

NORWELL NEWS

QUI SE VINCIT FORTITER STAT
He who conquers himself stands strong .

Norwell District Secondary School

Principal - H. Pedjase, B. Sc., B. Ed.
Vice Principal - C. Harrison, B. A., M. Ed.

135 Cumberland Street
Palmerston, Ontario
N0G 1P0
Phone: 343-3107 or Fax: 343-2347

February 2010

FAMILY DAY

Just a reminder of the Family Day Holiday on Monday February 15, 2010. All schools in the Upper Grand District School Board, including Norwell D.S.S. will be closed. We wish you a good day spent with family.

In recognition of Family Day the Town of Minto will be offering free admission to the movie playing at the Norgan Theatre on Sunday, February 14, 2010 and the matinee at 2:00 pm on Monday, February 15, 2010.

FEBRUARY FOR HAITI

In response to the recent tragedy in Haiti, Norwell's community has decided to name this month "February for Haiti". Each student-led club or society has committed to running one fundraiser for Haiti, including a girls' hockey tournament buyout, Sear's theatre at the Norgan, and a Norlympics charity tournament. February's Can Save collections will be directed to the cause, and a donation jar will also be placed in the cafeteria. Please give generously. Donations will go to the Canadian Red Cross' Haitian efforts.

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY

Did you know that the Norwell Library houses almost 10,000 items? Included in the collection are fiction and non-fiction books, encyclopedias, atlases, DVDs and audio books. Because the catalogue is an online database, it can be searched by students from home. Students can also log in to the database, using their student number, to check due dates and fines, renew material, and request items.

www.ugdsb.on.ca/norwell/library.aspx → Online Resources → Norwell Library

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

As directed by the Ministry of Education, all schools must have a Character Development programme in place. The Upper Grand District School Board has chosen the following five character traits for all schools to focus on. They include: Respect, Compassion, Fairness, Honesty and Responsibility. Norwell will be taking opportunities to highlight these five traits through assemblies, articles in the newsletter and the Norwell Eye, announcements and postings on Kim's Korner, the bulletin board located outside room 107. We are hoping to enhance previous teachings, highlight existing situations and bring forth new ideas. All of this will create an environment where we will reinforce the importance of good citizenship.

Our first two character traits were Respect and Compassion. Our school community learned about Respect in our bully Awareness campaign. Norwell is a Compassionate community as demonstrated in the coat drive, food and toy

..... continued on next page

drive, the sponsorship of a child and in our efforts to raise funds for Haiti.

February's campaign will be around Honesty. Honesty involves actions, thoughts and feelings that are sincere, trustworthy and truthful. We demonstrate honesty when we show integrity, take ownership for our actions and give credit for other's ideas and or work (i.e. no plagiarism or cheating), as referenced in the UGDSB Character Attributes pamphlet.

We will continue to highlight our upcoming traits in the upcoming newsletters. If you have any questions, would like to know more about the character development programme, or have some new ideas, please feel free to call Kim Sonnet, Child and Youth Counsellor at extension 313.

(UGDSB Character Attributes Pamphlet)

PUPPY IN TRAINING

Ruby is a 6 month old Golden Retriever has been in training since the early age of 8 weeks. Ruby already follows basic commands very well. Shelley Campbell an Educational Assistant in our school has raised puppies for National Service Dogs for about 6 years. Ruby is the 6th dog Shelley has raised with her family. These dogs are raised to serve autistic children aged 6 - 12 years. Ruby goes everywhere the Campbell's go and is recognized by her purple jacket. Students should NOT call out or reach out to her, she can only be petted if a student asks first and if Ruby is sitting.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The School Council would like to invite interested parents to attend our next School Council meeting which will be held in the school staffroom on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

EXAMINATIONS

Each course will hold final summative evaluations including the possibility of culminating activities over a series of days, or as a final written or practical examination. June exams will be June 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25, 2010. All exams are to be written on the date and time on the exam schedule. A student with a serious medical problem must provide a doctor's note and speak with the Vice-Principal Mrs. Cory Harrison. Other extenuating circumstances are also to be referred to the Vice-Principal. Vacations and employment are **not** legitimate reasons for missing an examination. Culminating activities are considered as equivalent to a final examination, and as such, attendance and task completion in these areas is also mandatory. Medical excusal is also necessary for any absences from culminating tasks, otherwise academic consequences will apply.

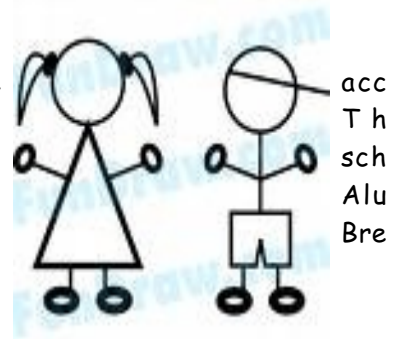
UGDSB RECOGNIZES FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Every year Canadians are invited to take part in the festivities and events that honour the legacy of black Canadians, past and present, during Black History Month.

Black History Month exists to remind us all of the rich contributions within our society from people of African and Caribbean decent, and of their ongoing struggle for equity and social justice. This is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nations we know today. It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of black Canadians in our society, and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history.

