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“Northwood School, Where We Light the Way With Reading”

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MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION REPORT CARDS & INTERVIEWS

First term report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, December 15th. We were pleased to see the turnout at Parent Teacher Interviews which were held on November 19th and 20th. If you have any questions for your child's teacher after you receive the report card, please call to discuss this with them. Thank you.

SCENT SENSITIVE SCHOOL

We continue to ask for your support in assisting us with our staff and students who have allergies to many scents. Please do not wear perfume, cologne, aftershave, scented hair sprays, mousse etc. when coming into the school. We have several members of the Northwood Community that get ill with migraines, rashes, vomiting etc. that need to leave the building when strong scents are in the school. This message is for parents, guardians, students and any other visitors. Please help us to keep all our staff and students safe.

CHAMPIONS OF EDUCATION

Northwood School is proud to announce that five members of our council (who have been members for over 5 years) were recognized at our most recent board meeting as Champions of Education. They were recognized for their succession of important contributions to Northwood School. Karen Wilson, Debbie MacDonell, Diana McMahon, Adelina Irvine and Rolly Marentette were involved in the Accommodation Process (additions to the school), the Kiss 'N Ride area, new bus bay, and in the fundraising and purchasing of the two playgrounds. Congratulations to our Champions of Education.

THANKS TO PARENT VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE SELLING MILK

Thanks to Mrs. Mihai and Mrs. Farnaz who are selling milk, juice and water for us at lunch. We will be able to continue to offer this to our students at lunch due to their help.

IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE



We are seeing a large number of students being dropped off in the front parking lot (Northwood Street) in the mornings. This is becoming unsafe as a number of students are getting out of vehicles in the driveway and vehicles are still moving. Parents are also trying to back out onto the street. We have had several near misses. Parents, if you drive your child to school, please drop them off between 8:15 and 8:25 in the morning and 12:00 and 12:10 in the afternoon. They should be dropped off in the “Kiss ‘N Ride” area in the back parking lot. If you drop them off later than this, they will be late. **When students are late, they miss announcements (they will not be aware of activities, meetings, safety announcements etc) and will miss important instructional time. Please have your children at school by 8:25 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Christmas break takes place from December 19th to January 3rd. Students return to school on Monday, January 4th. Enjoy your holidays with your family.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all parents, staff and students who purchased items at our Book Fair. We had a very successful fair. We were able to secure \$2500.00 worth of Scholastic Book credits for



the school. The Family Door Prize winner was Deandra McGarrell of 4T who won \$25.00 worth of books for herself and \$25.00 for

her classroom. We would also like to thank the volunteers who put in many hours to assist us: Mrs. Arnaut, Mrs. Mihai, Mrs. MacDonell, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. MacKay, and Mrs. Masanovich. We could not have done it without you.
~ Mrs. Hoffman-Sartor & Mrs. Brause ~

READING OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Reading doesn't just happen. It is a skill that must be nurtured from a child's earliest years. Once children know how to read, they still need gentle coaxing and support to reach their full potential as readers. Here are some tips for nurturing your growing readers:

- Help your child build a personal library. Children's books, new or used, make great gifts and appropriate rewards for reading. Designate a bookcase, shelf or box where your children can keep their books.



- Read with your children at least once every day. Make sure they have plenty to read. Take them to the library regularly, and keep other reading materials in

their reach.

- Be a reading role model. Let your children see you read, and share some interesting things with them that you have read about in books, newspapers or magazines.

WINTER CONCERT

The Winter Concert will be held on Wednesday December 16th, 2008. Students in grades 1 - 5 will be performing along with the intermediate band. There will be an afternoon dress rehearsal beginning at 12:45, along with an evening performance starting at 6:00 pm. Parents are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal if you are unable to attend the evening performance. Any students attending the evening performance must be accompanied by an adult. Additional information will be sent home to students at a later date.

THE GREAT CEREAL CHALLENGE



Congratulations to our Northwood students for the great effort put forth to help their peers in other schools. The students participated in their first cereal collection drive with their other hub schools this month. The students at Northwood were able to collect over 329, 000 grams of cereal to support other elementary and high schools in our board that participate in the breakfast club programs. Attached above is 6GN who collected over 25, 000 grams as a class. Way to go Northwood!

