

THE BOOKFAIR IS COMING

Nov. 16th to 22nd
Family night Nov. 17th
until 7PM

Great gift ideas for all



Northwood Knights News

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From the Principal's Desk

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- Nov. 2nd and 3rd picture days
- Clocks back on Nov. 6th
- PIC meeting Monday 7th at 6:00pm in library
- Remembrance day Nov. 11th, assembly on 10th
- Interviews Nov. 11th 4-7
- Nov. 18 PD day, no classes
- Massey shadow day 23rd
- 25th grade 7's to presentation
- 28th HPV and Hep B shots
- Nov. 30 twin day



Please join us at our next PIC meeting on **Nov. 7th, 6:00pm** in the library. It is your chance to help the school.

The weather is getting colder so please make sure you send your child with hats, gloves or mitts and a nice warm coat.

The third week of November is bullying prevention week. We will be continuing our efforts to help students understand what bullying is and how we need to all work together to make it better. I will be meeting with classes to talk to them about the issue and hopefully make that connection that we can help each other.

Yes Northwood we are having a fundraiser this

month. It is a little different than what has been done in the past. We will be selling cookie dough and it looks really good. Watch for the forms coming home with your child.



Remember that we do not want children going door to door, please sell to family and friends. These funds will help us pay for so many things for the students; equipment, field trips, technology just to name a few.

We continue to recycle used toner and ink cartridges so please drop them off at the school and we will dispose of them properly and raise funds for the school.

Our remembrance assembly will be held on November 10th at 9:00am, I am looking forward to all the activities the students have prepared. As always parents are welcome to join us for the assembly.



As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the school.



Influenza Season

As flu season is upon us we are sending this information again as part of our prevention strategy.

Symptoms to be watchful for are; Sudden onset of fever., new/worse cough., shortness of breath.

Additional symptoms

may include: Sore throat., muscle pain, joint pain. , headache, fatigue. In children under 5 years, gastrointestinal symptoms may also occur. **Prevention methods;** wash hands regularly, cough into sleeve or tissue, get plenty of sleep and exercise, don't share

items with others. There is additional information available at; <http://www.wehealthunit.org>. A plan is in place at the school for us to work together to help each other through this flu season.



Sports



Northwood's boys soccer team completed a fine 2011 soccer season last month. Players from grades 6-8 developed their skills and had some fun on the field during their eight-game season.



Through teamwork and a dedicated effort, the boys placed third in their division pool and made it to the first round of the season

playoffs. Mr. Paul would like to congratulate the team on their successful season and for demonstrating true Northwood sportsmanship throughout. A special thanks also goes out to the many parents who helped support the team by driving players to their away games. Northwood would also like to thank Mr. Paul for all his time and dedication to the team, without him there would not have been a team.

The girls team also showed great teamwork and skill improvement throughout the season. They always displayed great sportsmanship and were in every game. Another huge thank you goes out the Mrs. McGrayne and Mrs. Valente for giving their time to

our girls, it is greatly appreciated.

Way to go Teams !!!!



Volleyball season is underway and the teams are practicing for the upcoming season. Come watch the teams in our gym you are guaranteed a good game.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

The 2011-2012 includes the newly designed Ontario Progress Reports and two reporting periods. The progress report is an early opportunity for parents and teachers to connect about a student's progress at the start of the school year. The progress report is not a report card but an indicator of improvement or areas of need prior to the first term report card in February. The Greater Essex County District School Board and the school recognize the importance of strong communication links with parents/guardians. For the 2011-2012 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 17th and , and again on the evening of Thursday, February 10th. A reminder there are no scheduled interviews on Friday

morning to give schools a chance to work with their staff on initiatives and teaching strategies on how best to help all our students to learn to their potential.

As always, there will be individual opportunities throughout the year for informal contact.

Conferences give you a chance to get to know your child's teacher, learn about the program your child will be studying (the curriculum) and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of your child with the person who will be helping him/her to learn this year.

Some helpful hints are:

- Please be on time as the interviews are back to back at 10 min interval.
- Teachers will work to ensure that they can find a mutually convenient time for you to get together. A phone interview, while not optimal, may be another option.
- Please follow-up with the teacher if there are areas discussed during the conference that require further action.
- If you feel your child's progress warrants a discussion with the principal and the teacher, please call and arrange a follow up meeting.

Interviews for progress reports
November 10th from 4:00pm to
7:00pm

All appointments need to be scheduled through the office. A letter will be going home, with the progress reports to outline the process for interviews on the Thursday evening. If you have any questions please call the school.

EQAO Report/Strategic Planning

The results for the school show that many of our initiatives are working to help our students achieve success.

