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Ronald Morrish reveals the “Secrets of Discipline”

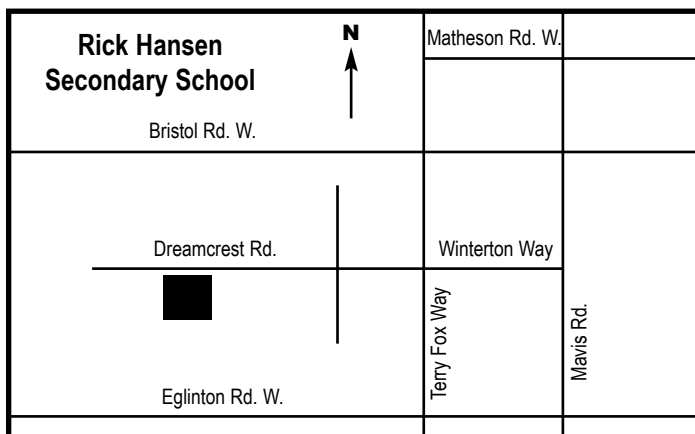
On Monday, November 28th, guest speaker Ronald Morrish visited Northstar to discuss discipline. The event started at 7:30pm with over 30 parents and the Northstar staff. Mr. Morrish was able to present his “Secrets of Discipline” which pointed out his strategies that make discipline effective. After the seminar, he made himself available for any personal questions, as he is passionate about his work.

Fa La La La La, La La, La La!



The Winter Concert is fast approaching and all classes are getting their last practice in before the day arrives. Please note the day is on Friday, December 9th at Rick Hansen Secondary School, located NW of Mavis and Eglinton. Again, students must arrive promptly at 6:30pm and we will begin the concert immediately after we have received most of the students. (See Map)

The Parent Committee is all set to coordinate the refreshment tables. Parents will have an opportunity to bring refreshments to the concert. Sign up sheets will be posted outside each classroom. Please be reminded to bring refreshments the day of the concert at Rick Hansen Secondary School, not Northstar.



Winter Raffle Prizes!

Northstar was able to get nearby businesses to participate and support our event with great response. We have been able to collect various prizes this year that will surely be enjoyed by all ages (See attached). We are still accepting donations for raffle prizes until December 7th. Mr. Ramirez has more tickets for sale if you wish to purchase or sell more. The draw will take place during the intermissions of the concert and collected at the end of the performances.

December Birthdays

- Toddler Zoe Wright
- PreCasa Emily How-Chun-Lun
- Casa 1 Morgan Lee, Tiana O'Connor, Isabella Purai, Mackenzie Bartalos
- Casa 2 Jonah Ramirez, Andreea Constantinescu, Ayat Mohammed
- Casa 3 Neha Shah, Christopher Gonzalez
- Casa 4 Nikko Pfaff, Sebastian Rye
- Elem 1 Iris Liu



Toy and Food Drive

Please help support our Toy and Food Drive this year by donating non-perishable food items and unwrapped toys. All donations will be collected by your classroom teacher and donated to the Eden Food Bank in Mississauga. The Eden Food Bank is in special need this year of tuna, canned soup (except tomato), canned juice, flour, oatmeal, salt, canned vegetables (except corn), macaroni and cheese, toothpaste, toilet paper, and plastic bags. **All donations will be accepted between December 1 and December 23.** Thank you for your support!

SCHOOL REMINDERS

- * The last day of school is Friday, December 23rd. School will promptly close at 12:00 noon.
- * COMSOC has indicated that scarves or draw strings around the neck area of a jacket are not permitted to be worn on school property, due to safety and choking issues. As a substitute, children may either wear neck bands or turtlenecks. We apologize for any inconvenience but we are adhering to COMSOC's regulations and policies.
- * We have noticed that parents are permitting their children to use the playground after school hours. Again for COMSOC and safety regulations, children are not permitted to play in the playground without any staff supervision as we are responsible for any injuries that may occur on school property.
- * The Elementary skating program will soon commence in the new year and we require your child's skating level (beginner and up) to determine an appropriate schedule. Please submit this information to your child's teacher promptly by December 16th.

Scholastic Book Fair



Mark your calendars...

We plan to hold Northstar's Scholastic Book Fair the week of January 23rd, with two Family Events scheduled during parent-teacher interviews the evening of Thursday, January 26th and all day on Friday, January 27th. The week long event will be

coordinated by Mrs. Van Esch and held in the gymnasium. We hope to see all students and their parents at the event. We will provide you with more information in early January.

POINSETTIA: SPECIAL THANKS

Northstar yearbook committee would like to give a special thanks to all the students and staff who participated in our Poinsettia fundraiser. We were amazed and very thankful to all the parents who took the time to obtain poinsettia orders at their workplaces. We successfully raised \$2770 in orders. In return we made a profit of \$884.06. All funds raised will be put toward creating and printing the school yearbook. Special thanks go out to Miss Fernando, Miss Singh, and all the yearbook committee students for volunteering their time to organize and deliver poinsettia orders.



