



# NORTHSTAR NEWS

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6TH ISSUE

## Re-registration Deadline Friday, February 9th

### NEW SCHOOL UPDATE

The concrete foundation and water/sewage lines are now completed. In February, the steel framing will be erected, ready for a roof and heating units. At present, the site plan has already been approved and the Committee of Adjustments has granted the school a life-term minor variance for the site. Currently, we are reviewing the exterior colours and going over the interior layout of the building. We will continue to provide a monthly update of the site. Should you have any questions, please email Mr. Ramirez.

### UNDERSTANDING YOUR RECEIPT

In general, the tax calculation is based on a calendar year (Jan - Dec), and only the portion of tuition used up is calculated. For example, a new student who started in September will only receive a receipt for September until December regardless if payment started August 1st.

For elementary, the calculation is based on the following premise. Your child is in school for approximately 6 hours a day, one hour of which is considered non-academic (outdoor time and lunch time). This time is considered child care and therefore one-sixth of the tuition you pay is a tax credit and considered child care services. If your child is in the before/after school program, this is also considered child care.

The receipts will be distributed this week. Parents will be required to sign for it in order to ensure that everyone has received it. Should you require another receipt, a charge of \$10.00 will be levied. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Ramirez.

### BULLYING AND STRANGER ASSEMBLY

The elementary students had an interesting presentation from Ms. Jackie Mahon, from the Academy of Martial Arts, to discuss bullying and strangers. They learned the signs of bullying, how to avoid confrontations, and why bullying should not be present anywhere. She also gave demonstrations on what to do in certain situations when confronted with a stranger and how to call out for help!

## OPEN HOUSE

Northstar will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, February 10th from 10:00am til 2:00pm. We encourage parents to speak with other parents interested in a Montessori education for their child. In addition, please mention our new site and visit our website for more details. Thank you!

## February Birthdays

PreCasa Jake Ramirez, Alyssa Zhang

Casa 1 Alexis Van Esch, Jeanette Wang

Casa 2 Gloria Pontarollo, Arechun Mohan,  
Anjuli Gosal, Shawn Sriharan,  
Daphne Berberyan

Casa 4 Damian Mok

Elem 1 Tanya Ralliaran, Matthew  
O'Connor

Elem 2 Tyler Randa



## NEXT PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

### DRIVE-THRU / PARKING

Please be patient and courteous when dropping off your child in the morning, as well as picking up at the end of the day. Allow cars to leave parking areas to maintain a flow of traffic. In addition, we ask that parents please park in designated areas and try to stay between marked lines. It may be difficult to see at times so please use your judgement. The turnaround should be clear enough for cars and trucks to go around. When cars move away from the drop-off zone, please move your vehicle up as much as possible.

## Does your child like to sing?

On Monday, February 26th from 6:45 to 8:15, the Mississauga Children's Choir will be hosting a "Come Sing With Us" event where children who might be interested in joining next year's choir can attend. This choir has sung our national anthem at a Blue Jays and IceDogs game and participates in the Children's Music Festival in April. They practice weekly on Mondays at Westminster United Church. For more information, please speak with Brittany Beheshti in E4. She has been a member for 2 years and she can tell you more about it. It's not far from the school. You can also check out their website at <http://www.mississaugachildrenschoir.com/>



### REMINDERS

- \* PD Day on Friday, February 16th - no school
- \* Please update Emergency Info if it has changed



## BOOK FAIR SUCCESS



### RECORD HIGH IN BOOK SALES & PROFITS!!

Thank you to all who helped us reach a record high for our school of over **\$4,000** in sales at our Scholastic Book Fair held during the week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. With this high sales amount, we fall into the highest percentage bracket for return on books, generating just over \$1,100 in cash profit to provide food and drinks at Northstar Family Picnic on Saturday, June 16, 2007.



Children spend time in the cozy corner surrounded by student's artwork.



Parents explore book selections



Clifford visits our book fair!!

#### Special points of interest:

- Record high book fair sales of over \$4,000 generating just over \$1,100 for the Northstar Family Picnic
- Bake sale generated profits of \$190 which will cover magician costs for family picnic
- Tyler Randa from E4 won the Family Event draw
- Each classroom also held a draw for a \$5 voucher to be used at the Book Fair
- Families donated 49 books through the Classroom Wish List program
- Event successful because of parent, student and teacher volunteers
- Special thanks to Book Fair Committee members: Kim Addison, Michelle Ragan, and Marlene Van Esch who organized this event

### Bake Sale Profits Cover Magician Costs



The **Bake Sale** held during our Book Fair raised \$190 to go towards the Family Picnic.