WINTER WEATHER IS COMING



One thing we all know about the weather in Windsor, is that it is always changing. During this late fall/early winter season, it is not unusual for the temperature

to change up to ten degrees throughout the day. Please make sure your children dress in layers when they come to school. If the weather warms up, they can take off a layer, but if it cools down, they will have a sweater or jacket to put on. Remember, it is expected that students will go outside during recesses to get fresh air and burn off energy. Please send students with boots, hats, mitts, and gloves as well, to keep them warm during the times they are outside during the day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



This year's Remembrance Day assembly was held on November 10th. The mistresses of ceremonies were Gursimran Virk and Kawthar Mohamud who did a wonderful job. Mrs. Reaume's Grade 8 students performed a tableau entitled 'Please Wear A Poppy'. The very talented Sarah Zhang, Helga Jiang and Grace Wen did a touching performance of Amazing Grace on the flute. This year we were honored to have Lt. Colonel Morris Brause speak at our assembly. He is the commanding officer of the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment and has served 35 years in the Canadian military. He spoke about Canada's past and current military operations and the importance of peace in the world. At the end of our assembly each class attached poppies to our school wreath which was laid at the City of Windsor's Cenotaph by our leadership candidates Shiv Patel, Samantha Strong, and Anna Liang on November 11th. Thank you Ms. Borland, Mrs. Brause and Mrs. Reaume for the work you put into organizing this year's assembly.

SETTLEMENT WORKER CORNER

NCCE Inc. SWIS staff and the Parent school council at Northwood Public School are pleased to announce the launch of the new Parent Resource Room-PRR.

SWIS staff will be working collaboratively with the Parent Council in the school to help you establish good communication with your child's teacher and the school. Please feel free to visit us in the parent resource room. SWIS staff schedule is as follows:

Monday	Heidi Liu	Mandarin speaking
Tuesday	Elham Awad	Arabic speaking
Wednesday	Riadh Saleh	Arabic speaking

SCIENCE OLYMPICS



Absent from picture: Helga Jiang, Helen Shen, Sarah Zhang, Tasmin Mohammed, and Theresa Ho

On Friday, November 27th, several students in grade 7 and 8 had the opportunity to participate in the annual Science Olympics at Massey. Our teams consisted of: Sarah Zhang, Helen Shen, Karnvir Basra, Tyler Ye, Theresa Ho, Adam Shen, Helga Jiang, Anna Liang, Andrew Katoch, Maharshi Nagda, Vivie Tran, Priya Sharma, Shiyang Han, Tasmin Mohammed, Sandy Feng, Brendyn St. Louis and Erie Ouellette.

We participated in the Science Triathlon (we had to guess famous Scientists and unscramble words), Physics (make a paper boat with a specific mass in it to float from one spot to

another in the least amount of time), Chemistry (mixing chemicals together) and Biology (CSI Massey where we had to use blood types and finger prints to solve a crime). We did not place this year, but we tried very hard and had a lot of fun. In the teacher challenge, Mrs. Brause won the most creative flying saucer. Thanks Mrs. Brause for accompanying our students to this activity. ~ Anna Liang

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS HELP

NATURE

Mrs. Perry's Kindergarten classes have been discussing ways in which animals prepare for winter. They also talked about the birds that stay here for winter and have a difficult time finding food. Mrs. Matte's Grade 5 class joined them in the morning and Mr. Paul's class joined them in the afternoon to make bird feeders to help out those birds during the cold winter months. They helped to spread shortening on pine cones and then rolled the pine cones in bird seed. The students worked together to hang the bird feeders in the trees in the front of the school.



GRADE THREE OFFERS UP HEALTHY TIPS



In Media Literacy, students learn about advertising, posters etc. In grade 3, Mrs. Sanger had the students make posters of healthy tips for preventing the flu. They are posted all over the school to remind staff and students of what to do to prevent the spread of germs. As well they made videos of these important tips.

Want some tips for preventing the spread of the flu? Check out our grade 3 classes as they share some tips on staying healthy this flu season on the Northwood Early Literacy WIKI!

<http://margsang.pbworks.com/>

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MY CHILD ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY, ON TIME?

- Memory and concentration are known to deteriorate when children (and even adults!) are tired. Make sure that your child has plenty of sleep with a bedtime appropriate for your child's age. Experts suggest that 4-6 year olds require 11 hours of sleep in every 24 hour period. Older children require 9 to 10 hours per night.
- Establish routines while your children are young. If at all possible, place the phone, television and computer in a room other than your child's bedroom. You may be able to ensure that your four to ten year old goes to bed and stays there, but many a pre-teen and adolescent is up until one or two in the morning talking on the phone, chatting on-line, or watching television. After a child is used to having a phone, TV or computer in the bedroom, parents of teens find it very difficult to take them away and impossible to supervise their use.
- Avoid activities and commitments that will cause your child to be away from school. This includes family vacations and appointments that can be scheduled outside of school hours.