

# Norwalk Education Foundation Newsletter

NEF Matters

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Dear Friend,

Welcome back to another year in Norwalk Public Schools. We look forward to seeing you in our teacher training, classroom innovation and extended learning programs, and thank the staff and students of NPS for the partnerships to make it possible. We also thank all of our supporters for their continued belief in our work.

With warm regards,

The Norwalk Education Foundation

## A Community Conversation about Norwalk Public Schools

This happens to be an incredibly important year for Norwalk Public Schools. Our Superintendent resigned, the search is on for a replacement, 4 of 9 Board of Education seats are up for election, teacher contracts are in negotiation, and the achievement gap is always on our minds. Many of us in the community thought timing was right to have a Community Conversation about Norwalk Public Schools.

Saturday, October 17th @ Norwalk Community College

Space is limited.

[Click here for more details](#)

## Extended Learning Time: Middle School

This summer at Nathan Hale Middle School, ten middle school students worked away composing their own musical arrangements with Mac's GarageBand software and the guidance of music teacher Ed Wojtowicz. NEF has been offering free GarageBand classes to all of Norwalk's middle schools for the past 5 years. Says

Wojtowicz, "I see this not only from the finished products, but also by the fact that I don't have to twist their arms. They even show up early because they're dying to get going." Student Greisi Luna says if she wasn't at the class, she'd be home watching TV. Student Sergio Mandujaro, who plays the guitar, was looking forward to recording his playing. "When I got here and saw all the possibilities; it's so interesting, really fun. I like the idea of working with computers to make my own songs."



**Did You Know?** From September 2008 through July 2009, NEF provided 450 hours of extended learning time to 218 middle school students at 4 middle schools with the help of 18 Norwalk teachers.



**OCTOBER 15, 2009**

Fall Taste for Education is Back!

If you missed it last year, now is your chance. This gastronomic affair that will take you to Asia, South America, North America and Europe in just over 2 hours. Sample cuisine from Brasitas, the Brewhouse, Coromandel, Festivities - the Art of Celebrating, Little Tokyo and Via Sforza. And scrumptious desserts from our own middle schoolers working with NCC Culinary Arts Department. Your palate won't be disappointed!

[Thursday, October 15th, Aitoro](#)

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