We would like to thank all parents and teachers who donated baked goods, and a special thank you goes out to the following students who managed the

bake sale table: **Nicole Addison, Brittany Beheshti, William Ragan, Aleeyah Samuels, and Amolica Sangha.**

The Parent Committee plans to use this money to hire a magician for the picnic.

## Contest Winners

During the week of the fair, each classroom participated in special book fair activities, including the wonderful display of snowflakes, whales and penguins hanging on the gymnasium walls. Each classroom also held a draw for a \$5 voucher to be used at the Book Fair. The classroom winners were: Toddler, Faith Fogarty; Pre-Casa, Anri Gu; Casa 1, Brianna Boakye-Cofie; Casa 2, Vanessa D'Sa; Casa 3, Barath Venkiteswaran; Casa 4, Sebastian Rye; Elementary 1, Tanya Ralliarum; Elementary 2, Stephanie Dyas; Elementary 3, Mikhail Mapp; and Elementary 4, Nicole Addison.

In addition, the winner of the Family Event Draw was Tyler Randa from Elementary 4 who won \$25 in books, PLUS \$25 in books for his classroom.

Scholastic donated one copy of the displayed posters, so we held a draw and the following students won a poster: Alexandra Berry-Calderon (E2), Tarek Bouri (C4), Turner Castello (Pre-Casa), Kaitlyn Choy (C2), JP Hanna (C1), Alexandra Koundourakis-Soares (E3), Mikhail Mapp (E3), Faaris Mian (Pre-Casa), Ainesh Mohar (C1), Xian Palermo (C3), Isabella Purai (C1), Rhys Ralliarum (E2), Rishabh Sambare (C4), Patrick Scherbluk (C2), Zuzanna Sycz (E2), Ashley Tam (C1), Brandon Williams (C4). Congratulations everyone!

## Classroom Enhancements

The teachers would like to thank the following students and their families who donated a total of 49 books through the Classroom Wish List program: Daphne Berberyan, Nathan Chan, Venus Chau, Christine Chen, Crystal Cheng, Andre deJesus, Seth D'Mello, Nathalie Dugaparsad, Stefan Georgiou, Ethan Golias, Allison Gonzalez, Christopher Gonzalez, Chandra Grewal, Kennedy laboni, Dean Khan, Antoine Khreiche, Nathan Ly, Ayat Malik, Meehir Kukreja, Adam Maraj, Ainesh Mohar, Arjun Persaud, Gloria Pontarollo, Rhys Ralliarum, Tanya Ralliarum, Megan Randa, Tyler Randa, Sebastian Rye, Daniel Svoboda, Justin Tai, Kevin Wong, and Jillian Xu.

Book titles were handpicked by each teacher and every book was especially chosen to excite children about reading or to complement their learning.



## Volunteers Make Event Successful



Volunteers work hard to generate funds for the Family Picnic

Behind this successful book fair, a number of volunteers helped plan, advertise, set up, promote products, tear down, and calculate our profits. We would like to thank the following parents: **Kim Addison, Selena Kang, Rajesh Kukreja, Anica Purai, Michelle Ragan, Marlene Van Esch, Steven Walker, and Alicja Wong**. Since we were unable to get enough parent volunteers for this event, we also want to thank the following teachers who stepped in and helped out during the fair: **Mrs. Korzeb, Mrs. Wong, Mrs. Linet, and Mrs. Panwar**. Everyone's efforts were much appreciated!

Scholastic offers a product bonus of our total net sales, allowing us to

choose books from the book fair selection to enhance our classrooms and library. As a way of acknowledging the volunteers, we allowed each person who assisted with the book fair and bake sale to select a book from the Class Wish List section, and donate a book from this product bonus. Then, the school selected \$135 worth of books for classrooms and libraries.

We would like to express a special thank you to the Book Fair Committee members: **Kim Addison, Michelle Ragan, and Marlene Van Esch** who organized this event. The Parent Committee would also like to thank **Mrs. Ramirez, Mrs. Gosal, and Mr. Ramirez** for their assistance leading up to the event.