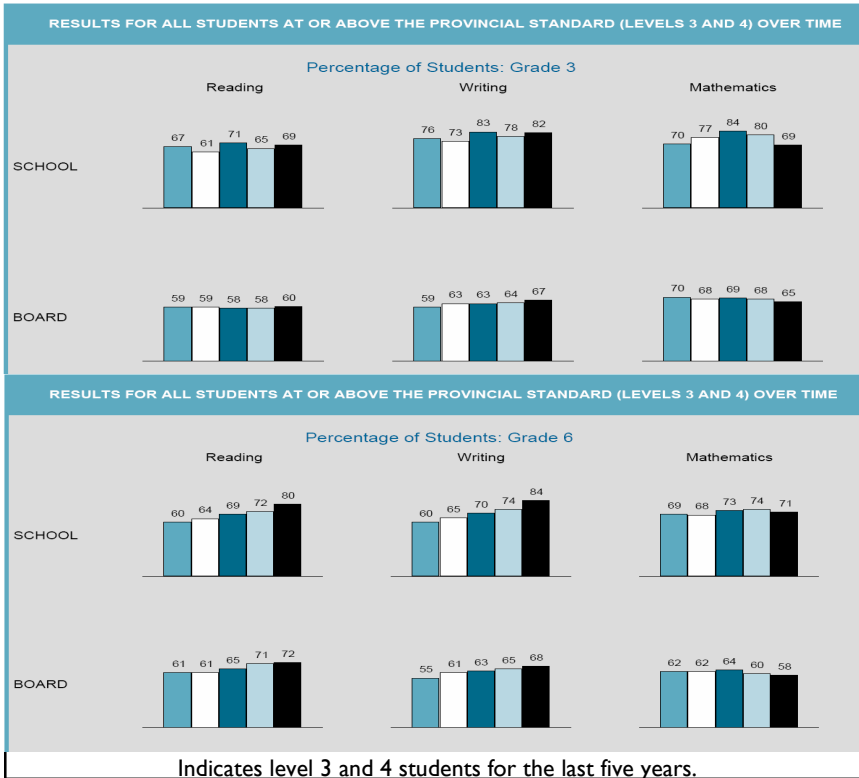
Our grade 3 and 6 students showed great improvement in reading and writing, math showed a slight decline and will be an area of focus. As a school we will be focusing on the attainment of continued growth in all

areas of the curriculum for all students. As a school we will use this, and other data to design our School Improvement Plan and improve teaching strategies by using best practices in the classroom. For example the use of learning goals and success criteria will continue throughout the entire school. This provides a common framework for all

classes. Also early intervention is a key component to helping all students achieve their potential. At the school we continue to provide 100 minute blocks of time for Literacy instruction each day. This means using the Board's Literacy Framework and guided, shared and independent instruction practices. The Instructional Coach continues to work with all staff, including the Principal, to model effective teaching strategies. To this end we continue to run PLC's, team teach, and design grade level assessments.

Based on available data, the Instructional Coach will also help us to focus on high yield strategies to inform instruction in all grades.

Our School Improvement Plan includes major SMART goals (based on specific indicators and student need). These goals are used to focus divisional and grade level instruction. Our goals this year focus on reading (making inferences), mathematics (problem solving and learning skills or work habits to help us get a picture of not only what our students can do academically but also who they are as a person.



Parent Power/Study Smarts

There are many ways you can support your child's learning and school. Here are a few ideas;

- spend a few minutes every night looking over handouts your youngster brings home. Fill out forms to return the next day.

- contact your child's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your child succeed.

- attend conferences, parent meetings and school events.

- tackle textbooks by 'previewing' it to increase understanding, glance over headings, graphics and photos and go to the glossary to look up boldfaced words.

- mix it up; if your child reviews information several ways he/she will remember it better

- start a habit; encourage studying

as a daily activity, not just something your child does the evening before a test, make it interesting and interactive so you and your child learn together.

- give your child breaks while they are working, trying to sit for more than 20 mins is almost impossible for most children.





YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND MEET AND GREET

Meet other parents in your child's school
Learn about extra-curricular activities for your child

Learn how you can volunteer in your child's school

Meet Settlement Workers in your child's school

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2011

Time: 3:10—4:00pm

Location: Northwood School

For more information, please contact NCCE Inc. Settlement Worker

Elham Awad, Riadh Saleh or Tina Chen

at Northwood Public School on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

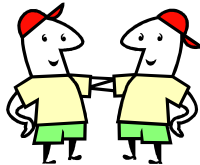
Safety issues at the school

Kiss and ride continues to be an issue each and every day. We need to work together to ensure the safety of our students. Please drive slowly, do not park on the road, do not turn around on the road and follow the instructions of the staff on duty.

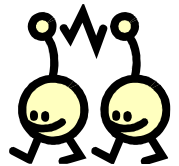
Also many students are arriving late, the day starts at 8:30am and students need to be here before that time to start their day properly. They miss morning announcements/instructions and disrupt the flow in the classroom when they enter. If a child arrives after the bell they will get a late slip, 3 in a month will result in a call home and possible consequences.

November 30th is twin day.

Let's have some fun and show our spirit



Go Knights



Please fill out and return for a chance to win our monthly newsletter prize (frozen yogurt).

Student: _____ Class: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Comments: _____

