wetaskiwin youth.ca

November 3—November 13, 2008

Photo's and descriptions of items will be on our website. Check it out starting November 3.

Some items up for auction:

Westjet trip for 2
Orange County Chopper 20" bike
Corner Gas autographed items
Eskimos and Oiler autographed photos
Oilers/Oil Kings/Icemen tickets

Call 780-352-4643 for more information

