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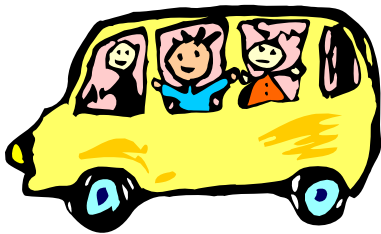
**“Northwood School, Where We Light the Way With Reading”**

### **FEBRUARY 2010 EDITION**

#### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

JK and SK Kindergarten registration is here! The Greater Essex County District School Board is proud to provide the highest calibre of Early Year's programming and learning resources for our youngest learners.

The official JK and SK registration takes place between February 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please call the school at 519-969-7610 to set up an appointment to register. Students who are presently



attending Northwood in JK do not need to register for SK. Northwood Public School will be hosting a Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. We encourage you to bring your child to the open house and allow them the opportunity to visit the exciting and warm learning environments offered to our young learners.

As you may be aware, at the Board meeting of Nov. 18, the following motion was approved.

**“That the Board of Trustees implement any changes to the current Junior and Senior Kindergarten Program transitioning to an alternate full day delivery model for City of Windsor elementary schools no sooner than September 2010.”**

***Our school will be adopting a full-day, alternate day model for our Junior and Senior Kindergarten programs in the upcoming school year.***

As a result, parents of children registering in JK will need to consider whether they wish for their child to attend Monday/Wednesday/alternate Fridays or Tuesday/Thursday/alternate Fridays for the 2010/2011 school year.

We believe that our Kindergarten program is unmatched and our youngest students build the foundation of a great education in our classrooms. The commencement of school for your child is an exciting, magical adventure. We look forward to partnering with you as your child begins their educational journey to a lifetime of learning and success.

We look forward to seeing you at our Junior/Senior Kindergarten Open House on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Brause or Mrs. Johnson-Hicks for information. We would be pleased to assist you.

#### **FAMILY DAY REMINDER**

Family Day will be Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> this year. Enjoy some family time with your children over this long weekend. **The school will be closed on that day.**

#### **HATS FOR HAITI**

Once again the Northwood Community has come through to help others in their time of need. In a very short time, Northwood staff and students raised approximately \$2800.00. We have earmarked these funds to go to Shelterbox Canada, an organization that provides emergency shelter and provisions for families that have been left homeless. If you are interested in learning more about this organization, visit [www.shelterbox.ca](http://www.shelterbox.ca).



## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

On Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a professional activity day. There is no school for the students on this day; it is a day for teachers to work on assessment and reporting.

## **MAKE LEARNING A FUN PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE**

Grocery shopping, taking transit or walking in your neighbourhood are all regular family activities that can also be learning experiences. These and other tips and tools can be found on [abc123](http://www.ontario.ca.abc123), ([www.ontario.ca.abc123](http://www.ontario.ca.abc123)) a site dedicated to making it easier for parents to help their children with reading, writing, math and homework. The website



also suggests other ways that parents can support their child's education every day and make learning fun. As their child's first teachers, parents influence how a child approaches learning. When parents make learning a fun part of everyday life, they provide their child with

a stronger foundation for success in school and beyond. These tips and guides are available in English and French, as well as: Arabic, Portuguese, Simplified and Traditional Chinese, Spanish, Farsi, Tagalog, Hindi, Tamil, Korean, Urdu, Punjabi, and Vietnamese.

### **Examples of ways to make reading fun, found at ABC123:**

- Point out words and phrases around you – on cereal boxes, street signs, maps, posters.
- Let your children choose books themselves.
- Look for kids' magazines your child will enjoy.
- Read with excitement – use different voices,
- make puppets, act out the story.
- Give clues about a mystery word you are thinking about. Choose a word related to something you and your child have done together.
- Make your kitchen part of your reading zone. Have fridge magnets available so your kids can start making words and short sentences.
- Encourage relatives and friends to give books as gifts.

## STUDENTS STAYING INSIDE AT RECESS



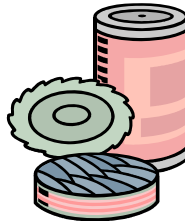
As the weather gets colder, we often have parental requests to allow students to remain inside at recess. We do not have staff available to supervise children inside during this time. If your child is at school, it is expected that they will go outside for recesses and at lunch. If your child has a medical problem where a doctor asks that they remain in, we will need a doctor's note specifying the dates and conditions for this. During the winter, please be sure your child is wearing warm clothing and has a hat, scarf, mitts, boots, etcetera.

