



# NORTHSTAR NEWS

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## Staff Update

Mrs. Felicity Goonoo will be departing Northstar at the end of December to embark on a new business adventure. We wish her the best of luck! Mrs. Beltran will be returning from maternity leave back to Casa 2. Mrs. Panwar will be joining the Toddler program in the new year while Miss Arian Nouri will be the assistant in Casa 3. Miss Nouri has her ECE diploma and is studying at Sheridan College to obtain her Montessori Early Childhood certification.

## Winter Concert this Week!



The Winter Concert event is this Friday in our school gym. The event will start at 6:30pm and will run for about 1 1/2 hours. The Parent Committee will be hosting the refreshments for the event and they request that parents take time to sign-up for the pot luck. The Parent Committee members will be available by 5:30pm to receive food donations to be set up.

Please note that each student will receive 2 tickets and additional ones for siblings not enrolled at Northstar. No admittance will be given to those without proper authorization. If you have extra tickets that will not be used, please return to the office asap in order to redistribute it to those that do wish to attend. Tickets will be given out Monday and a signature is required to ensure you have received them.

\*\*\*NO AFTER SCHOOL ON THIS DAY\*\*\*

## FOOD DRIVE TARGETS 200lbs.

Thank you for your generosity, your food donations will be going to **FOODPATH MISSISSAUGA**. We are close to reaching 100lbs. of donations and we look forward to reaching our goal of 200lbs. by Wednesday, December 19th. Please keep in mind that all donations are non-perishable. Special thanks to the Parent Committee members for organizing this special event.

## PARENT REMINDERS

- \* Family Picnic date changed to Saturday, June 14th not June 7th.
- \* Winter Holidays begins Friday, December 21st and ends Friday January 4th. First day back is Monday, January 7th. Season's Greetings!

## December Birthdays

PreCasa - Nathalie Dugaparsad, Ian Noronha,

Mateo Shkodra

Casa 1 - Arav Khanna

Casa 2 - James Cai, Zoe Wright

Casa 3 - Emily How-Chun-Lun

Casa 4 - Crystal Cheng, Justin Chiu,

Rishi Keny, Kassandra

Morales, Diya Patel, Rishabh Sambare,

Zara Sheikh

Lower Elem 1 - Ayat Mohammed, Jonah Ramirez,

Neha Shah

Lower Elem 2 - Christopher Gonzalez, Sebastian Rye

Lower Elem 3 - Morgan Lee



## Gettin' Chilly!

Just a reminder, scarves are not permitted to be worn as they are a choking hazard. By now, students should be wearing weather appropriate clothing as they are scheduled to go outside in the before/after school and during their lunch recess. Only if the temperature is -20F with the wind chill, will the students be asked to remain inside the school.



## CURRICULUM NIGHTS

### Casa Math

Counting to 1000, adding and subtracting, can the children actually do it? Find out on **Thursday, December 6th from 7:00pm - 8:30pm** in Casa 2. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside Casa 2 if you wish to attend on this day.



### Elementary Culture

Please note that the date of the Elementary Culture Night has been changed to **Monday, March 3, 2008**. Please join us for an informative night, as we explore through the various culture materials found in an Elementary classroom.

### Casa to Elementary

Mrs. Wright (LE2) will be presenting an informative discussion about the move from Casa to Elementary. The date is set for **Wednesday, December 5th from 7:30-9:00pm**. If a Montessori education is a viable option for your child, here is an opportunity to see what happens after Casa. An informed decision about the well-being of your child is always a wise decision.

## Early Arrivals

We continue to ask parents not to arrive before 3:30pm to line up with their cars for dismissal as it is causing a lot of traffic issues in the parking lot. If you must arrive early, we strongly recommend that parents follow this path(see picture on right) when lining up. Please also avoid blocking the roadway for other cars. Report any incidents to the office so we can inform all parents. See photo.

## School Pictures

Parents wishing to order more pictures or have questions regarding their child's picture may contact **Cherishable Moments Photography** directly. They can be reached at 416-499-6796 and speak with John or Claire. Thank you.



## Next Parent Committee Meeting

The next scheduled Parent Committee meeting is **Monday, December 3rd**. The meeting will focus mainly on a number of upcoming events, and will run from 7:00 - 8:30pm. If you want to get involved in Northstar's Events, please join us!

The following are future dates and the corresponding events to meet and discuss in the new year.

<b>January 14</b>	<b>February 4</b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>April 7</b>
<b>May 5</b>	<b>June 2</b>

January 24/25 - Scholastic Book Fair/Bake Sale

February - French Café

April 7 - Something for Earth Day

May 5 - Laps for Lungs

June 14 - Family Year End Picnic (DATE CHANGED)

## Elementary Skating Starting Soon

This is a reminder that the elementary students will begin their skating lessons at Iceland starting every **Wednesday from January 9th until February 27th**. Please fill out form and submit your child's skating level to your teacher by December 14th so we can group the students accordingly.

Please note, we are not responsible if your child is not placed in the appropriate level if the form is not handed in on time. Proper skates and helmet are mandatory. Bicycle helmets are not permitted and try to avoid dressing your child in bulky snow pants as it restricts their movement on the ice. Your child will be scheduled to skate either at 9:30 to 10:15am or 10:15 to 11:00am.

