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Norwood Park News



From the Principal's Desk...

Report cards go home and February 13th. Please review your child's comments carefully as they will contain important next steps to help your child set goals. As always, please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Reading is important for progress in all subjects in school. If you would like to discuss what your child is reading, you could use the following prompts:

Start with a book talk. Look at the front cover. What is the title? Look at the picture on the cover. Who wrote the book? Discuss the picture; is it an illustration or a photo? This is a pre reading strategy. Is this book fiction or non-fiction and how do you know?

Read the first 1-2 pages. Think about the cover, the title and what you have read so far. What do you think is going to happen in this story?

Read the rest of the story and stop often. Talk about the story before, during and after reading. Try to relate it to something in your life. (What connections can you make? Text to text, text to self, text to world)

In order to have your child think deeper about what they are reading ask:

- If the author changed the time or place of the story, how would the story change?
- Do any characters learn a lesson in this story? Explain how the character learns this lesson.
- Tell one lesson the author might want us to learn from this story. How could you use this lesson in your own life?
- Which is your favourite character? Why? How are you similar to/different from this character?
- If you could ask a character in the story three questions, what would they be? What do you think the answers would be? What would happen next if the story kept going? Write a new chapter to the story.

February has us saying goodbye...

Our VP Madame Lacroix is leaving to be the new principal of Lawfield Elementary school. We will miss her guidance, smiles and wonderful support. Our loss is Lawfield's gain.

Monsieur Bradley will be joining the Norwood Park team until a permanent replacement can be found. Mr. Bradley is a retired principal who has worked in various FI schools throughout HWDSB so he will be a wonderful asset when he starts February 1st.

HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE 2018 MARCH BREAK COP CAMP

Each high energy camp day features a wide variety of fun, engaging programs, including team-building games, interactive police presentations, and special visitors. Come spend a positive, rewarding, fun-filled day with Hamilton Police Officers. Please register quickly to ensure your child's spot at the camp.

Four 1-Day Camps
 March 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th
 Campers Must Be Ages 9-12
 East End Station:
 2825 King Street East, Hamilton
 \$20 per child
 (limited number of spots available)

Registration deadline:
 Friday February 23rd, 2018
 For more information and to obtain the required forms, please contact Hamilton Police Service Crime Prevention by email: hbalcomb@hamiltonp



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**Next School Council Meeting is
Tuesday February 20th at 6:30
in the music room.**

HWDSB Launches Parent Voice Survey to Gather Input for Improvement

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) invites parents, guardians and caregivers to participate in a Parent Voice Survey to share what you think HWDSB is doing well, and how might HWDSB improve its education services.

Parents, guardians and caregivers play an important role in HWDSB and we value your opinion.

Your feedback helps us make decisions about how we deliver school services for students.

HWDSB has made a commitment to partner with its parent/guardian and caregiver communities, and to work together to help students learn and grow to their full potential. This survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.

There are no right or wrong answers. All data collected in this survey is an anonymous and combined as a group.

You can find the survey online at https://hwdsb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3TKK1aKCPgO8e3j

If you would like to learn more about how we use the data and maintain your privacy, please [click here](#)

Thank you for taking the time for this survey and helping HWDSB with your feedback

Norwood students are excited that Basketball season is up and running. The Senior Boys and Senior Girls season runs from late January to the end of March.

Remaining Games:

February 7th -- Game at Chedoke

Senior Boys @ 3:45

Senior Girls @ 5:00

February 14th -- Game at Westview

Senior Girls @ 3:45

Senior Boys @ 5:00

We are happy that our students have the opportunity to continue to develop, not only their basketball skills, but more importantly, their team-building and collaboration skills.

The beginning of March marks the Junior Basketball Season (Grades 6 and 7). More information will be available as we approach March.

Good Luck Teams and thank you parents for continuing to support our athletic programs here at Norwood.

M. Lemmond



We are so excited to continue with our Intramural Program into the new year. A Dodgeball Intramural has just begun for Grade 2 and 3 students. This program is already a success boasting over 100 kids participating. Organizing this has been a daunting task, however, we have hit the ground running.

M. Lemmond and M. Schneiderman

Some details on Dodgeball Intramurals:

- Teams are mixed as best as possible to disperse gender, age, class, and skill level. Teaching students about the importance of diversity is a by-product of this league.
- Each team will play 3 games in a Round Robin format. The top 4 teams will play in the semi-finals. The winner of the semi-finals will play in the finals for the chance to be Norwood champions and to play the Norwood Teacher Team.
- 2 games will be held per nutrition break. When the first game occurs, the students playing in the second game will eat their morning snack on chairs and tables set up on the stage. When the first game is done, those playing will wash their hands and eat their snack and the other 2 teams will play.
- The schedule was printed without dates because games are subject to change based on whether or not the gym is booked.

Games will happen at first nutrition break on Days 1, 3, and 5.

A big "Thank You" to all of the Grade 8 students who are helping to coach and referee each team.

This program would not be a success without you!

Thank you to all students and parents who are involved as well. Here's to making Norwood Park an active and healthy place to go to school!!



"Members of the Harry Potter Fan Club would like to invite students and teachers to participate in a Harry Potter/Fairy Tale Magic Dress-up Day on February 2nd. It's an opportunity for everyone to bring a little magic to the winter months. Students should dress up as their favourite character or creature from Harry Potter or any other fairy tale that they enjoy! Thanks for joining in on the fun."

Buses and Parking

For any questions regarding late buses before or after school, please call the Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Service department directly at (905) 523-2318.

You can also find information at

www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca

Log into the Parents Portal to create an account for information on bus delays.



In order to help our buses arrive and leave safely, we ask that you pay to No Parking sign and drive on the correct side of the street to maintain a safe environment for our students.

Please take a moment to visit our website at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/norwoodpark/> for important notices and reminders. 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.

Happy
Valentine's
Day