

NORWOOD NEWS

October 2009

Principal: Mr. Rick Venance

Vice Principal: Mrs. Jodie Mattia



Message from the Office

October is upon us and we are seeing the leaves change colour and fall. The start of the 2009 – 2010 School Year has been very positive. Several new initiatives have begun at Norwood School: the Recycling Crew and the Leadership Club to name a few. Let's not forget the ever so fantastic and popular Choir which takes place Wednesdays at lunch recess and School Patrollers. Check the Norwood School website for upcoming opportunities for student and parent involvement.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who attended the Meet the Staff night in September. Once again, the Norwood Parent Council is comprised of active parents and the focus is to fundraise towards a new playground for our students.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher or the office.

Sincerely,

Rick Venance

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Leaf Dance by Rochelle Nielson-Barsuhn

If you were a leaf,
would you dare
leave your tree home
to dance
in the air?

I would.
I'd fall and whirl,
Waltz and swirl.
I'd help spruce up the ground
in rust, gold, and brown.



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PARENT COUNCIL INFORMATION

The Parent Council Annual General Meeting was held on September 16th, 2009. Room Representatives are still needed for several grades. If you are interested please contact the school or attend the October Meeting. The Parent Council Meeting this month will be held on October 6th @ 7:00pm in the School Library. Hope to see you there.

Parent Council 2009-2010

Chair: Mrs. Kim Stashko
Vice Chair: Mrs. Brandy Lund
Treasurer: Mrs. Beth Philipp
Secretary: Mrs. Carrie Suchotzky
Hot Lunch: Mrs. Helen Bye
Fund Raising: Mrs. Sherri Scolah
COSC: Mrs. Kathy Leith
Class Representatives:
Gr. 1: Need 2 reps

Gr. 2: Brandy Lund
Need 1 more rep

Gr. 3: Helen Bye
Need 1 more rep

Gr. 4: Sherri Scolah

Gr. 5: Linda-Lee Hickey
Kathy Leith

Gr. 6: Corry Cowan

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Our enrollment at this time is 245 students. This is an increase of 30 students from last year. We are very excited to see Norwood School growing. We currently have two of each grade except for Grade 4 and 6 which are both large classes.

WEBSITE

The Norwood School Website is new—make sure to check it out frequently, as the site is updated weekly. www.norwood-school.ca



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LUNCH REMINDERS

The Milk Program is up and running. Students can purchase: milk (white and chocolate), yogurt tubes, juice, ice cream sandwiches and fudge bars. 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 classroom.

Microwaves are in each classroom – thank you for being mindful of the one minute maximum time limit to heat up items.

PARENT SESSION

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Fostering Positive Relationships in Our Children last month. The power point handout has been placed on the Norwood Website under Programs-Comprehensive Counselling Program.

STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Are you not sure how to help your child study for tests, what or when to do homework, or how much homework should your child be doing??? If you have any of these questions, the next Parent Session is for you!! Study Skills is being held on October 29th @ 7:00 pm in the School Library. Please bring your friends—refreshments will be provided.

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. We 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.

If families are taking a holiday/vacation during school time, please let your child's teacher know, however, the teacher may not be able to send all school work with the child as much goes on in a classroom daily. We trust the educational experience of the holiday will outweigh the missed curricular expectations.

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.

Due to an increase in staff at Norwood, we have just enough parking spaces for staff. Thank you for parking along the west side of the street or at the church for drop off.

STUDENT DROP OFF

Students have been reminded to go their outside doors in the morning and not enter the school and go to their classrooms. Supervisors are on the playground at 8:20am and at this time teachers are preparing for the day ahead. The exception is ECS and they may come through the front doors and wait outside the ECS room. We do ask older siblings to remain out on the playground until the bell rings. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

SCHOOL PATROL/SAFE CROSSING

AMA School Patroller have been hard at work since the first day of school, assisting students, parents and staff in crossing the street safely before and after school. There has been a significant decrease in jaywalking and students being called to cross in the middle of the street. It is great to see safety being modeled for our students. Thank you.

NORWOOD ASSEMBLIES

At Norwood, we have assemblies approximately every 2 weeks to recognize students who have been following the school's behavioral and social expectations as outlined in the EBS package sent home during the first week of September (it is also posted on the school website). Parents are welcome to attend, dates will be posted on the website and on the school sign.



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CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

On September 23rd, twenty-eight Norwood Students participated in the Robert D Cross Country Run. Seven students placed in the top 12 of their age category. Students will be recognized at our next assembly. Congratulations to all students who trained and ran. Thank you for the hard work and dedication.

COUNSELLING

Due to office circumstances I am not able to work with students one on one this month. I am available for crisis situations. If your child does require counseling services please contact me and I will happily make a referral so your child has the support they require. I apologize for this inconvenience and look forward to November when I will resume working this students on a consistent basis. Mrs. Mattia

LEADERSHIP GROUP

On September 24th the Leadership Group met. The group is made up 20 Grade 5 and 6 students. The students will be assisting and running future assemblies, morning announcements, being Norwood School Ambassadors, being a sounding board to new ideas and will be able to bring forth new ideas. This is a new venture for Norwood, the students are very motivated and excited about this group.

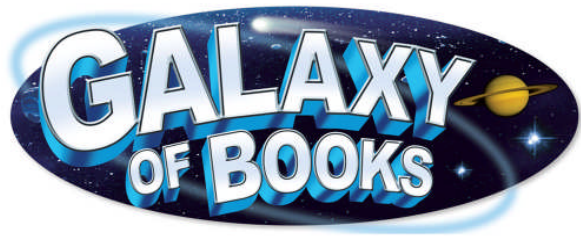
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS-FEE

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 past due. Please pay at your earliest convenience Thank you for your attention this matter.



BOOK FAIR

Norwood School is hosting a “Galaxy of Books” book fair that will soar you to all the planets. The opening date is Wednesday, October 21st and will continue through to Wednesday, October 28th, 2009. The Open House (Family Night) will be held on Friday, October 23rd from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. This after school event is filled with fun times. There are door prizes and a few guessing games to enjoy. Our Family Night also includes the \$50.00 book draw. Hope to see you there. Happy Reading! Mrs. D. Hawkin



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Starting this month one newsletter per family will be sent home with the youngest child attending school. All newsletters are/will be posted on the Norwood School Website.

Congratulations to our first Newsletter Draw Winners. One student from ECS to Grade 3 and one student from Grade 4 to 6 were drawn to choose a Scholastic book.

FLU SEASON

Flu season is upon us. Our School Division continues to promote and remind students and staff of basic infection control practices such as respiratory etiquette and frequent hand washing.

We ask parents to keep ill children at home until free of symptoms and the child is able to fully participate in all normal daily activities.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Bauer for the donation of a microwave to the Grade 5B classroom.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 5ish Study Club Begins
- Oct. 6 Parent Council Meeting @ 7:00
- Oct. 7 Printing Program (Gr. 1&2) Begins
- Oct. 9 Assembly @ 1:00pm
- Oct. 12 Thanksgiving – No School
- Oct. 21-28 Book Fair in Library
- Oct. 23 Book Fair Open House (4-6pm)
- Oct. 29 Parent Session: Study Skills @ 7:00pm
- Oct. 30 ½ Day (Early Dismissal)
Assembly/ Halloween Parade @ 10:30 am

HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Halloween Parade will be taking place after our EBS recognition assembly on October 30 at 10:30 am. Please feel free to join us! Happy Halloween!



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 October 2009.

STUDENT'S NAME _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____