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Norwood Park News

DIRECT DONATION EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 22nd, 2017

With the Direct Donation campaign parents/guardians make a charitable donation. The funds raised through this campaign will be used to enrich our school by supporting learning through technology. We will be purchasing media carts with projectors, Apple TVs, whiteboards, speakers and iPads for our classrooms as well as subsidizing student needs such as trips and awards.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000. We have raised almost \$2000 to date! Please make cheques out to the HWDSB Foundation or donate through School Cash Online.

Thank you for your support, un GRAND MERCI!!!

Principal's Corner...



**Norwood Park staff wishes you a happy and healthy holiday!
We will see you at 8:55am on January 8, 2018.**

Below are some suggestions of activities families can do in order to make good use of the extra time on the holiday break.

Make the most of the winter break...work on learning skills

Get organized:

- As holiday greeting cards arrive, ask your child to record the names and addresses of the senders.
- String cards together to display above doors, windows in your home.
- Ask your child to organize photographs in an album by date or activity. Save newspaper or magazine photographs of favourite athletes or role models to create a scrapbook.
- Suggest your child swap paperbacks, comics or magazines with family and friends.

Develop a sense of responsibility:

- Involve your child with holiday decorating and clean-up.
- Ask your child to take charge of family recycling (get containers, wash the jars, stack the papers, etc.)
- Have your child plan all aspects of a party. Your child can help decide on the guests, phone or send invitations, plan the food, get the house ready, greet and introduce the guests and clean up.

Bolster core learning skills:


- Recommend that your child keep a diary or journal of the family's activities.
- Make time every day to read as a family or on your own—even 10 or 15 minutes is fine.
- Take your child to the local library.
- Have your child follow a favourite newspaper comic strip all week.
- Encourage your child to write holiday greetings or thank-you cards to cousins, grandparents and friends.
- Review cash register receipts. Ask your child to check them for accuracy when you're unloading groceries.
- Have a family discussion about goals for 2018. Talk to your child about ways he or she can achieve them.

Teach citizenship:

- Check the newspaper for volunteer opportunities. For example, you and your child could help at a food bank, visit an elderly person living alone or volunteer at a community event.
- Visit the animal shelter, the fire station or a hospital to show your child what happens at these places.

Please subscribe to our website for important notices and reminders. <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/>

Nouvelles et annonces du conseil étudiantin.

 *Movember: Thank you to all students who participated in Movember. Un grand merci pour votre participation!*

Félicitations!!!

**Congratulations to our Norwood Park Swim Team and their participation at McMaster!
Un gros merci à Mme Thompson, Mme Bernal et M Schneiderman!**

Please join us on December 15th at 1:30 for a Primary Holiday Sharing Assembly





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Message from School Council

The Holiday Lunch will be on December 14. The cost is \$7/student. The event is catered by Nicola's Catering and traditional and vegetarian options are available. Payment is available on School Cash Online.

Intramurals are Well on Their Way

This year we have put more of an emphasis on physical health and physical literacy for all students. One step that we have taken towards this goal is that we have increased the amount of Intramurals that we are offering to our students during nutrition breaks. An intramural is a sports program run inside of the school, strictly for fun and not really competitive. This means any student can join if they choose.

From September to October, we ran a Soccer Intramural for grade 3-4 students. In this Intramural, Grade 8 students were trained to be referees and coaches. They would help lead the younger students in learning the sport and learning how to be part of a team. In this league, a total of 56 grade 3/4 students were involved. Furthermore, it offered 16 grade 8's leadership opportunities.

From mid-October - November, we conducted an "End-Zone Football" Intramural for Grades 5 and 6 students. This "football-esque" sport was a great success leading to 30 students becoming more active.

We are currently conducting a Grade 7 and 8 Basketball Intramural. This promises to be amazing. It gives students who do not normally play basketball, or who may not have made the school team, the opportunity to learn this sport.

