

Norman Cook Junior Public School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 6

Interesting Feature

Toronto Schools on the Move

Norman Cook Jr. P.S. is part of the Toronto Schools on the Move (TSM). The aim of TSM is to establish a culture in all TDSB schools that supports a healthy active school environment by addressing one of the three focus areas within the TSM: increased physical education, increased physical activity and improved healthy eating environments. This is a wonderful program which encourages students to embrace a healthy living attitude. At Norman Cook this includes a variety of physical activities led by student leaders and an emphasis on healthy eating habits.

Attitude, Co-operation, Education and Being a Good Sport!

Norman Cook Junior Public School was opened in 1953 and was named after Norman Cook, a prominent early settler of Scarborough, who served as a school trustee from 1931-1943. Our school is located in a busy city area known as "Scarborough Junction". The school population is drawn from a mixed socio-economic population with diverse backgrounds. A significant number of out of area students attend Norman Cook school because of the on-site daycare facilities and the small school atmosphere. Some families, however, have parents that went to our school when they were children. We serve the needs of approximately 150 Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 students.

Model Schools for Inner Cities

The 5 Essential Components of a Model School

- 1) Innovative teaching and learning practices
- 2) Support Services to meet social, emotional and physical well being of students
- 3) School as the heart of the community
- 4) Research, review and evaluation of students and programs
- 5) Commitment to share successful practice





Future Aces

Norman Cook is a Future Aces school. The Future Aces philosophy is based on the belief that positive attention contributes to and reinforces a person's self-esteem. The Future Aces Creed helps students learn how to resolve their differences peaceably, contributing to a nurturing, positive, respectful and safe environment in which to learn.



Houseleague

Norman Cook believes that all students should participate actively in physical activity. Our houseleague system ensures that there are many opportunities for students to participate in a non-competitive and cooperative way. Each month, students are involved in a different team sport. The emphasis of our houseleague is on teamwork and good sportsmanship.



Junior Band

Our grade 5 and 6 students are learning to play a variety of instruments in a school band. With the help of the band itinerant and the classroom teacher, they develop the skills to play at assemblies and concerts.



Primary Orff

The primary students are learning how to play orff instruments. With the help of the Orff itinerant and the classroom teacher, they are learning to play the xylophone, metalophone, glockenspeil and a variety of drums and shakers. The students display their skills by playing at assemblies and concerts.



Additional Features

- Roots of Empathy
- Scientists in the School
- Silver Birch Book Club
- Boys Book Club
- Family Literacy Day
- Reading Buddies
- Holiday Food Drive
- Student Council



Student Life - Where You Belong

Norman Cook Junior Public School is a small community school. We have a Student Council that plans various special days for the school. Every student belongs to a houseleague team and they can gain points for their team by participating in the monthly houseleague events and participating in the special days planned by their Student Council. Norman Cook is a Future Aces school which means that students are recognized for positive behaviour and for following the Future Aces Creed. Each Friday there are Mini Alerts where students read a special recognition they have received over the announcements. Each month students are recognized at a Future Aces Assembly for displaying the creed that is featured for that month. Students are also given many opportunities to develop leadership skills. This is done through their participation as Toronto Schools on the Move leaders, P.A.L.S. leaders, office helpers, student announcers and Student Council members. The small, family feeling of the school enables students to feel confident and display positive behaviours which in turn build on positive self-esteem.



What Sets Us Apart

Co-operation and mutual respect among staff and students create a positive learning environment. Teachers are committed to emphasizing academic excellence and providing a varied co-curricular program. Norman Cook is a Model School. This is a very special program that looks at the school as the heart of the community. Through Model Schools we have access to a variety of programs that benefit our students, parents and community.

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Our school plan recognizes the range of learners who attend Norman Cook and includes strategies to ensure that there is a culture of high expectations for all students. In addition, all students are provided with support whenever needed to ensure that their goals are met. As a learning community, the students, staff and parents benefit from a learning environment that respects and values diversity.





Parent and Community Engagement

Collaboration with community agencies - Toronto Community Living, Metro Toronto Police Liaison Officer, Surrey Place, Aisling Discoveries, Community Care Access Centre, Toronto Public Library. - Co-ordinate Grade 6 visits to Robert Service Sr. P.S. - Tutors in the Classroom - Teacher Candidate Placements - OISE University of Toronto, University of Ottawa. - Child and Youth Worker Student Placements - Centennial College
 Norman Cook School Council - Active School Council with many involved members School-community events (BBQ, Fun Fair, Read-a-thon, Pizza lunches, Fundraising events) - Parent volunteers at school (classroom, excursions, library) Lunchroom Supervisors
 In school daycare, Today's Child Tomorrow's Future



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.



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