## 50% OFF SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Just a reminder that the 50% off Book Fair is coming in February. It will be here February 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be notices sent home regarding hours. Hope to see you there.

## CAN DRIVE CONTINUES

Due to the interruption in our can drive collection for the "Hats for Haiti", we will continue the can drive until February 5. The Downtown Mission will be the recipient of these donations. We are asking that students **DO NOT bring in any items in boxes or bags** due to the problem with mice. Some of their needs include: Canned meats, stews and fish, assorted soups, canned vegetables such as peas and carrots, canned tomatoes, small jars of peanut butter, coffee, jams, coffee whitener etc.



## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FESTIVAL

Northwood School no longer requires every student from grades 4 to 8 to prepare and give a speech. There are many ways to assess Oral Communication. Several classes are still doing speeches, but for the classes that are not we are offering an Oral Communications Club. The students come in at lunch and work with Ms. Lessard to prepare a speech and practise delivering it. The contestants in the Oral Communications

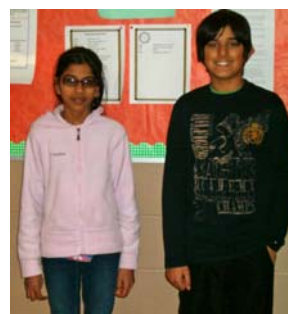


Festival will come from class recommendations as well as students selected from the group working with Ms. Lessard. Our school competition will be held on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 in the morning. The winner of this event will go on to represent Northwood School at the area competition. Parents are welcome to attend the School Competition.

## SPELLING BEE



Northwood's Annual Spelling Bee was held on January 7<sup>th</sup>. All fifteen participants spent a tremendous amount of time preparing for this event. This year, our youngest competitor was only in grade 1. It was a tough competition with some amazing spellers, who actually had to go "off the chart" to determine a winner. The final 2 competitors were Harvir Dhindsa and Sadhana Chinnusamy both from grade 6. It went back and



forth until a winner finally emerged. Congratulations to Sadhana Chinnusamy for winning the competition. Sadhana will be representing Northwood at the upcoming Canwest Spelling Bee, which is being held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the St. Clair College Performing Arts Theater. All of our spellers are champions! Participants included: Sadhana Chinnusamy, Harvir Dhindsa, Taha Shahzad, Esraa Menshawey, Andrew Katoch, Aneet Parmar, Tyler Ye, Tahreem Khan, Nadia

Razwan, Zainab Oush, Ishani Atukoralalage, Khyati Modi, and Meenaz Shaikh. Thanks to Mrs. Matte and Ms. Trombley for working with the spelling students.

### **LOONIES OF LOVE FOR GERALDA**

On Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a kick off assembly presented by 1/2I, 2F 2B and 2L at 12:30 p.m. We will be collecting funds to support our adopted child from Mozambique, Geralda. There will be a guest speaker from World Vision by the name of Brad Saunders. Parents are welcome to attend. Starting on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, we are asking each Northwood Student to donate a “Loonie of Love” for Geralda. Proceeds will be sent through World Vision and will provide support for Geralda and her family for one year. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile project and assisting us in promoting “Paying it Forward” at Northwood.



### **Winter Walk Day – Feb. 10, 2010**

Do you know what’s great about walking to school? You and your child can walk in all types of weather.

Just remember to dress properly:

- Wear warm, waterproof boots.
- Wear a warm coat.
- Wear a hat and mittens.
- Wear a scarf over face and mouth on very cold days.
- Put an extra pair of socks and mittens in your child’s backpack, so wet items can be changed.



February 10, 2010 is Winter Walk Day. Go to [www.wewalktoschool.ca](http://www.wewalktoschool.ca) and check out the Parents’ Tool Kit, the Walking Log, fun activity sheets for kids, and more.

### **NORTHWOOD WEBSITE**

Don’t forget to check out the Northwood Website at <http://www.gecdsb.on.ca/schools/ELEM/northwoo/> where you will find the previous newsletters, information about the school and a link to the Northwood Early Literacy WIKI! Recent updates to this site include Science links for grade 2, information from Geralda and more.

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