

NORWOOD NEWS

September 2010

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Message from the Office

Welcome to the 2010 – 2011 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 7th @ 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:	Ms. T. Taylor
Gr. 1/2:	Mrs. R. Sendeki
Gr. 2:	Mrs. L. Dahl-Perras
Gr. 3:	Mrs. K. Shepansky
Gr. 3/4	Miss S. Nicol
Gr. 4:	Miss D. Wyllie
Gr. 5:	Mrs. C. Brown
Gr. 6:	Mrs. M. Hofbauer
Gr. 6:	Mrs. Gusdal; Mrs. Mattia; Ms. Jones
LAP:	Mrs. S. Gibson
Vice Principal/ Counsellor	Mrs. J. Mattia
Principal	Mr. R. Venance

Support Staff:

Admin. Assistant:

Mrs. L. Christie

Librarian:

Mrs. D. Hawken

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs. C. Bentley
Mrs. L. Brand
Mrs. D. Feldberg
Ms. K. Goertzen
Mrs. A. Grant
Mrs. D. Hakes
Mrs. C. Hebig
Mrs. M. Richards
Mrs. D. Stigant
Ms. M. Weisser
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
3:20	Dismissal for all students

We ask for students to not arrive at school before 8:20 am, as supervision starts at this 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. 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.

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. If you have further questions on concerns regarding Emergency Planning, please contact the office.

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 is 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—3:40 pm. Thank you for keeping our students safety at the forefront.

The staff parking lot does not have available space for parking, other than for staff. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

SPEECH –LANGUAGE WALK-IN CLINICS

Available to all children ages 1 to 13 years
These clinics give parents and children the chance to meet with a Registered Speech-Language Pathologist to:

- Discuss concerns
- Receive strategies
- Determine the need for further assessment

When: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 @ 8:30-3:30pm

Tuesday, November 23, 2010 @ 8:30—3:30 pm

Where: Wetaskiwin Community Health Centre
5610-40th Avenue

For more information call 780-361-4333



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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

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS-FEE

The Instructional Materials Fee for the 2010-2011 school year is \$35.00 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.



TERRY FOX RUN

Norwood School will be holding our Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 17th starting at 2:30 pm. Students are requested to donate a toonie (\$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 22 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!

JUICE/DAIRY PRODUCTS PROGRAM

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

COFFEE AND BAKING

On September 3rd 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. 2 EBS Starts
- Sept. 2 Staggered Entry for ECS
- Sept. 3 Coffee & Baking @ 8:15
- Sept. 7 Meet the Staff @ 7:00 pm
- Sept. 7 Parent Council Meeting @7:45
- Sept. 9 ECS Starts
- Sept. 17 AMA Fall Orientation Gr. 5/6
- Sept. 17 Terry Fox Run @ 2:30 pm
- Sept. 22 Cross Country Run Meet
- Sept. 23 Leadership Club Mtg. @ 12:30
- Sept. 20 School Pictures starting @ 8:45 am

PARENT COUNCIL September 7

The Parent Council meeting will take place at 7:45 pm in the Library, during the Meet the Staff Night. At this time, the 2010-2011 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 7th.

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. If there is more than one student in the home, send a small note with student's name and parent signature)

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

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

