



Norwood News

*Educating for Success –
September Edition*



Norwood District
Public School

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to our 2019 - 2020 school year! I am your new Principal and I am very excited to be here. Previously, I was at a very large French immersion school in Cobourg and commuting every day from Peterborough. Coming to Norwood feels like an extension of my home because I am familiar with the area and it's not too far of a drive either!

So far the Norwood community is proving to be very kind and I am meeting so many parents who are equally excited for what this year will bring for their child(ren). It is my hope that every child is cared for as if they are our own and through positive working relationships I have no doubt that the school year will be filled with enjoyment, engagement and challenges that make us all better.

We have a few new staff members joining us this year. Please welcome Ms. Johnston, Ms. Beard, Ms. Button, Mrs. Tant and Ms. Carl to our team. I would also like to thank Mrs. Ellis and her team of custodians who worked throughout the hot summer months to make our school shiny

again. We all wish her a very happy retirement!

I encourage everyone to log onto our school website and get the most up-to-date information. My goal is to move to a paperless communication system but this will be something that I will work up to based on the feedback from our community and parent council.

Your Partner in Education,
Mrs. Ostapek

Student Absence Reporting System

We will continue to use the automated Student Absence Report System this year. If you do not have an account please visit studentabsence.kprdsb.ca. If you use the mobile app, search for SchoolMessenger (one word) on Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

Once you have re-registered your child, you once again will be able to inform the school of your child's upcoming absences at:



On Thursday September 19th from 5:30-6pm Pizza and Pop will be available for purchase. At 6pm you will be invited into the school to meet your child's teacher & shop our Book Fair in the Library.

We hope to see you all there!

- studentabsence.kprdsb.ca
- 1-844-434-8119
- the SchoolMessenger mobile app on your cell phone or tablet.

This program allows you to report all of your children's upcoming absences at a time that's convenient for you - 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If you are coming to the school to pick up your child for an appointment please begin your visit at the office. Parents are not allowed to be in our hallways without permission from the office.

Please also keep absences to a minimum. Illness do occur but frequent absences can often affect school work or be signs of other issues. Please make sure you contact the office if this seems to be a growing concern.

Student Verification Forms

Please make necessary changes, sign pages 2 and 3 and return to the school as soon as possible.

Medical Plan of Cares

If your child has medical concerns such as, severe allergies, diabetes, epilepsy, asthma, etc., you and your doctor will need to complete a Plan of Care form. We will be sending these home for updating, it is very important that these are returned as soon as possible.

School Council/Agendas

School Council plays an integral role at Norwood District PS as they recommend and advise the school administration in relation to educational issues. School Council meetings are held monthly. The first meeting is Tuesday September 24th at 4:00pm in the Staff Room (future dates will be determined at this time). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come out to enrich the school experience for our children.

Agendas

All students from kindergarten to Grade 6 are expected to use an agenda as an integral component of their instructional program for teaching organizational skills. **The cost is \$2.00 per agenda.** Parents, please review and sign the agenda every night as there are often important notes from the classroom teacher or homework/ assignments that needs to be completed.



Cell Phones and other Electronic Devices

Please be sure to read and discuss the Norwood District PS cell phone/electronic devices Policy with your child. Please remember that the teaching and office staff needs to know if students are being picked up - not just arranged via text. As well, students sometimes like to vent about problems they are having via text/call. Please make sure you encourage them to deal with the problem in the most appropriate way or to seek help from the adults in the school. It is important the students learn and develop conflict resolution skills themselves, rather than having parents "swoop in" to save the day. Thank you for your continued support in this matter!

Picture Day

Students will have their photographs taken on **Tuesday September 17th**. A reminder will be in your child's agenda and posted on our website. Retakes will take place in October.



Picking Up/Dropping off Students

Arrival

There are no teachers on duty until 8:40 am. Do not bring your child(ren) before 8:40. If you do, please be sure to wait with your child until a staff member is outside on duty, do not come into the school.

