



NORWOOD DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Educating for Success

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From the Office...

We have had an excellent start to the 2019-2020 school year. Thank you to all of the families that attended our Open House on September 19th. It was great to welcome you into the school, to have you meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and let your child show you around a very important part of their lives. It was also nice for us to meet so many of you!

Our staff members continue to keep the best interests of our students at heart as they have been working hard to establish routines and expectations both within our building and outside on our yard. We ask that you continue to have conversations about yard safety and conflict resolution. At Norwood we are kind, we act safely, and we respect all.

Learning is well under way, it is important to maintain strong, supportive and cooperative relationships. One of the key components is communication. At the school level, communication comes in various forms:

- Report cards (3x per year)
- Interviews (formal and informal)
- Telephone calls
- Agenda and/or Seesaw, Dojo, Remind
- Newsletters
- Feedback on student work
- School messenger
- Norwood website

Communication from home is equally important. Please make sure to communicate with your child's teacher as it heads off issues before they become too big. Remember, what your child tells

you is only one side. It's always important to contact the teacher to hear the other side.

Your Partner in Education,
Brooke Ostapek



The results for the 2018-2019 EQAO Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics have recently been released and you can access them at www.eqao.com. While reading and writing scores tend to be a strength, math continues to be an area that requires us to look more closely at how we can move students forward. As a board we continue to focus on the renewed math strategy scope and sequence.



Our School Council meeting was held on September 24th. Any parents who are still interested in becoming a part of this important advisory group are encouraged to come out and join us.

Upcoming dates:

October 15th, 4pm - November 12th, 4pm – December 10th, 4pm

Norwood Executive for 2019-2020:

Chair – Julie McLean

Vice Chair – Laurie Strawbridge

Treasurer – Becky Waldon

Secretary – Kate Webb



COACHES CORNER

Our teams had a great deal of success at their tournament in September.

The pretty amazing thing was that BOTH the Junior boys and the Junior girls teams went undefeated winning all 5 round robin games and the A championship!

Both teams played with determination and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all of our players on your hard work, dedication and success. We would also like to thank our coaches, Mr. Leeder and Mrs. Merrill who took their personal time and dedicated it to these teams. You all made Norwood proud!

WORLD TEACHERS DAY



We would like to congratulate and thank our teachers for the caring and generous ways in which they help our students grow and expand their knowledge, while developing important life skills and their love of learning. Their dedicated service to students, families and the broader community is instrumental in helping our students to excel. They inspire and help students to realize their dreams and to build a better world. We commend our teachers for their hard work and dedication on World Teacher's Day, October 5th.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair was a tremendous success. A special thanks to our Parent Council and Mrs. Jermy who ran the program from start to finish. All proceeds will be used towards the purchasing of new resources for our Learning Commons. Thank you Norwood!



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.



NO DOGS ALLOWED

Kindly keep your dogs (both small and large) at home or off property if you are picking your child up. Dogs must be kept away from our students as some are very afraid while others may have allergies. Please spread the word and help us keep our students safe.

RESPONSIBILITY

I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY THOUGHTS, WORDS AND ACTIONS. I AM ACCOUNTABLE FOR MY CHOICES. I ADMIT MY MISTAKES AND WORK TO CORRECT THEM. PEOPLE CAN DEPEND ON ME TO HONOUR MY COMMITMENTS.

NO SMOKING OR VAPING

The Tobacco Control Act of Ontario prohibits smoking and vaping from anyone, anywhere on school property.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

All students at Norwood will continue to have access to daily breakfast bins but hot breakfast is on hold for the time being.



Family Picture Night



On October 30th Norwood Public School and Edge Imaging will be hosting family photo sessions just in time for the holidays. Please call the school to reserve your spot before we sell out.

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 with each \$10.00 sitting fee that goes back to our school.

ALLERGEN AWARE SCHOOL

We would like to take a moment to remind everyone that Norwood is an allergen aware school. There are students and staff in attendance who suffer from severe and life threatening allergies to certain foods, such as peanuts. Please be aware of potentially harmful foods when you pack your child's lunch.

Also, a number of individuals are highly sensitive to scents which can result in severe headaches and asthma attacks. We ask that our school community pays attention to these important matters and help us to keep everyone feeling their best.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Terry Fox fundraiser. Donations are still being counted, but we are hopeful that we reached our goal of \$500 for this great cause! Even though the weather didn't cooperate for a "4 School" community walk, Norwood did find an opportunity between rain showers to walk briefly around our neighborhood. Way to go Norwood!



Thank you to everyone who took the opportunity to engage with the School Travel Planning project at our school Open House last week. We received a lot of great feedback!

For anyone who hasn't already had a chance to voice their opinion on our proposed Actions, they can be reviewed on our website.

We would appreciate additional comments submitted by email to our project facilitator by Friday, October 4th, 2019: natalie.stephenson@greenup.on.ca

Stay tuned for more updates, and news of our next Action Team meeting!

REGISTER NOW FOR A FREE PARENT CONFERENCE!



Now's your chance to register for KPR's free, annual Parent Conference, featuring internationally renowned resilience researcher Dr. Michael Ungar!

Registration continues until October 11 at www.kprschoools.ca for:

2019 Parent Conference

The Risk-Taker's Advantage: How to Make Kids More Resilient by Not Bubblewrapping Them

Saturday, October 19

9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Port Hope High School, 130 Highland Dr., Port Hope

With Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael Ungar

Plus light refreshments, child minding for ages 2 & older, & booths by agencies serving families

Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear Dr. Michael Ungar, a funny and engaging speaker who is considered one of the top experts on resilience in Canada and internationally.

It's all FREE. If you need assistance, have questions or if there are accommodations that would make the conference more accessible for you, please call 705-742-9773 or toll-free 1-877-741-4577, ext. 2001, or email judy_malfara@kprdsb.ca



Newsletter Hard Copy Request

At Norwood Public School we are environmentally conscious, therefore, all further monthly newsletters will be posted on the school website within the first week of the month. We can, through our efforts, stop the cycle of abuse to the environment and leave a much healthier footprint for our children. If you require a hard copy, please return this cut-out to the school.

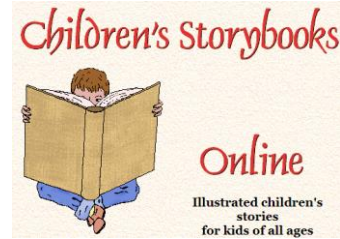
Student Name:

Classroom Teacher:

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Cross Country	2 BUS SAFETY 	3 Wraps	4	5
6	7 	8 	9 	10 Wraps Students walking to Fairgrounds 	11	12
13	14 Happy Thanksgiving 	15	16	17 Wraps	18	19
20	21 	22 Photo Retakes 	23	24 Wraps	25	26
27	28 	29 	30 Family Picture Night	31 Wraps 		

Reading with your child is one of the most important things that you can do to support your child's development. Here are a few websites that you may find helpful:



<http://www.magickeys.com/books/>



<https://www.storylineonline.net/>



<https://www.abcya.com/>



<https://www.funbrain.com/books>



<https://pbskids.org/games/reading/>