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# Norwood School

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# September Newsletter

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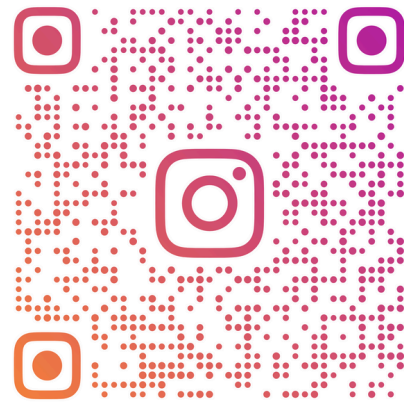
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# Principal's Message

I am delighted to welcome you back to another exciting school year at Norwood. As we embark on this new journey together, I want to share our renewed mission statement:

**Empowering students to thrive in a culture of innovation, collaboration, and continuous improvement.**

This mission statement reflects our commitment to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment where every student feels valued, inspired, and equipped to reach their full potential. We believe that by fostering a culture of innovation, collaboration, and continuous improvement, we can empower our students to become lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and responsible citizens.

I am confident that this year will be filled with exciting opportunities for growth, learning, and discovery. Together, we will create a positive and supportive community where everyone feels safe, respected, and included.

Sincerely,

*Charlene Saunders*

# Norwood News

## Upcoming Events:

Sept. 18 - X-Country Run Meet

Sept. 19 - Hot Lunch Orders Due

Sept. 20 - Terry Fox Run

Sept. 23 - TRC Pancake Breakfast

Sept. 24 - Parent Council Meeting  
6:00 pm

Sept. 26 - Hot Lunch

Sept. 30 - National Day for TRC - no school



## Parent Council

annual general meeting

Sept. 24 @ 6

# TERRY FOX RUN



All next week (September 16-20), Norwood students and staff will be collecting Toonies for Terry as part of our fundraising efforts for the Terry Fox Foundation, which supports vital cancer research in Canada.

Friday, September 20th, students will be participating in the Terry Fox Run here at school before lunch to celebrate their efforts!

If your family is able, please send a Toonie any day from September 16-20, and have your child give it to their homeroom teacher. If you don't have a Toonie, or prefer to donate another dollar amount, you can also access our fundraising page online here: [Norwood School Fundraising Page](#)

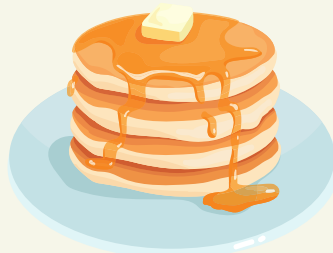


## **Truth & Reconciliation Week**

During the week of September 23rd - 27th, Norwood School will continue to explore the rich and diverse cultures, voices and experiences and stories of the First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples. There is no school on September 30th in order to honour the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.



**Orange Shirt Day  
Sept. 27**



**Pancake breakfast for  
students and staff  
September 23.**



# NORWOOD - NEED TO KNOW

September, 2024



## Norwood is a closed Campus School

Students are not allowed to leave school grounds unless they are going to their own home with parent permission. Students must sign out when they leave and sign back in upon their return.



## PowerSchool

PowerSchool is an online student information system that can be used by both students and parents to look up grades, attendance and fees. To access PowerSchool visit the [PowerSchool Portal](#).

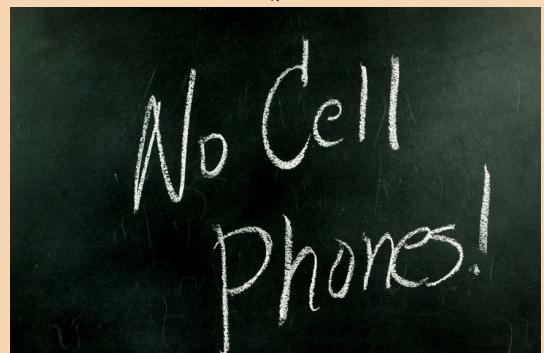
## Safe School Expectations

- No hats or hoods are to be worn in the school building.
- Backpacks are to be placed in lockers upon arrival at school. No backpacks are to be worn around the school building.
- All school exterior doors, including the front door, will be locked at all times and opened for students to access during school entry times.

## Cell Phone/PED Policy

Cell phones and PED's must be "**Away for the Day**". They may not be used during the school day including during recesses. If they are in a student's backpack they should be turned off.

If you need to communicate with your child during the school day please contact our office.



# PARENT COUNCIL

Welcome back to another school year everyone! Parent Council is excited to get back to some fundraising and planning family events throughout the school year.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held Tuesday September 24th at 6 PM at Norwood School. At this meeting our board of executives will be nominated and selected for the 2024/2025 year. If you'd like to take part and have a voice in our school, this is the time to come!

