

Norway Family Update - December 8

The other day, a supply caretaker, in for Mr. Lockman, came up to me after lunch to let me know how impressed he was with Norway students. He has seen many schools, but has rarely seen a lunch room so clean after 230 students had lunch in the same space. He said there was hardly any wrappers or food on the floor and that the tables were spotless as well. I attribute this to a number of things including the diligence of Norway's lunch supervisors, but it is mainly because of your children. They are polite, aware of school expectations, and importantly, respect the learning environment, including the lunch room, as their own to take care of.

There was a great deal of buzz on Wednesday with the launch of the **Norway News**, a student newspaper created by Grade 4 students Liv and Nora. You can find a [copy of their first issue here](#).

The School Council meeting scheduled for this evening has been rescheduled to Monday, January 12 at 6:00 pm.

X Movement Student Wellness Days

On Thursday, Grade 1-6 students participated in a half day of wellness and physical health activities with the [X Movement](#). This was the first of three student sessions in the coming months. Students worked in varying groups and teams on cooperative, collaborative and positive team building activities with a strong focus on self-regulation, and social-emotional learning. You can [learn more about X Movement, their programs and impact here](#).



Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming - it is from Monday, December 8th to 12th. On December 8th, students in Grade 1 to 6 will have the opportunity to look at the book fair and make wishlists of a book or two that they might like to purchase. Kindergarten students are welcome to visit with parents before or after school.

After that, the book fair will be open for sales the following times:

- Monday - 3:15 to 3:45 pm
- Tuesday - 8:15 to 8:45 am, 12:30 to 3:45 pm - classes will sign up for a time
- Wednesday - 8:15 to 8:45 am, 12:30 to 3:45 pm - classes will sign up for a time
- Thursday - 8:15 to 8:45 am, 3:15 to 7:30 pm - this is the evening of the winter concert
- Friday - 8:15 to 8:45 am

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help out, if you think you might be available to assist with the book fair for an hour or two, any of the above times please do let Mr. Bowen know at james.bowen@tdsb.on.ca. The profits for the bookfair are helping grow our Junior Novel Groups and beginning novel collection (Grade 1 and 2).

Winter Concert

Students and staff spent much of yesterday excitedly preparing for their performances at the Winter Concert. The concert will take place on the evening of **Thursday, December 11th at 6:00 pm**. It will be for Grades 1-6 only. Due to the popularity of this event and our gym's capacity, we are anticipating "standing room" only. We are asking families to limit the number of guests attending this event. Students are asked to arrive at their own **classrooms at 5:45pm** (15 minutes before the concert begins). We appreciate that it can be a long evening, but encourage parents to stay until the concert's conclusion, where possible. Most students will be dismissed from their classrooms at the end of the evening except members of the Primary and Junior choirs, who will be dismissed from the Library. We are looking forward to sharing songs of the winter season with you and yours!

Sock Drive

Did you know that 11.2% of people in Canada are unhoused? At Norway we want to help those in need. Room 203 will be hosting a sock drive thru December 12th. We are asking that you donate new socks to our drive. There will be a bin at the office and you can give them to your child to drop off. The evening of our winter concert is a great time to bring them in and we will have the bin available for you to use. When the drive is over we will bring the items to an [Out of the Cold](#) program, which is a program that donates clothes to unhoused people for the winter. Thank you for your support

Toy Drive

Norway is again proud to partner with Centre 55 for their 44th annual *Share a Christmas Program*, an initiative where we donate toys to families in need during the holidays. Students and families are

encouraged to bring in new, unwrapped toys - there's a bin set up outside the school office. The Winter Concert on December 11 is a great opportunity to bring your toys in.

Holiday Hamper Update

Thank you to all of the families that have contributed to the Holiday Hamper. Together we have collected all of the items on the list, and almost all of the gift card spots have been filled.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- December 8-12 - Sock Drive for Out of the Cold, and Toy Drive with Centre 55
- December 8-12 - Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
- December 11 - Winter Concert (detailed information to come later this week)
- December 11 - Holiday Hamper Donations are Due
- December 16 - Subway Lunch
- December 18 - Pizza Lunch #3
- December 19 - Last Day of School Before Winter Break
- December 20-January 4 - Winter Break
- January 6 - Lice Check
- January 12 - School Council Meeting #3 - rescheduled from December 8