



# NORWOOD NEWS

December 2009

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## Message from the Office

With the unseasonably warm weather we have had this fall, and lack of snow, Christmas has not been on our minds as much as other years. However, our students have been practicing with Mrs. Gusdal and Ms. Wyllie on this year's concert. The production this year is titled, "The Twelve Days of Christmas". As well, other staff are in the process of assisting with decorations, props and all the other details that go into this type of production. We look forward to seeing you at the concert on Tuesday, December 15.

On behalf of the staff and students at Norwood School we would like to wish you a wonderful and relaxing holiday season and all the best in the New Year.

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Sincerely,

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## Winter

*by Dorothy Aldis*

The street cars are  
Like frosted cakes --  
All covered up  
With cold snowflakes.

The horses' hoofs  
Scrunch on the street;  
Their eyelashes  
Are white with sleet.

And everywhere  
The people go --  
With faces tickled  
By the snow.



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## ***PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES***

Thank you to all parents/guardians who attended the Parent-Teacher Interviews on November 24-25. It is important to have good communication between school and home and the first conference sets the stage for a positive relationship, as well as, providing parents and teachers with the opportunity to learn more about the students. The attendance for the two evenings was excellent at 91%. Thank you to all who attended!

## ***RABBIT HILL SKIING***

Our school will be providing students in grades 4-6 the opportunity to downhill ski/snowboard in February and March. We have booked two days for this extra-curricular activity, February 9th and March 10th. This is an optional activity for students and those that wish to participate will be registered once they have paid the required fees. There will be more information in the new year. We have the capacity to take 45 students, the sign-up will be on a first come, first serve basis.

## ***PARENT CONCIL NEWS:***

The next parent council meeting will be held on January 12, 2010 @ 7:00 in the Library.

The parent council and Norwood School would like to thank:

The Women of the Moose for their \$250.00 donation towards the Playground fund.

The following families for donating ketchup for the hot lunch program: deWet Family, Hardy Family, Stephan Family, and the Wood Family.

The parents who volunteer their time to help serve the hot lunch to our student body, you all do a fabulous job. See you all in January.

## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

Dec. 4: EBS Assembly @ 1:00 pm  
Dec. 11: Final Day: Food Bank Donations  
Dec. 14: Concert Dress Rehearsal 1:30 pm  
Dec. 15: Christmas Concert 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm  
Dec. 18: EBS Assembly @ 11:15 am  
Dec. 18: Last day of classes  
Jan. 4: First day of classes

## ***HOT LUNCH DAYS 2009-2010***

January 20:Homemade soup and bunwich/  
Crazy Hat/Hair Day  
February 24: Family Pizza Day/Jersey Day  
March 24: Career Dress Up Day  
May 19: Beach Day

## ***CHRISTMAS CONCERT***

The Norwood Parent Council has several exciting projects in the works in conjunction with the Christmas Season.

50/50 Cash for Christmas Draw

Please return any tickets you are unable to sell or not wishing to sell as soon as possible so they can be sold by another student. All monies and tickets need to be returned by December 7, 2009. The draw will be made on December 15, 2009 at the end of the evening Christmas concert.

Front Seat Tickets

Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 at the door for the front row, reserved seating. Before the concert begins a draw will be made and if your number is called you will receive the best seats in the house.

Door Prize Draw Tickets

Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 for various donated door prizes. The funds raised will go towards the Norwood Playground fund.



## *NORWOOD SCHOOL WEB SITE*

[www.norwood-school.org](http://www.norwood-school.org)

## *SCHOOL CLOSURE. INCLEMENT WEATHER 2009-2010*

The single factor that precipitates the need to close school is the health and safety of students. Any conditions of weather or other circumstances which impair health and safety are cause to seriously consider school closure. Announcements of school closure will be made over radio stations: CFCW, CKJR, CHED, CKGY, and CBC by 7:00 am. Global Television is also contacted and asked to make closure announcements. It should also be noted that parents are not required to send their children to school if, in their judgment, weather conditions are detrimental to the safety or well-being of their children.

## *WINTER WEATHER TIPS*

With the arrival of winter, which could be anytime now, we just want to review some basic safety information in regards to our students. We will be sending students outdoors at recess if the temperature does not drop below -20C, which also takes wind-chill into consideration. Proper winter clothing is necessary and should include winter coats, ski pants, headgear, mitts and winter boots. We ask that you put your child's name on their winter boots as many students seem to have the same brand of boots and they do, from time to time, get mixed up.



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## *NORWOOD LEADERSHIP GROUP*

The Leadership Group is currently working on several initiatives:

**Food Bank Donations**—each classroom has a box for non-perishable food donations. We will be collecting food from November 30th to December 11th. The classroom with the most food will receive a surprise from the Leadership Group.

**Games Room**—the idea behind this is students will pay \$1.00 admission to spend one lunch hour a week playing games inside. The admission is a fund raiser for the Norwood Playground. Grade 1 to 3 is on Monday's and Grade 4 to 6 is on Fridays. Thank you to all the students who will be bringing board games from home.

**Holiday Sock Hop**—the group is currently planning for a Sock Hop on the last day of school. The Grade 1 to 3 (1:00 to 2:00) will be one grouping with activities led by the Leadership Group and Grade 4 to 6 (2:00—3:00) will be the other grouping, please join us.

## *COUNSELLING CORNER*

The program is up and running and I am now available to work with individual students and groups. I will be starting supportive counseling sessions this month. If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call.

Our next parent session will be in January. The focus of this session will be on the changes boys and girls experience as they develop; emotionally, behaviorally and physically. There will also be a review of what is covered in Grade 4 to 6 for Human Sexuality. I look forward to seeing you there.

## *STOP THE CUTS CAMPAGIN*

If you have a vested interest in public education you may wish to visit [the www.stopthecuts.ca](http://www.stopthecuts.ca) and send your MLA the message that the funding provided to public education is an investment in the future and these funds need to remain in this area and not be taken back for the good of our children's education.

***FIELD TRIPS***

As mentioned last month, Norwood School has not cancelled field trips, however, there are changes to the process followed in the past. This year the school will be covering the cost of bussing for one field trip per grade. Admission will be charged this year and will not exceed \$10.00 per student. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the office.

***INFLUENZA***

Thank you to all parents who have kept their children home when they are ill, this certainly assists in the decrease in the spread of viruses. Congratulations to the students they are doing a great job in using the hand sanitizer, not abusing it and are coughing and sneezing as they have been taught.

***COLLABORATION TIME***

I cannot thank the parents who are coming out on a weekly basis to assist in this program. We are currently working on "Treating others the way we want to be treated". We have set goals on one thing each of us can do differently this week.

***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 December, 2009.

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

***CHOIR PERFORMANCES***

The Norwood choir and some of the main characters from the Christmas concert will be performing at the District Heritage Museum for their Old Fashioned Christmas Concert on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 pm. This group will be meeting at 6:30 pm downstairs to warm up, line up and explain how we will make our concert work in the space. We are required to be seated at 7:00 pm. The choir will be performing around 7:30 pm and finish around 8:15 to 8:30 pm. Anyone may attend and cash donations are accepted at the door.

***CHRISTMAS CONCERT PERFORMANCE***

The afternoon concert will be held at 1:30 pm and the evening performance will be at 7:00 pm. Students need to arrive for the evening concert between 6:30 – 6:40 pm and go directly to their classroom for attendance. Choir should be at the school at 6:30 pm for attendance as they will be called down to the library in costume for 6:40 pm warm up and line up.

***FROM THE STAFF AT  
NORWOOD SCHOOL WE WISH  
YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!***



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