Our September hot lunch will be Mitchell's cafe, and again this year we will be using various local restaurants once a month for our hot lunch program. A reminder to still send snacks and/or drinks with your child as needed. If your child is absent on hot lunch day you can make arrangements at the office to have the hot lunch picked up - please contact the office before noon the day of hot lunch. Otherwise, the lunch will be given to a child who may have forgotten their lunch.

The Mabel's Labels fundraiser has been going on since June, so far we have raised \$83.35. This will stay as an ongoing fundraiser for the remainder of the school year. Select 'Norwood School (Wetaskiwin)' at check out to support the school.

We had 36 orders using School Start for school supplies this year. This was a new program set up by our parent council, we'd love to hear your feed back on it - please email [norwoodparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:norwoodparentcouncil@gmail.com) or catch us on Facebook!

We are always looking for new faces to join parent council or help volunteer at our various school activities. The great thing about parent council is you can come as little or as much as you want. There are opportunities to just volunteer for events or hot lunches. If you're interested in anything, please reach out to [norwoodparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:norwoodparentcouncil@gmail.com)

Stay tuned for more fun stuff coming this fall!



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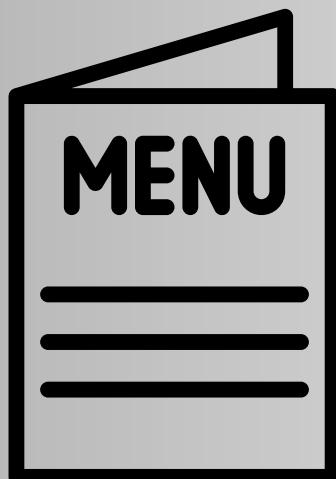
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# Pizza

