



NORWOOD NEWS

November 2009

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Message from the Office

November is upon us, which is difficult to believe. We are all looking forward to the return of Mr. Venance this month, he has been missed by all. October was a busy month and November is shaping up to be just as busy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, students, and staff for your support and understanding over the past month. There have been some challenges in the past month and I appreciate the open dialogue. There have also been some great successes, such as students doing the morning announcements and running the school assemblies.

November is Parent-Teacher Conference time and we look forward to seeing you. Please drop by the office and enjoy a Tim Horton coffee and a snack served by students from our Leadership Group.

Sincerely,

Rick Venance

Jodie Mattia

Winter Is Coming

I walked down the lane
past the maple tree,
and Postman wind
brought a note to me—
a small yellow note
from my friend the tree!

You call it a “leaf”
just drifting down?
Why, it says, “Old Winter
will soon be in town!”
So it’s really a letter
the tree send down!

By: Rochelle Nielsen—



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

**WHEN: TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY—
NOVEMBER 24 & 25
TIME: 5:00-8:00 PM**

Interview forms have been sent home, and need to be returned by November the 5th. (Please return one form per family). For these interviews, all parents/guardians will be scheduled an interview time.

Parent-Teacher conferences offer parents the opportunity to meet teachers and discuss in person their children's education, as well as, learn about the school and curriculum. It is also an opportunity for teachers to learn more about the students from their parents.

Some things to consider regarding conferences:

- Talk to your child first. Find out what your child likes or dislikes about school.
- Make a list of things that will help the teacher understand your son/daughter better.
- Ask the teacher for recommended activities and readings for your child.
- Before attending the conference, make a checklist of the points you want to discuss. How much homework is expected? What testing methods are used? How are marks calculated?
- Discuss with your child about the conference (even if they attended) after the conference is over.
- Remember that the conference may be over, but your communication with the teacher is not. Stay in contact throughout the year.

Report cards will be issued on Friday, November 20th, 2009.

Parent Session:

Thank you to all the parent for attending the Study Skills Session.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 1-7:	Safe Railway Crossing Week
Nov. 3:	Parent Council Mtg. 7:00 pm
Nov. 3:	Sausage Pick Up
Nov. 5:	Picture Retakes
Nov. 10:	Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:45 am in gym
Nov. 11:	Remembrance Day—No school
Nov. 19:	Assembly @ 8:45 am (EBS)
Nov. 20:	Report Cards issued
Nov. 24-25:	Parent Teacher Interviews 5:00-8:00 pm
Nov. 25:	Hot Lunch Day
Nov. 26:	1/2 Day PD (Dismissal @ 12:05)
Nov. 27:	No School—Day in lieu of interviews

HOT LUNCH DAYS 2009-2010

November 25: Western Dress up Day
January 20: Crazy Hat/Hair Day
February 24: Family Pizza Day/Jersey Day
March 24: Career Dress Up Day
May 19: Beach Day

FIELD TRIPS:

As noted on our website, field trips have not been cancelled at Norwood School for the 2009—2010 School year. The staff are currently looking at new and innovative ways of doing field trips in fiscal challenging times. Please watch for further communication on this matter.

NEWSLETTER DRAW:

If there is more than one child in a home that attends Norwood School, parents can send a small piece of paper with the child's name and parent signature on it and it will be added to the draw barrel for the Newsletter Draw.

The Boys and Girls Club Silent Auction

Online Silent Auction at www.wetaskiwnyouth.ca
Nov. 2—Nov. 12

PATROLLERS OF THE MONTH

Four patrollers are selected each month for their outstanding work and dedication to helping Norwood's population cross the street. Patrollers of the month will be recognized during our EBS assemblies.

BOOK FAIR

The "Galaxy of Books" book fair held from October 21st to 28th was a huge success! Thanks to the Grade 6 students, parents and teachers for their assistance in helping with the Open House Family Night on Oct. 23. Thank you to the families for your support.

