
NORWOOD SCHOOL NEWS



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

A huge thanks once again to Ms. Nichols, our school nurse, and Mrs. Hough, our school secretary, for the very smooth running of the second H1N1 clinic on January 12th. Many of our staff and parent volunteers returned again for this round and I want to also thank them.

The 2009 NECAP scores have just been released to schools only. On Wednesday, February 3rd, the scores will be released to the public. I will be holding a **School Report Night** in conjunction with the March 10th PTA meeting at 7:00 in the school library. More information about this night will go home in early March. I am assuming that before Report Night, you will have received your child's individual scores. I am pleased to report that both NECAP Reading and Math scores have improved from last year, which is great news!

I hope that all our families and staff have a safe, relaxing and fun vacation!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

It seems hard to believe that it is time for the 2010 – 2011 kindergarten registration. The week of March 1st – March 5th 2010 has been designated as registration week in the district. Please **see the reverse side of this newsletter for complete information.** A child is eligible for kindergarten if he/she has attained the age of five on or before September 1, 2010. If you have a family in your neighborhood with a child who will be attending kindergarten next year, please pass on this information.

CHILD OUTREACH SCREENING

“The Warwick Public Schools offers free developmental screenings for all children between the ages of three and five. Screenings are completed for vision, hearing, speech and language, general development and social and emotional skills. The State Department of Education encourages this screening for all children. To schedule an appointment, please contact Dolores Hyle, child Outreach Project Director, at 734-3230.

During Kindergarten Registration Week, each family will be given a letter explaining the kindergarten screening procedures.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We have had a very successful fundraising campaign going on for the Haitian earthquake victims. Donations during the district's “Dress Up or Dress Down Day,” the **fifth grade students** making and selling “Puff Pets” and Bead Designs at lunch and the **sixth graders** encouraging donations for the PTA Bingo Night has brought in over \$800.00 thus far. At third lunch on Friday, the fifth graders will be selling their goods for the final time.

This month, during our “Town Meetings,” I have been discussing with the students the importance of being a responsible member of a community. The outpouring generosity and work from Norwood students for the earthquake victims is a wonderful display of this responsibility.

The **Sixth Grade Social Outreach Committee** has two more projects going on this month. First, from **February 1 – 12th**, boxes will be in the main foyer for a collection of winter coats that your family members no longer wear or have outgrown. All coats will be donated to the Warwick Helping Neighbors Marketplace.

Next, on Friday, **February 12th**, all Norwood students will be participating in the **Matty Hatty Dance-a-Thon**. We will be dancing for the last ten minutes of the day to raise money for epilepsy. All students can donate any amount of money to participate.

We will all gather in the All Purpose Room. This is a great way to lead up to February vacation and help a good cause. The Sixth graders chose this project because a sibling of one of our students suffers from epilepsy. I know we will have great participation in this event!

PTA NEWS

Lots of families braved the cold to participate in Bingo Night. Fun was had by all. Lots of ways to win were played and many prizes were awarded. Thanks to the Family Events committee for this great night!

The **March Calendar Fundraiser sales will continue until February 22nd**. Please send in your returns as soon as possible so that we can begin to get a count on our sales. If you need more to sell, please call the main office. Super Bowl parties would be a great place to sell the calendars. Proceeds will be used to pay for the playground expansion.

Speaking of the Playground expansion, the **Playground Committee** has finalized their plan and will be going to the February 9th School Committee meeting to present its recommendation for the new equipment. If all goes as planned, the Committee and parent volunteers will be building the playground on May 14th and May 15th. Save the Dates!

The PTA's next family event is “**March Madness**” to be held at Pilgrim High School on **Friday, March 12th**. A fabulous pasta dinner is being planned with a disc jockey. Students and parents can dress up as their favorite character or sports figure. More information will be out on this shortly.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| February 5 | PTA Cultural Arts, K- 6; Shakesperience |
| February 9 | School Committee, 7:00 @ Toll Gate HS 6 th graders, Alexia Martins and Casey White will speak on the activities going on at Norwood and the Playground Committee will present its plan. |
| February 10 | PTA Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 Family Events meeting to follow |
| February 12 | 6 th Grade Greek Olympics |
| February 12 | Matty Hatty Dance-a-Thon, 2:40; Grades K -6 |
| February 15 – 19 | Winter Break |
| February 22 | March calendar fundraiser due. |



