



# Norwood Park News



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## Principal's Corner...

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received from the community. Norwood Park is an exceptional school and I am excited to learn and grow with this staff and these students. Your children are wonderful! Mr. Contant and the staff have done remarkable work and I am delighted to continue to cultivate what has been started.

October has come and gone quickly. You received Progress Reports which captured your child's development of learning skills and work habits over the first couple of months of school. General progress in all subjects was included, as well as an early indication if any additional help is needed. You have a chance to meet with your child's teacher(s) on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss progress. I'm looking forward to meeting many of you over our interview days.

Mrs. Michelle Rodney



Student Council is organizing a fundraiser for Movember and asking students to bring in their spare change. They are going to donate all money to The Movember Foundation. M Lemmond agrees to shave his beard off in a "bizarre moustache" shape if we raise over \$300.00

Friday November 24th is moustache day, so show your support, bring your best moustaches!

### Reminders

**Friday November 3rd is a PA Day**

If you drive your child to school, please remember that the parking lot is for staff and parents who drop their children off at the YMCA before and after school program only. All other parents are reminded to use street parking - staying on the appropriate side of the street to allow traffic to continue to flow.



Please use the path to walk your child to the yard as the parking lot is busy and out of bounds.

## PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Thursday, November 16



## Norwood Park Swim Team

**Swim Meet**

**Friday Nov. 10th**

**1 pm**

**McMaster**

**Bonne Chance!!!**

### Contact Information

School Trustee  
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Superintendent  
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### Terry Fox Update

*Thanks to a generous family who matched our donation, we were able to raise \$1013.70!*



*Let's We Forget*  
**Remembrance Day**  
**November 11**



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## NORWOOD DIRECT DONATION CAMPAIGN

With the support of our Norwood Park School Council, we are continuing our direct donation fundraising campaign whereby 100% of the money donated will be used to enhance our students' learning experience.

**Please refer to the letter and contribution form, available on our website or in paper copy by request for more information. Your support is greatly appreciated!**

## Coaches Corner...

The Norwood Park Panthers are in the middle of volleyball season. This is a great experience where students get the opportunity to build dexterity, eye hand coordination and collaboration skills that will benefit them into the future.

We have a Junior Girls and Boys team (grade 6 and 7), and a Senior Girls and Boys team (grade 7 and 8).

### The games are:

**Junior Girls:** Nov. 7th @ Chedoke - 4:45

Nov. 9th @ Ancaster Senior - 3:45

Nov. 14th @ Helen Detwiler - 3:45

**Junior Boys:** Nov. 6th @ Norwood Park (3:45 - double header)

Nov. 13th @ Helen Detwiler - 3:45

**Senior Girls:** Nov. 6th 3:45 @ Riddell

Nov. 9th - @ Norwood - 3:45

Nov. 16th - @ Chedoke @ 3:45

**Senior Boys:** Nov. 1st @ Riddell - 4:45

Nov. 15th @ Norwood Park (3:45 - double header) Pending reschedule due to tournament.

Good luck students on a great season full of learning and growth!

Mme Bernal, Mme Dube, Mme Collins,  
Mme Lane et M. Lemmond.

## School Council November Events

Pita Pit November 1st

Subway November 15th

We would like to remind you to attend our School Council meeting on Tuesday November 21st at 6:30 - 8:00pm in the music room. Your input is greatly appreciated.

**Please email Norwood Park's School Council execs at [SchoolCouncil288@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:SchoolCouncil288@hwdsb.on.ca) to find out how to get involved or if you would like to see any items added to the agenda.**



**Fall English Book Fair**

**Wednesday November 1st to Friday November 3rd**

**Location: School gym**

**Times: 9:30am to 2:30pm**

## Winter Break December 25th to

## January 7th, 2018

*Students' last day before the break is Friday December 22nd. Students return to school on Monday, January 8th, 2018.*





## It's Time to Stand Up, Speak Out, Help to Break the Silence!

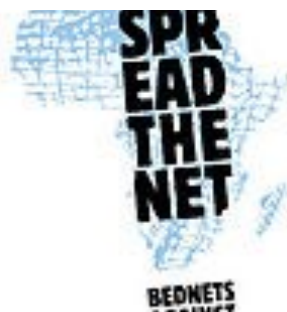
Prepare for Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week,  
November 19-25, 2017

Did you know?...about 30 per cent of students are bullied on a regular basis. ...about 20 per cent of students admit to bullying others on a regular basis. ...85 per cent of the time, that bullying happens there are other people watching. ...when someone intervenes bullying stops within seven seconds. ...increased adult presence at high-risk times can reduce bullying by up to 50 per cent.

Bullying is typically a form of repeated, persistent, and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem, or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

For more information on strategies for parents and students who are experiencing bullying issues go to: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/programs/safeschools>.

During Bullying awareness week, we will be focusing on defining bullying and the importance of the bystander in helping stop bullying.



A team of grade 8 leaders will be hosting various fundraising events in support of the Spread the Net Challenge through Plan International Canada. Spread the Net is a campaign to help protect against

malaria by delivering malaria-preventing bed nets to families in countries affected by malaria. Please be on the lookout for events here at Norwood in support of the Spread the Net Challenge.

## Cold Weather and Outdoor Play

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise and time spent outside affords students an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom.



With the Canadian climate, time spent outside could mean anything from applying sunscreen to donning extra mittens and a hat, depending on the season. In the winter, it's important children come to school prepared for the cold. Boots, mittens or gloves and hats should be worn to school and it's a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed. All students must have a pair of indoor shoes to change in to for the start of the school day.

As always, Principals can use their judgment in determining whether or not students remain inside during recess given the weather conditions. However, the City of Hamilton's Public Health and Community Services Department recommends individuals stay indoors when the temperature drops below minus 15 degrees Celsius without wind chill.

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board asks Principals to follow this recommendation and ensure children are not outside when it is that cold.



## Norwood Park Fall Food Drive

Norwood Park will be collecting non-perishable food items from November 6th-30th in support of the Hamilton Food Share. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of our fundraising initiatives for our local community.