



Northwood Public School

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

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IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE

We continue to work with parents, students and the city to make it safe for students around Northwood School. We are making two requests of parents at this time.

1. If your child is eligible to take the bus please

put them on the bus. This will reduce the amount of traffic around the school.

2. If your child is a walker, then the distance is not too

great for them to walk. To support a healthy lifestyle, please encourage your child to walk to school with a friend or a parent. This will give you time to talk to your child about their upcoming day and/or what they did at school. Please help us to make it safe for all the Northwood students by following these simple suggestions.



REPORT CARDS AND

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The 2009-2010 GECDSD school year calendar was developed after consultation with parents, school administrators, local affiliates of teachers' federation, members of the community, and coterminous and neighbouring boards. The calendar provides for three terms relatively equal in number to provide students with sufficient time for practice to develop their knowledge and skills before reporting. As a result of this change, parent teacher interviews will take place before report cards go home. This provides a unique opportunity for teachers to share timely information about a student's achievement and development prior to the finalization of grades for the term.

The Greater Essex County District School Board recognizes the importance of strong communication links with parents/guardians. For the 2009-2010 school year, parents/guardians will have opportunities to discuss their children's

progress with teachers at **Parent-Teacher Interviews** scheduled for the evening of **Thursday, November 19th** and the morning of **Friday, November 20th**, and again on the evening of **Thursday, April 22** and the morning of **Friday, April 23rd**. As always, there will be individual opportunities throughout the year for informal contact.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD BECOME A BETTER READER?

Children of all ages need to see that reading is part of their family's life and that their parents value reading as an important activity. To help foster a love of reading in your child, they need to see you reading. Pick up a book, magazine or newspaper regularly. If they see you reading, they are more apt to read themselves. Make reading a family affair.



COATS FOR KIDS

Each year the Unemployed Help Centre sponsors the Coats for Kids Campaign. **We urge all parents to drop off any coats during the first week of November (Nov. 2 – 6) that they are no longer using which are still in good condition.**



These will be taken to the IXL dry cleaners to be cleaned free of charge. The coats will be available for distribution to needy Windsor Families beginning November 9th. Please send in coats that range from infant to adult sizes. Cash donations are also accepted. Coat distribution centres are located throughout Windsor and Essex County. To check the location of the distribution centres, go to www.uhc.ca/coats_for_kids.shtml. Thank you for any support you can give this worthwhile endeavour.

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION



Throughout the year students, teachers or office personnel may need to get in touch with parents for a variety of reasons. It is extremely important that we have correct contact information for parents

and/or guardians. When we are unable to reach you, we need to have an emergency contact that will be available throughout the day, who will be able to come and pick up your child. If you move, change your phone number or place of employment phone number; please contact the school to let us know. As well, if your emergency contact information has changed, please notify us of this as well. If your child is sick or injured and we cannot contact you or an emergency contact person, it will make for a very uncomfortable day for your child.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOYS SOCCER TEAM!



The 2009 Northwood Knights boys' soccer team recently completed a fantastic soccer season. With a regular season record of 5 wins and 1 loss, the team secured a spot in the season's playoffs, along with the other top teams in their division. The boys played superb soccer, finishing second overall in their division. As a result, the team was invited to this year's district championship tournament, going on to finish 4th in the city and county combined! Ms. Potrebic and Mr. Paul would like to thank the many parent volunteers for their efforts in driving student players to and from games. The coaches

would also like to congratulate the members of the boys' team on their great success, and for demonstrating a solid effort and dedication throughout the entire season. Way to go, boys! Our team consisted of the following students: Nic Pennesi, Connor Wilson, Jake Akins, Riyadh Ben Khudair, Saeed Mazloum, Farok Abdul Salam, Erie Ouellette, Ali Abdulreda, Steven Vratsidis, Isiah Osborne, Ahmad Nizam, Omar Hayes-Williams, Karnvir Basra, Ahmed Buralle, Ayub Buralle, Kalpa Wickramathunga, Hamza Khanzada, and Harvir Dhindsa.

GIRLS' SOCCER



The girls' soccer team played a hard season this year. Many of the players were new this year and had not played on the team before. We learned how to work together as a team and showed LOTS of improvement in our skills. Thank you to the students for their dedication this year. Maham Kaleem, Nisma Malik, Molly Ricciardi, Jaskiran Bansal, Sahar Chedid, Noor Ayoubi, Lynne Ayoubi, Aalaya Fleming, Michaela Maxey, Rajvir Dhaliwal, Sukhvir Dhaliwal, Gurneer Basra, Emily Nguyen, Shannon Putros, Shaina Brooks, Halima Mohamed, Navida Hoeng, Nicole Fontaine, Madison Maxey, Taylor Purtill, and Annie Bhatti. Way to go girls!! Special thanks to parents and families who cheered the girls on this season and drove them to their away games. We look forward to next season! Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Taylor, Ms. Hodgson.

CEREAL BOX CHALLENGE

Northwood School has a long tradition of being a “caring” school and our school community has supported those less fortunate than ourselves in a variety of ways. We believe that education is more than academics and that it is our joint responsibility to teach our students to become good citizens.