In the future, we will be conducting a flag football, dodgeball, and Quidditch Intramural among others. Feel free to encourage your child to get involved and become more active.

Mr. Lemmond and Mr. Schneiderman

Coaches Corner...

Volleyball

Congratulations to the Junior Boys and Girls and the Senior Boys and Girls for a tremendous season. Each team was filled with great personalities and hard-workers.



A big thank you to each of the students who came out and gave it their all!

Norwood is very proud of You!

Mr. Lemmond, Mme Lane, Mme Dube, Mme Bernal, and Mme Collins.

Basketball

Basketball season is fast approaching. Tryouts have already started and the teams are looking quite strong. We look forward to competing hard while learning the skills and strategies that accompany basketball.

Norwood is blessed to have an amazingly active parent community. We would like to welcome back Mme. Rashford. She will be helping coach basketball again. She is an amazing influence on the boys and girls here at Norwood. Thank you in advance for all of the work that you do for the basketball program at this school.

The Senior season starts the second week back in January but practices will run through December. The Junior season does not start until March.



Thanks again parents for your continued support for athletics here at Norwood!

Mr. Lemmond



The Mad Science Extra-Curricular Program is coming to Norwood Park Public School in January 2018

Registration is now open!

- Enjoyed by thousands of children every year
- \$98.00 + GST for the eight week session
- Weekly fun take home experiments
- Engaging hands-on activities
- Cool demonstrations

Register Online:

www.register.madscience.org/hamilton
or call to secure your spot!

Registration is first come, first serve.

All registrations must be completed through Mad Science.

Registrations will not be accepted at the school.

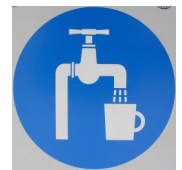
For more information, you can call: 905-335-6746 x23 or email; stephanie@madscience.on.ca or go to www.hamilton.madscience.org

Drinking Water Testing and Drinking Water Fixture Signage

Ontario is continuing to protect children's health with new regulation changes aimed at improving drinking water testing in child care centres and schools to minimize children's exposure to lead.

New amendments to Ontario Regulation 243/07 that took effect July 1, 2017, now require lead testing within these facilities for all fixtures used to provide drinking water and/or prepare food or drink for children under 18. There is a three-year period to test at elementary schools and child care centres, and a five-year period to complete testing at secondary schools.

Ontario Regulation 243/07 also requires testing to measure the presence of lead in drinking water against the provincial drinking water quality standard of 10 micrograms per litre, based on a national guideline set by Health Canada.



As we go through testing each year at Norwood Park School, you may notice stickers around certain sinks in the school. Any water fixture that is meant to provide water for consumption or for food preparation will be clearly labelled with a sign illustrating that the water is provided for drinking purposes. Water fountains will not have these signs as their intended purpose is for drinking.

Free Access to the Virtual Immersion

Campus for Your Child

A reminder that:

Your children can now access the Virtual Immersion Campus and receive help from our online teachers in French, English and Math.

Send your homework to:

homework@voilalearning.com before accessing the platform. Your children can also practice their French and play French games on the platform (riddles, pictograms and much more) and all while earning points.

To register to the Virtual Immersion Campus visit: voilalearning.com, click on 'My school board is registered'.

The Virtual Immersion Campus will be open Monday to Thursday from 5pm to 6:30 pm for homework help and from 6:30 to 8pm for French practice.

Go to the following link for an overview of the program

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Aj76_zKvRM

Math Homework Help – Grades 7&8

Homework Help provides FREE online Math help for students in Grades 7 to 10 in the province of Ontario. Homework Help is run by TVO's Independent Learning Centre with support from the Ontario government. Students can log in between 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. ET from Sunday to Thursday for one-on-one tutoring with Ontario teachers. Grade 7 and 8 students can register online and familiarize themselves with the website. The website address for Homework Help is: <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>

For more information about Math Homework Help, please visit: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/elearning/homework.html>

**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.