## Movie Night at Northstar

Our first Movie Night went very well and students had a great time hanging out and watching 'Shrek 3'. We will be posting a sign-up sheet for the next movie night.

December 14th	March 28th
January 18th	April 18th
February 22nd	May 16th

Students are expected to come dressed in pyjamas or comfortable clothing and have all their personal belongings in a backpack. We will be providing popcorn and juice during the movie. Lastly, students must supply their own sleeping bag and pillow. The cost for this night is only \$10.00 for 3 hours and will start at 7:00pm. Please note that the students must have dinner prior to arrival.



## SCHOOL SECURITY

For parents unaware of our school security, we have cameras located throughout the school and recorded on a hard drive. We now have a digital phone intercom which will ring our phone system to speak with an attendant. As an added security, we will issue ID cards for parents to display upon entering the premises. It will include the school logo, the school year and the student(s) unique ID number. This will assure staff that your child is picked up with the proper authority. The ID cards will be distributed in January when we return from the holidays.

For this reason, we expect all parents to follow these guidelines.

- \* Buzz intercom and have yourself and ID card displayed in front of the camera above intercom.
- \* Wait for attendant to answer and they will unlock door if ID is visible. As a precaution, please ensure door is closed behind you.
- \* If no ID card is present, an attendant will personally greet you at the door. Please have proper identification ready. Note: Please inform school ahead of time if your child will be picked up by someone else who does not have an ID card
- \* If picking up child early due to scheduled appointments, inform office when and for how long it will occur. We will try to help if possible.

## Advertise in the Northstar NEWS

This is a reminder that the deadline for the January to March advertising in our school's newsletter is December 14th.

Each newsletter will include a page where same size adverts will be listed for all Northstar families to have access to. Advertising will be included for a 3-month period at the following prices:

<b>Full page</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>Half-page</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Quarter-page</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>Business card</b>	<b>\$10</b>

All proceeds go toward the Parent Committee fundraising. Please speak to Mrs. Ramirez if you have any questions.

## Website Launch Date

The Northstar website will be launching in the new year and we encourage parents to visit and see what changes we've done. Look forward to more information regarding your class as you will be able to download or view your child's monthly class calendar online. Get to know a little more about the teachers at Northstar and what our school is all about.

# A NEW YEAR MEANS NEW CLUBS

## Je Parle Francais?

Mme Yamina will be running a French Club that will take place every Wednesday from February 6th to March 9th. It will start at 4:00pm for 45 minutes. The fee is \$7.00 and is limited to 10 students. Elem students only.

## Creative Hands Club

"Look at what these hands have made"



Four weeks of baking and crafts to keep those little hands busy. The children will be involved in creative projects and tasty creations. The club is opened to 12 students from

ages 2 1/2 - 3 years. There are 2 creative hands clubs, running on Tuesdays from 4:15 - 5:00pm February 12th until March 4th and Tuesdays April 8th - April 29th. The cost will be \$12 and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please submit payment to Miss Prete or Mrs. Fogarty in PreCasa.

## Cool Science for Curious Kids!

Besides fun facts and experiments you can perform you'll also be making your own hypothesis and learning a whole lot more. It is open to Casa students at a cost of \$12 per student. Come join Mrs. Crooks and Mrs. Scott every Wednesday for six weeks from 4:00 - 4:45pm starting the last Wednesday of March and all of April. Sign up early because space is limited to only 15 students.



## SPECIAL CLUBS 2008

The following clubs will be offered again starting in January. Please note that students must be picked up after the lessons if they are not registered for after school. Forms are available at the front desk. Please submit forms along with a cheque.

### Chess (8 weeks)

Ages: 6yrs and up

Date: Mondays starting January until the end of February

Time: 4:00 - 5:00pm

\* minimum of 12 students to run program

### Hovercraft\*\* (8 weeks)

Ages: 9yrs and up

Date: Tuesdays starting January until the end of February

Time: 4:00 - 5:00pm

\* minimum of 12 students to run program

### Tennis (8 weeks)

Ages: 4yrs and up

Date: Wednesdays starting January until the end of February

Time: 4:00 - 5:00pm

\* minimum of 10 students to run program

### Team Tek\*\* (8 weeks)

Ages: 6yrs - 9yrs

Date: Fridays starting January until the end of February

Time: 4:00 - 5:00pm

\* minimum of 12 students to run program

\*\* See full details regarding this club at reception

## SKATE LEVEL FORM

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Due Date: December 14th

Skating Level: New \_\_\_\_\_ Recreational \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please submit form to child's teacher or in staff mailbox located in the office



## NEW CLUBS FORM

My child \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ Due Date: December 14th

Select Club: Creative Hands \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: February or April  
Cool Science \_\_\_\_\_  
Je Parle Francais \_\_\_\_\_

\* Payment must be received in order to register to desired club. Cash only please.



## Book Fair Is Coming Soon

We plan to hold Northstar's Scholastic Book Fair the week of January 21st, with two Family Events scheduled during parent-teacher interviews the evening of Thursday, January 24th and all day on Friday, January 25th. The fair will be held in the gymnasium and we hope to see all students and their parents at the event. We will provide you with more information in the January newsletter.



# Is it in YOU?

## Peace... it's in them