This year, as part of our Character Development Program, we are going to participate in a “Cereal Box Challenge”. This year Northwood will be joining other schools in our Massey family of schools in this endeavour.

The purpose of this program is to collect and donate healthy cereal that will be used for breakfast programs within our School Board. We are challenging every student to bring in one box (or more) of their favourite cereal to benefit other students.



We are going to follow the same format as the other schools involved. We will be tracking the number of grams of cereal brought in by each class. Mr. Brown, along with several students in grade 7 and 8 are sponsoring this project and will take responsibility for recording the information. The class that brings in the most grams per student will be treated to a pizza lunch.

We will begin collecting cereal immediately. All cereal is due no later than: Friday, November 13th.

Our goal is to get students thinking about other students and how we can make a positive difference in our own community. Thank you for your support!

READ -A-THON/WALK-A-THON

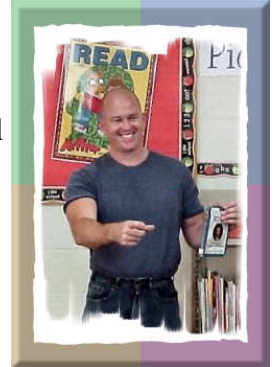
All Northwood Students from JK to Grade 8 participated in a school wide Read-a-thon on Friday, October 23. The students engaged in wonderful activities such as Belly Spelling, newspaper search, word bingo, read around the room, ABC word puzzles, and alphabet magnets on cookies sheets to name a few. We were honored to

have many guest readers read to our classes.

The students raised over \$7300.00. Our top fundraiser was Robert Doyle in Ms. Nauta’s class. The top class, who won a pizza lunch, was Mrs. Geberdt-Noade’s Grade 6 class raising over \$800.00. Our Walk –a-thon was postponed to Monday October 26 due to rain. Thank you, our Northwood community, for supporting this wonderful event.

AUTHOR VISIT

Author, Michael Wade, wowed the students in Grades 3 to 6 on October 22 with his humorous anecdotes. His energetic, playful performance captivated the students. He spoke about the writing process and told the students how it applied to the writings of an author. His book series “And Then it Happened” will soon be available in our library. Students can visit his website at <http://www.boysbookshelf.com/> to preview his books and there are some fun activities to do while reading the books. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day.



MATH FUN

The students of Mrs. Kotevski’s class had fun creating and carving symmetrical pumpkin faces using 2-D shapes as part of their math unit in Geometry.



CLASS OF THE WEEK



Ms. Illman's class was selected as the class of the week by "The Rock" a local radio station. Below you will see the journal entries of some of the students describing their day.

Yesterday Rock 96.7 came to visit. Mitch and Kim (the radio hosts) are cool. It was great because we got to hear our voices on the radio. My favourite part was when we got our pictures taken. By Kaia

Yesterday Rock 96.7 came to visit. Mitch and Kim (the radio hosts) came to our class because they chose us. It was awesome because we got to have a free Quiznos lunch. My favourite part was getting Quiznos because it is really yummy. And hear my voice on the radio. By Bramjot

Yesterday Rock 96.7 came to visit. Mitch and Kim (the radio hosts) they put us on the radio so the whole world can hear us. They recorded us on the radio. It was fun because they were funny. My favourite part was when Mitch and Kim put us on the radio. By Angelo

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Bookfair will be in our school from November 16-20. The bookfair will be open the evening of parent/teacher interviews on November 19th. This will give you an opportunity to purchase books for your child if you

would rather not send money to school with them. Happy Reading!



SWIS (Settlement Workers In School) Corner TWO FLU VACCINES AVAILABLE THIS YEAR:

Every year, Ontario has a vaccination program in the fall to protect people from the seasonal flu. This year, two vaccines have been developed - one for seasonal flu and the other for H1N1 flu. For your health protection, Windsor Essex Health Unit promotes hand washing as the most effective way to combat the spread of communicable diseases. Please refer to www.ontario.ca/flu for more information or contact our NCCE Inc. settlement workers in schools, Heidi Liu on Mondays, Elham Awad on Tuesdays or Riadh Saleh on Wednesdays for information in your language.

ORIENTATION ON ENHANCED LANGUAGE TRAINING (ELT)

Thinking about starting your own business?

Looking for a job in your field?

Eager to enhance English skills?

Looking for Canadian experience in your profession?

Guest speaker: Hristina Seksenova from NCCE Inc.

Date: Monday, November 16, 2009

Time: 12:30pm—1:30pm

Location: Room #30

For more information, please contact NCCE Inc. Settlement Worker Heidi Liu at Northwood Public School on Mondays or leave a message at (519) 969-7610 or (519) 258-4076 ext. 1402

More information will be available next week.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit the Northwood School Website when needing information or if you need to check the school calendar. You can also sign up for an electronic newsletter from our website

<http://www.gecdsb.on.ca/schools/ELEM/northwoo/>

CALENDARS

This month we have attached 2 calendars to the newsletter. The first is the November calendar and the second is a year at a glance which identifies the 5 day cycle for you. Please keep this handy as it will assist you and your child with knowing what days they have library, gym etc.