Staff Announcements



As many of you now know, some of our staff members are expecting. Northstar is pleased to announce that Miss Espinosa and Mrs. Korzeb will be expecting early next year. Mrs. Sabir will be leaving next semester to travel with her husband. We wish all of them the best in their future endeavours. Returning from maternity leave will be Mrs.

Fornal who will return in Casa 4 and Mrs. Gosal will return in Casa 1.

School Pictures

The pictures have all been distributed and we hope you are pleased with the results. If your child has not yet received their pictures, please see the office. Any concerns or issues regarding your order should be addressed to Mr. Ramirez. Please provide feedback about your pictures so we can improve for next year by email.

We apologize on behalf of PhotoMega as they were not able to firm up a date for retakes. If you wish to order a class photo, please fill out a form.

UNICEF contributions



This year Northstar decided to place a large box for UNICEF to collect funds to support education in Africa. We received \$60.93 from parents and Northstar matched the amount and donated a total of \$125.00. On behalf of UNICEF, thank you for your contributions.

Computer Relief

Northstar is pleased by the response regarding our computers. Mr. Ramirez had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Marien, Mr. Kukreja and Mr. Whitehead about our computer problems and we are moving forward to improve it.

Happy Holidays!

WINTER RAFFLE PRIZES

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Infant Toys

Nak Nak (Hasbro)
Learn to Hit Baseball (Fisher Price)
Cobbler's Bench
Mr. Potato Head Game
Baby Playzone (Fisher Price)
Talking Alphabet School Bus
Happy Baby 2 in 1 Crocodile Keys
Safety 1st Bouncer
Bath Time Water Park
Squeeze 'n Brush (Elmers)
12pce Holiday Express Train Set
12pce Holiday Continental Train Set
Block Storm Game System (10 games)
Tower of Toys

- D'Mello (E1)
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- Ramirez (T, PC & C2)
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- Khreich (E3 & E4)
- Berbery (C2)
- Hudda (C1 & E3)
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- Samuels (E2 & E4)
- Griffin (E4)

Home

Santa Candle Holder
Wood and Glass 3 game set
Christmas Wreath
Massage Pad & Heat (Sunbeam)
Instant Heat Rollers (Conair)
Picture (pink) Frame Design
4 Seasons Perpetual Calendar

- Panganiban (C2)
- Quan (C4)
- Lawrence (E1)
- Robb (C3)
- Robb (C3)
- Mrs. Shah (C3)
- Ramirez (T, PC & C2)

BUSINESS CONTRIBUTIONS

Entertainment

Princess Parties Plus (Addison)
Putting Edge
Small Wonders Discovery Centre
Kidsports
AMC Theatres
Playdium

\$50 off any Birthday Party Package
4 free plays
4 free admissions
2 free admissions
4 free admissions
2 - \$20 play cards (120 credits ea.)

Pleasure

Arizona Tan
Timeless Garden Florist
Flowers by Mira
The Academy of Martial Arts
Moksha Yoga Oakville
Forever Gifts and Basket (Laratta)
Artzones.com (Pfaff)
Springs Canada (Swanson)

36 orbit/onyx minutes (\$50 value)
\$30 value bouquet
Fresh Flower arrangement
3 mo. membership with uniform
5 Yoga classes
2 - Christmas Gift Baskets
Christmas Basket
Collection of Bath Products
Throw Pillows
100% Satin Sheet Bed Cover
3pce Ceramic Bath Set
2 - Lube, Oil and Filter change

GM Goodwrench Service

Food

Lick's
Shoeless Joe's
Alioli Restaurant
On the Curve
Lucy's Seafood Restaurant
Montana's
Cafe Spice
Canyon Creek

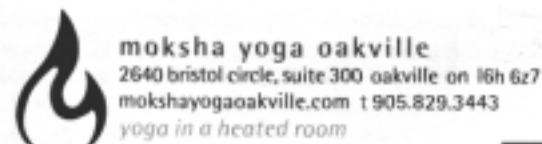
3 - \$40 certificate
2 - \$25 certificate
2 - \$30 certificate
1 - \$30 certificate
1 - \$25 certificate
2 - \$50 certificate
1 - \$50 certificate
1 - \$75 certificate

Accommodations

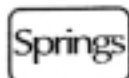
Hilton Garden Inn
Hilton Homewood Suites
Marriott Fairfield Inn & Suites

Night for two
Night for two (Fireplace/Whirlpool Suite)
Night for two (Deluxe Spa King Suite)

Please show your gratitude by visiting any one of these fine establishments



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