**HOT LUNCH  
THURSDAY, SEPT. 26**

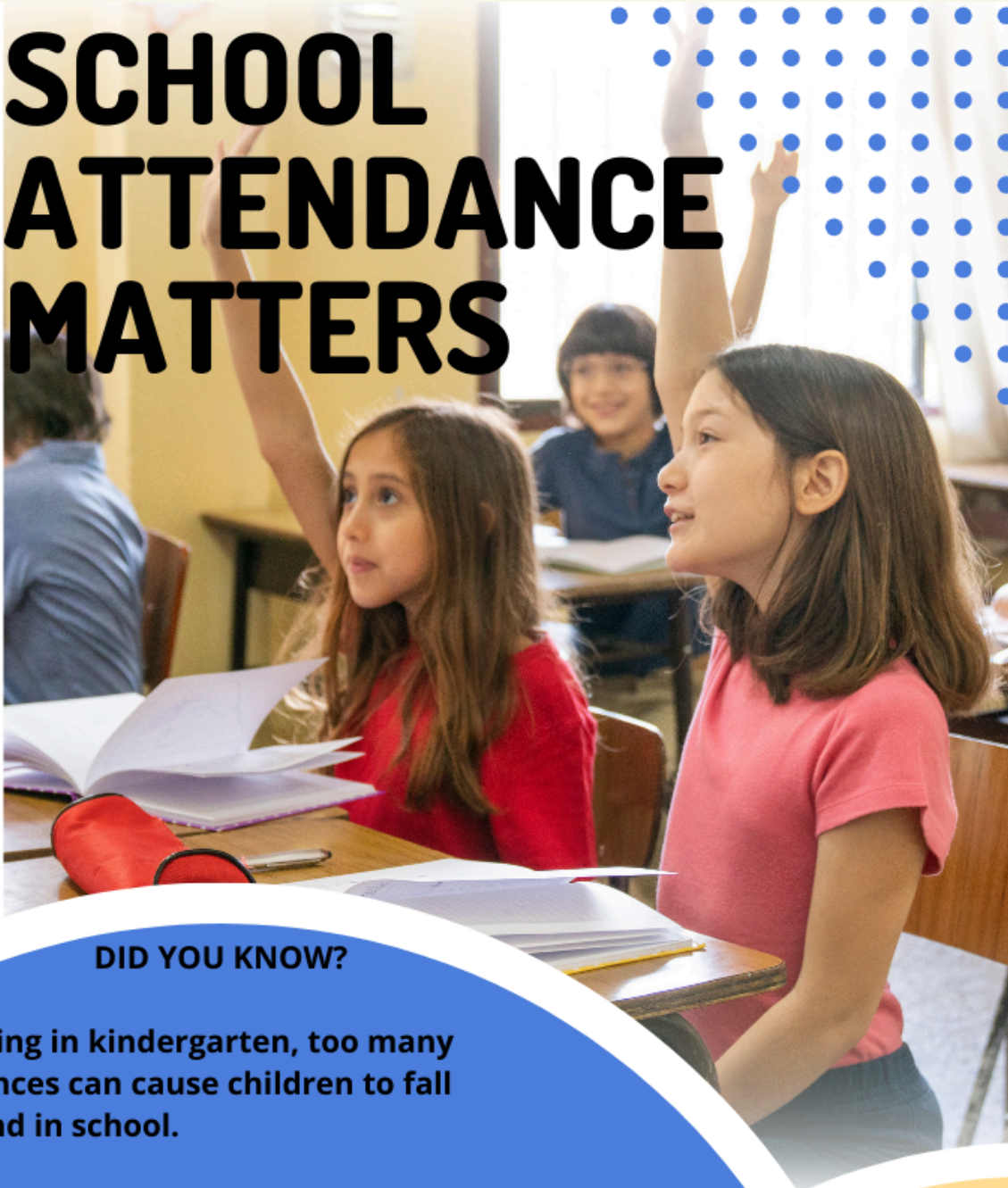


- Hot Lunch is an optional purchase that must be made online.
- Please log into the parent portal to purchase a hot lunch for your student.
- Students should still bring snacks and a drink.
- **Order by Sept. 19**



Cheese Pizza \$7.00  
Hawaiian 7.00  
Pepperoni \$7.00

# SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS



## DID YOU KNOW?

Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.

Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.

Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.

### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



**CHRONIC ABSENCE**  
18 or more days



**WARNING SIGNS**  
10 to 17 days



**SATISFACTORY**  
9 or fewer absences



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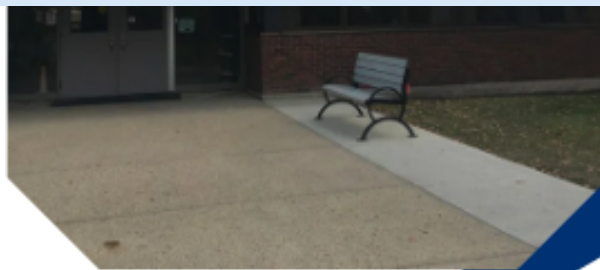
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# NORWOOD SCHOOL HANDBOOK

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

2024 / 2025



# Norwood Staff

**Principal** - Charlene Saunders

**Vice Principal/Inclusion Coach** -

Angela Handbury

**Admin Assistants** - Denise Jorstad &

Vivian Smith

**Homeroom Teachers:**

Kindergarten - Celia Proctor

Grade 1 - Mandy St. Germain

Grade 2 - Laura Lowther

Grade 3 - Brendon James

Grade 4 - Ryan Norman

Grade 5 - Char Brown

Grade 6 - Brad Bjornsson

Grade 7 - Megan Pezderic

Grade 8 - Jaylin Ross

ALS - Kelly Kuester

**Literacy Coach** - Heidi Smith

**Junior High Complimentary Course  
Teachers**

Band/Art - Marshall Tindal

Industrial Arts - Ryan Schuman

Foods /Home Ec. - Caroline Tindall

Computer Sciences - William Stengel

**Educational Assistants:**

Amilia Brens

Karen Hlusiak

Rocio Herrera

Logan Bennet

Ina Marquardt

Brooke HARRIS

Keisha Toews

Lilian Huyaban

Madeleine Cucheran

Joan Fitzner

Brielle Johnson

Sadie Monteith

Cora Llanata

Shauna Sartre

Andrea Symes

Melinda Zander

Lacey Hoffman

**Custodians:** - Val Hessam &

Shannon Woodworth

**Family School Liaison**

**Worker** - Lesley Cropper

**Indigenous Support**

**Worker** - Bonnie Dickau

**Wetaskiwin Co-op  
School Equity Program**

Use these membership numbers to raise money for your local schools!

Alder Flats .....	83881
Buck Mountain Central .....	83900
Centennial .....	85088
Clear Vista .....	86616
Falun .....	82898
Griffiths-Scott .....	84101
Gwynne .....	83029
Lakedell .....	82415
Norwood .....	83782
Parkdale .....	84594
Pigeon Lake .....	84916
Pipestone .....	84395
Queen Elizabeth .....	82281
Wetaskiwin High School .....	82295
Winfield .....	83856

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

**We want to invite the Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools' families to participate in the Wetaskiwin Co-op School Equity Program, which will allow schools to earn equity on both educational and personal purchases. Liquor and purchases under personal charge accounts are not eligible. Each participating school will be assigned a membership number at no charge and at the till, customers at all Wetaskiwin Co-op locations will have the option to use a school membership number. The equity earned from each of these purchases will be calculated based on Wetaskiwin Co-op's fiscal year, November 1st – October 31st and 100% of the equity earned will be paid out to the school in early January.**