Many families attended the Open House. There were four book prize winners in ECS, Grade 2, Grade 3, and Grade 5. The Family Night winner of the \$50 book draw was a student in Grade 2. The individual student received \$25 worth of free books and the teacher received \$25 worth of free books for their classroom. Due to the success of the book fair our school received over 110 books valued at \$1000. Thank you again for your support.

Mrs. Hawken

NORWOOD SCHOOL WEB SITE

www.norwood-school.ca

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

When: Monday, November 10
Time: 10:45 am—11:20 am
Where: Norwood School Gym

All parents/guardians/friends are welcome to attend and be part of this special assembly.

SAFE CROSSING

Thank you to parents and students for taking the time to cross at the 2 marked crosswalks. It is great to see so many individuals making the safe choice.

SAFE RAILWAY CROSSING

During the week of November 1—7 students will be learning about making safe choices outside of school and near the railway tracks. This is an important topic for residents of Wetaskiwin. Please ask your child what they have learned later this month.

PARKING IN BUS LANES

Thank you to all parents for parking across the street from the school. We have noticed great improvements in our bus parking zone from last year. Busses do arrive from 8:20 am to 9:00 am, 12:00 to 12:15 and 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm.

HAND SANITIZERS

Norwood has recently had hand sanitizers installed at 4 locations in our school building. The goal is to have a healthier workplace for all.

INFLUENZA TIPS

With flu season upon us here are a few tips to assist in keeping healthy:

1. Frequent thorough handwashing.
2. Hands off Face approach (keep hands away from mouth, eyes and nose).
3. Drink warm liquids.
4. Boost your natural immunity with food rich in vitamin C.

Norwood has also had a Deep Clean by custodial staff. Thank you Ms. Berglund and Ms. Crane for working to keep everyone healthy. The students have also received education on how to cough and sneeze to reduce the spread of germs and how to wash their hands properly.



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PARENT COUNCIL NEWS:

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on November 3 @ 7:00 in the school Library.

November 3rd is Mundre Sausage Pick Up day. Orders will be available for pick up starting at 12:00 for ECS students. Orders can be picked up in Mrs. Johnson's classroom (Room 12).

Again this year, Mundre Sausage was a great fundraiser for the Parent Council's quest for a new playground at Norwood School. The event raised over \$5000.00!

If you eat out at Boston Pizza in Wetaskiwin, save your receipts and turn them into the school office for Operation Education.

The next fundraiser is Cash for Christmas 50/50 Draw. Tickets will be \$2.00. Each student will be sent a package to sell. If you are not interested in selling, please return to the tickets to the school promptly so they may be sold by another student. Selling starts on November 16 and will close December 7, 2009. The draw will be made at the evening Christmas Concert Performance on December 15, 2009.

LEADERSHIP GROUP

The Norwood Leadership Group is hard at work, planning a Food Bank Drive for the Christmas Season. Leadership students will be talking with classes and advertising the event this month. This group has amazing ideas and it is a pleasure working with them.



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PROVINCIAL ACHEIVEMENT RE-SULTS FOR NORWOOD 2009

A= Achieved Acceptable Standard
E= Achieved Excellent Standard

SUBJECT	A	E
Language Arts 3	77.8	18.5
Math 3	95.2	33.3
Language Arts 6	100.0	20.8
Math 6	100.0	16.7
Science 6	100.0	29.6

Our students achieved above the acceptable provincial standard in all subjects. We also were above the jurisdiction average in all subjects. Well done students and staff!

THANK YOU PARENTS!

I would like to send out a huge thank you to the parents who have so generously given of their time to assist during Collaboration time on Wednesday and Thursdays. Collaboration would not happen if it weren't for you. Thank you so very much. If you are interested in volunteering 40 minutes (9:40-10:15) of your time, please contact Mrs. Mattia at 780-352-3782.

NORWOOD NEWSLETTER DRAW

(Please cut out and return to the school)

This is to certify that I have received and read the Norwood News for November 2009.

STUDENT'S NAME _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____



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