End of the Day

If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please wait for them at the front gate (primary yard) of the school. Please do not cluster around the front doors as this is a very busy location at the end of the day. As well, please inform your bus driver and office if your child(ren) will not be riding the bus at the end of the day. Please make sure that you are parking in designated areas only and not on our lawn. Please respect the teachers on duty as they work hard to keep our children safe.

Monthly Character Trait: Respect

Learning Goal

We are focusing on respect. Respect is considering the feelings of others, their wishes, rights, and traditions. It is also about respecting our building, equipment, and the work of our peers.

Reminders

It is important that we try to provide an environment in which all can learn.

Some members of learning community have severe allergies and reactions. Norwood, staff, students and families are reminded that:

- 1) We are a **Nut Free School**. Please check lunch items carefully to ensure that they are safe to come to school. The Internet is a great resources for nut-free lunches.
- 2) We are also a **Scent Sensitive Building**. Please be aware that colognes perfumes, scented products and even the smell of cigarette smoke can trigger severe reactions. We ask that scented products not be worn or sprayed in the school.
- 3) **Pizza lunch program** will begin Sept. 16th. Pizza will be on sale every Monday. Parents can **pay using cash on-line** or students can bring \$2.00 on Mondays and it will be delivered at 2nd break.

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Staff

Mrs. McMillan	JK/SK
Ms. Smith	ECE
Mrs. Stanley	JK/SK
Ms. Chappell	ECE
Ms. Fioritti	JK/SK
Ms. Cuttler	ECE
Mrs. McParlan	1
Mrs. Merrill	2
Ms. Johnston	1/2
Mrs. Mills	3
Mrs. Hill	3
Mr. Tattrie	4
Mrs. Wynne	4/5
Mr. Leeder	5
Ms. Koller	5/6
Mrs. Hawkes	6
Mrs. Westgarth	SERT
Ms. Growden	SERT/Planning
Mme St. Pierre	French
Ms. Bult	Library/Planning
Mrs. Merrin	Planning
Ms. Jermev	Planning

Support Staff

Mrs. Decker	EA
Ms. Beard	EA
Ms. Button	EA
Mrs. Gontier	EA
Mrs. Tant	EA
Ms. Carl	Custodian

Uptown – Grade 6’s

At this time we are putting “Uptown” on hold. As a new admin to Norwood I would like time to make a more informed decision. Student safety is my main concern and until downtown construction is complete and I have a better lay of the land I am asking for patience and understanding.

Violence Threat Risk Assessment

The KPR Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all. When students behave inappropriately, principals use progressive discipline to change behaviour. When student behaviours pose a potential threat to safety or serious harm, KPR’s Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) protocol helps principals take immediate steps to protect student well-being. While such incidents are rare, the VTRA outlines how we work with local police, mental health providers and community agencies to keep students safe. Read more about the protocol, including notification requirements, in the Safe, Caring and Restorative Schools section of kprschoools.ca. As always, student safety is our first priority. Should you have any questions, please ask.

Peterborough GreenUp

We now have “School Zone” painted on Flora Road just down from our school. We will continue to work in partnership with GreenUp with the following goals:

- 1) Students taking the bus instead of parents driving them.
- 2) Students riding their bikes and/or walking to school.
- 3) Reducing traffic in front of our school and making it safer for our students.

Breakfast Program

Ms. Smith will continue to run the breakfast program for all of our students. Kids can visit any time after 8:40am. If you would like to donate food to our program it is truly appreciated.



Do you have concerns about your child?

If you do, please contact your child’s teacher and arrange a time to meet or discuss over the phone. Always speak to them first.

Please Review

On our Yard we are kind. We enjoy the outdoors and our friends. We know where we are supposed to be. We keep our bodies to ourselves and we stay under control. We use equipment appropriately. We talk to an adult when we need help problem solving.