**NORWELL'S 70TH REUNION - "Come Home to Norwell"
MAY 14TH & 15TH, 2010**

Registration forms for the 2010 Norwell Reunion are now available! They can be accessed from the Norwell webpage or by picking one up in the main office of the school. The Golf Tournament has a separate application form and can be accessed from the school webpage or by picking one up from the main office. Events include Norwell Redmen Mini Golf Tournament, Through the Ages - Opening Ceremonies, Decade Rooms, Staff akfast and the Dinner & Dance. See you there!!!



CALLING ALL GRADE 10 & 11 LEADERS!!

LINK is a high school transition program that pairs grade nine students with two senior students. Students have the opportunity to get to know their link leaders and to gather valuable information and advice from them. The goal of the program is to promote student success, to build mentor relationships, to encourage extra curricular involvement and to create great memories while at Norwell.

LINK will be looking for leaders for the **LINK** Crew Program for the coming school year. If you are interested in working with grade nine students, are enthusiastic, committed and want to learn leadership skills apply to be a **LINK** leader. Stay tuned to announcements and the **LINK** bulletin board by the cafeteria for more information. Applications will be posted around the school in April.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

During times of inclement weather, please listen to: 1460 AM CJOY, 106.1 Magic FM, Oldies 1090 AM, 105.3 Kool FM, News Talk 570 AM, 96.7 FM CHYM and 101.7 FM CKNX, CKCO-TV for school transportation cancellations.

A decision to cancel transportation is made by 6:30 am in order to give all parents and drivers sufficient notice. The decision is based on a number of factors, including the actual weather and road conditions, as checked first-hand by designated Bus Operators in each area, weather predictions made by Environment Canada, and information on road conditions from the local Road Superintendent.

Parents can also check the school website <http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/norwell/> for bus cancellations.

GERMANY, SWITZERLAND AND FRANCE MARCH BREAK TRIP

The Modern Languages Department will be exploring Germany, Switzerland and France this March Break with 25 language students and parents. The group will be leaving Thursday, March 11th and will be returning Saturday, March 20th. Trip highlights include Berlin, Dachau Concentration Camp, Neuschwanstein Castle, Geneva, and Paris. For those who were unable to participate in this year's international trip, keep your eyes and ears open for possible future opportunities! Flight and hotel information will be made available two weeks before departure.

THEATRE NORWELL

"The cast is set. Theatre Norwell has started the new year with rehearsals for its 2010 production, The Reunion Show. To be staged for Norwell's reunion in May, a thirty-five member cast, directed and choreographed by grade

12 students, Amanda Knowles and Emily Burgess, respectively, will strive to paint a picture of life at Norwell through the ages (complete with era-specific music and dancing). The show is sure to be a hit. Stay tuned for more details."

2008/2009 SCHOOL DATES

- Feb. 11 - Blood Donor Clinic Here
- Feb. 12 - Valentines Day Dance 7 - 11 pm
- Feb. 15 - Family Day - no buses
- Feb. 18 - School Council 7 pm Staff Room
- Feb. 23 - Late Start Day
- Feb. 26 - Great White North Experience
- March 3 - Interim Reports go home
- March 10 - Parents Night 6:30 - 8 pm
- March 12 - Board Holiday (no buses)
- March 15 - 19 - March Break
- March 24 - Student Council Free Event
- March 25 - School Council 7 pm Staff Room
- April 2 - Good Friday
- April 5 - Easter Monday
- April 8 - Blood Donor Clinic Here
- April 8 - Literacy Test
- April 9 - Cut the Mic
- April 20 - Late Start Day
- April 22 - Student 4 Hire
- April 23 - Reports go Home
- April 23 - Spring Dance
- April 30 - P. A. Day (no buses)
- May 14 & 15 - Norwell's 70th Reunion
- May 18 - Late Start Day
- May 20 - School Council 7 pm Staff Room
- May 24 - Victoria Day
- May 28 - Prom
- June 4 & 5 - Relay for Life
- June 10 - Blood Donor Clinic Here
- June 14 - Quiet Week Starts
- June 18 - Grade 12 Study Day
- June 18 - Last Day of Classes
- June 21 - 25 - June Exams compulsory attendance
- June 28 - P. A. Day
- June 29 - P. A. Day

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Being a volunteer can be a very rewarding experience. Several areas in our school have been identified as areas where community volunteers could improve not only the academic environment but also the extra-curricular environment.

Our special education department has a resource room where many of our special needs students work. They are very successful with one-on-one tutoring and benefit greatly from classroom withdrawal. Volunteers may work with students during a semester developing a long term relationship helping with projects, preparing for tests and completing homework in all subject areas.

On April 8th, the province-wide literacy test will be written. We need your help! Many of our special needs students will require assistance to write this test. They will need help to read the test questions and to write their verbal answers.

Volunteers are required to have police checks. This is a very simple process which we will gladly explain to you when you inquire about becoming a volunteer. Any costs incurred will be covered by Norwell.

If you would like to volunteer your time to help our students, please contact the school at 519-343-3107. You will

make a difference!

Please complete the form on the next page and return it to the office.

Volunteers are Important
(Please complete and return to the office)

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Name(s) of Child(ren) _____ Grade _____ Teacher(s) _____

_____ Telephone Number: Home _____

Work _____

email address: _____

Volunteers are Needed (check as many as you like) I am unable to volunteer

in my child's classroom Grade _____ Teacher _____

in another classroom in the library

reading program (Training will be provided) School Council

Assisting with Field Trips my child's class other classes when needed

✂ _____

-

