

Au milieu de l'hiver, j'ai découvert en moi un invisible été. Albert Camus

Les Nouvelles Norwood

Norwood Park News



Dates à retenir

January 13

McMaster Let's Talk Science for
Mme Lofthouse, Mme Schilthuis
and Mme Long's grade 2s

11:50-2:10 Weather Wonder
Presentation

January 16

McMaster Let's Talk Science for
Mme Long's Grade 3s

Marshmallow Challenge
Presentation 11:50-12:40

January 26

Grade 5 trip to Dundurn castle

Thank you to all volunteers who helped to make Norwood Park's 8th Annual Holiday Lunch a huge success. Nous sommes très chanceux d'avoir des bénévoles si dévoués, we are very lucky to have such dedicated volunteers. Your time, donations and efforts are much appreciated. On behalf of our staff and students, MERCI!

Sharing Assembly

Thank you to all families for supporting our sharing assembly! Staff and students were thankful to have the opportunity to share their talent with you. Un grand merci à Mme Wood Martin! Thank you Mme Wood Martin for organizing the assembly and a special thank you to all of the students who performed and helped to make the event a success!

Annonces

Please take a moment to visit our website at www.hwdsb.on.ca/norwoodpark. You will have access to newsletters, calendars and School Council Minutes. While on the site, take a moment to "Subscribe" to receive updated electronic Board and School Information.

Direct Donation

Thank you to all of our families who participated in Norwood Park's direct donation campaign. Thanks to your participation, we have raised \$6546.00

Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday January 17th, 2017

6:30-8:00pm in the Music
Room

Clearing Ice and Snow in School Areas

Staff from the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will clear, salt and/or sand the following areas:

The walkways from the City sidewalk to the school
The school steps and portable steps
Walkways to the portables
Ramps to schools and portables
An area outside of entrances and Fire Exit Doors
Fire Exit stairs and ramps

When there is an accumulation of 5 cm of snow, parking lots and sidewalks are plowed by approved contractors arranged through Facilities Management. General salting and sanding of the parking lot is also done by contracted staff prior to the commencement of the school day when deemed necessary by the Facility Management staff. Head Caretakers may salt or sand isolated areas on the parking lot on an as needed basis. Playgrounds will not be plowed or otherwise cleared. Head Caretakers will check the condition of the grounds early in the morning and during the school day to sand and/or salt isolated slippery areas that may occur due to changing temperatures.

Students should take extra caution when walking onto and leaving from school grounds. Caution must also be taken when playing on school grounds when conditions are slippery.

Principals may decide, dependent on weather and playground conditions, to have indoor recess and lunch/nutrition breaks.

eMax

To encourage and support students in their at-home reading, the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board is providing access to a digital lending library of eBooks and Audiobooks that students can access through eMAX. These eBooks and Audiobooks can be read and listened to on almost any device from an iPad to an MP3 Player. Students can access more than 2,400 popular titles appropriate for all grade levels, K-12. These titles can be accessed from home 24 hours a day, 365 days a year using the OEN number. The number of eBooks and Audiobooks available continues to grow daily - exciting news for our readers!



Important Reminders

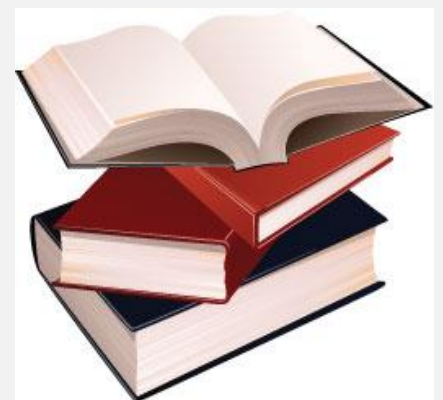


All visitors are asked to report to the main office when visiting the school.

Please be mindful of all posted parking and no stopping zones.

Parents are reminded that the parking lot is for staff and parents accessing the YMCA program.

Student arrival begins at 8:25am. Parents are reminded that students are to report to the back playground.



To access eBooks and Audiobooks available on eMAX, follow these simple steps:

1. Visit the HWDSB eMAX website at: <http://hwdsb.lib.overdrive.com>
2. You will need to install the OverDrive app appropriate for your mobile device or eReader (mobile devices only).
3. Begin browsing using the Newest Reads shelf for newest eBook and audiobook titles.
4. Choose from the drop-down menu of Subjects, Collections or Levels to limit your search to a particular collection, genre or reading level.
5. The book icon on the top-right-corner of the book jacket is for the eBooks.
6. The headset icon on the top-right-corner of the book jacket is for the Audiobooks.
7. Click on a book icon to read the description or Sample before making your choice.
8. When you have found an eBook or Audiobook that you would like to check out, select Borrow or Add to Wish List for later.
9. You will be prompted to enter your nine-digit OEN number.

****There is a sticker on the front page of each student's agenda that contains this OEN number.****

10. Students 13 years and older will be prompted to create a free OverDrive account

Note: For download and registration please use one of the following Internet Browsers: Google Chrome, Safari or Mozilla.

11. Select Read or Listen can Read your eBook in a browser. Please note: Internet access is required.
12. You can also save an eBook for offline reading (no software required).

Please follow the instructions: <http://help.overdrive.com/customer/portal/articles/1481524-how-to-read-overdrive-read-ebooks-offline>

13. If you do not have the appropriate app on your device, you will be prompted to download it. You can find your downloaded title by opening your OverDrive app.

*Please note: downloaded titles can be read or listen to without Internet access.

14. You will be given an Auto-Return date. The title will be returned automatically on this date.
15. For device specific guides please go to: <http://help.overdrive.com/customer/en/portal/articles/1481729-getting-started-with-overdrive>

This initiative is exciting and engaging for our students!



Thank you to all families who donated to Norwood Park's winter hat, mitts and used coats and boots collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

From Norwood Park's Parent Council

Holiday Lunch was held on Thursday, December 15th. We had a festive lunch catered by Nicola's Catering run by our many amazing parent volunteers. We would like to thank each and everyone who donated to this event. We could not have done it without your generosity!

In addition, the remaining donated funds are being used to purchase popcorn for Dec. 23rd's Polar Express Day! 500 snack bags of popcorn will be handed out.

Upcoming Events

January 17th - School Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m. In the Music Room

January 18th - Pita Pit Day - available on School Cash Online

2015-16 School Council Funds have been used to purchase the following:

- 5 a day DPA video website subscription (school wide access beginning January 2017)
- Drop Stage microphones for performances and assemblies
- 2 Classroom sets of iPads for primary classrooms
- 11 Listening centre stations for various grades
- Craft Week supplies
- School logo imaging on Gym Stage mats (sharing with the school)

Thank you for supporting our events to make this happen!

Play It Forward Donation Drive - we had 40 items donated that will be distributed to DPA bins. Thanks to Mme. Gaskin for helping with this project. We will do it again in the Spring!

Samko & Miko Sale - Norwood Park families sent in receipts that totalled \$73 in donations. Please send in your receipts by Jan 11th, 2017 if you have not done so already.

Norwood Park has been selected to receive a \$1000 Green Apple Grant from Metro. We will be creating a recipe book to promote healthy eating at school and at home. Check out their website to see all the details.

As always, please email norwoodparkschoolcouncilexecs@outlook.com with any questions, comments and/or suggestions.