



# Normanby Buzz

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## Important Dates

**Jan. 6**  
school resumes

**Jan. 16**  
Int. Boys & Girls Volleyball  
Tournament  
Boys at JDSS  
Girls at Spruce Ridge

**Jan. 17**  
Milk orders due to office

**Jan, 30**  
Crazy Hair Day

**Jan. 31**  
PD Day  
(no school for students)

**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**

Happy New Year! Happy New Decade! I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday season. The mild weather and excellent driving conditions over most of the break were quite welcome, and certainly made waking up to snow covered roads the first day back a bit of a surprise!

As we move into the new decade, it's a great time to look ahead and set new goals. I encourage students to set an attainable, simple goal for her/himself. Examples would include a goal to read nightly for 15 to 20 minutes, keep a daily journal or practice math facts. Small goals build to create great change over time, and as such are a great way for students to improve achievement at school. I would also like to encourage students to set goals to assist with managing stress and self-regulation. Taking a few deep breaths, organizing materials and assignments and finding quiet time to enjoy a peaceful activity after school all come to mind. Of course all of these are also excellent goals for adults as well! My own goal for 2020 is to support the wellbeing of all students and staff so that we have a successful and fruitful start to the decade.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Wylie back to our kindergarten team. We wish Ms. A well as she moves on to new opportunities.

January 24<sup>th</sup> is the International Day of Education, and January 27<sup>th</sup> is Family Literacy Day. These two celebrations are positive reminders of the good fortune we have to learn and work in an organization like Bluewater. I am thankful for the opportunities that we have and share with students.

As always, thank you to all families for the support extended to students and staff. We appreciate working in partnership to benefit our students!

Nicole Jackson

## Hanover Legion Remembrance Contest Winners

Congratulations to Ethan Taylor who placed first in the Hanover Legion Junior Colour Poster Contest. Also congratulations to Izzy Ciuffreda who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nathaniel Charlton who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Intermediate Colour Poster Contest, and to Hope McCarroll who placed 1<sup>st</sup> and Tanner Kraemer-Grubb who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Junior Black & White Poster Contest. Congratulations to all that participated and represented Normanby so well.

## Skating Program

Thank you to all families for returning the forms to indicate those students who had hockey helmets which are now mandatory for all school skating programs. As a result of the generosity of C.Barr Construction & the Barr Family, Gary & Nancy Becker, Domm Construction, Durham Vet Clinic, Eileen Holliday and Trixies, we have been able to purchase enough hockey helmets so that those students who did not have their own helmet will be able to borrow a helmet to use during the school skating program. Our sincere thanks to these companies and individuals for their support. Please watch for more information regarding a potential skating program.

## Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to our many volunteers who continue to support students by reading with them, helping in the library, breakfast club, in classrooms, and in so many ways. Staff and students appreciate the commitment demonstrated by parents, grandparents, and community members.

## Community Information

### Jan. 31 – PD Day

Public Skating at Ayton Arena  
2 – 3:30 pm  
\$2 per skater.

### Hanover Legion Public Speaking Competition

Sun. Feb. 9 (more info available at school office)



### Breakfast Club

Thank you so much to our Breakfast Club volunteers that ensure that this is available daily to our students! Many students have an early start to the day, and need something to fill their tummy and help them get their school day started.

A couple of reminders for students and families:

- All students going to Breakfast Club need to keep food in the gym to contain the amount of clean up required
- Breakfast Club volunteers and staff should be the only adults in the gym and kitchen—it gets very crowded and student safety is our primary concern
- Students are encouraged to finish their snack promptly and proceed either outside, or to classrooms if the bell has rung—Mr. Tone has to clean the gym quickly so that it is ready for our first gym class that begins right after morning announcements

### Report to Office

In order to ensure the safety of everyone in our building, it is necessary for all people entering the school to report to the office. It is a requirement that the office is aware of all people in the building.

### Inclement Weather & Bus Cancellation Reminders

When weather conditions warrant, our buses will not do their morning or afternoon run. Bus companies make the decision whether buses will run or not and communicate that to radio stations using a website (see below). You could check on our school website as we will post bus information on the ticker at the top of our website. The address is [www.nor.bwdsb.on.ca](http://www.nor.bwdsb.on.ca) Updates will also be announced on local radio stations **CKNX AM 920, CKNX FM 101.7 and The Bull 94.5**.

You can also subscribe to get electronic bus cancellation notifications, but remember you must re-subscribe every school year. Anyone can subscribe for email notifications for general notices, school closures and route cancellations & delays. You must first confirm that you have a valid email address. To subscribe go to <https://www.mybrucegreyschoolbus.ca> and click on “Delays & Cancellations” (top right corner), then click on the “Subscriptions” icon, Under Other Options click on “Subscribe”. Enter your email address and press the “Subscribe” button. Our automated system will send you an email confirmation containing a link that you will need to click to complete the subscription process. When you receive that confirmation email, click on the “Confirm” link and enter a password beside New Password, then enter it again. You should receive a message on-screen thanking you for confirming your subscription and telling you to login to manage your subscriptions. For more information, go to the Transportation Consortium website: [www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca](http://www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca) and click on Subscribe for Delays and Cancellations. Our Normanby school bus operator is First Student Dundalk. A message regarding any bus cancellations will also be communicated via SchoolMessenger. Please refer to previous information sent home to choose your personal SchoolMessenger settings.

**VERY IMPORTANT FOR NON-BUS STUDENTS:** If your child is a walker (does not ride a bus) and you choose to keep them home on a snow day, please remember to call the school by 9am to report their absence. This is an important part of our safe arrival process so we know your child is safe. Also, if buses don’t run on a pizza day, students will need to bring their lunch to school as pizza day is cancelled if buses are cancelled.

### Technologies (iphones, iPods, cameras, etc)

This is a reminder to parents and students that personal cell phones, cameras, and other technology are not to be used by students during the instructional day, unless otherwise instructed by the teacher. If there is an emergency and students need to get in touch with a parent, they are always welcome to use the classroom phone (with teacher’s permission and supervision) or the office phone, as we need to know if there is an issue and text messaging leaves us out of the critical communication loop! If picture taking is required for a specific activity, teachers may access school technology. Students should not be taking any pictures without teacher permission. If students choose to listen to their iPods/electronic devices on the bus or on the way to and from school, they may do so, but once students are in the building they are not to have their technology in use without teacher permission. The cost of these items is considerable, so please be aware that the school is not responsible if these materials become lost. Parents please speak to your child about keeping their technology in a safe place and using it only in appropriate ways and at appropriate times.