

Norwalk Education Foundation Newsletter

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Board of Education Candidates Debate

Thursday, October 29, 2009

7:00pm-8:30pm

Norwalk City Hall- Concert Hall

This year's debate promises to be spirited and informative, and will focus on timely and important issues that impact the Educational System of Norwalk.

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS! For more information, call Norwalk League of Women Voters: 858-1537

A Community Conversation about Norwalk Public Schools

Many thanks to all 121 of you who participated in the recent community conversation "**Creating a Formula for Student Success in Norwalk Public Schools**" that took place on October 17th at Norwalk Community College.

We invite you to join us at a **Press Conference: Wednesday, Oct. 28th at 11:00am at Norwalk Community College, East Campus Lobby**, where we will present an executive summary of the major findings of all 9 focus groups. Next steps will be to provide the survey results, followed by a final report that will delve deeper into the common ground, concerns, and suggested priorities for action of all the groups.

Beyond that, we ask you to think about where we might go from here, and to decide the role you'd like to play in helping to get there. We hope that you will want to remain involved as we take the information gathered from the conversation, present it to the Norwalk Board of Education, and together, begin to develop a plan of action moving forward to help Norwalk Public Schools be the best that they can be.

Teacher to Teacher

The Power of Sharing

Norwalk Public Schools in collaboration with Norwalk Education Foundation is starting an exciting new initiative, **Teacher to Teacher**. Based on the success of TechSmart Teachers, Teacher to Teacher is expanding the model (peer-to-peer instruction) into the other core curriculums. The new program will use best practices to offer dynamic, inspiring and innovative professional development to NPS teachers.

Don't miss the first class this week - Oct. 28th!

[Click here for Teacher to Teacher SCIENCE](#)

Fall Taste for Education

We raised \$18,000! Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this event.

After the Bell

Welcome Tricia Massucco, Norwalk Public Schools' new After the Bell Program Manager. After the Bell is a private/public partnership for extended learning at Kendall and Rowayton Elementary Schools. It includes a wide array of fun enrichment classes taught by Norwalk teachers and aides, for a connection back to the school day.



The Norwalk Education Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization committed to quality public education for all of Norwalk's children. We effect positive change by providing programs and funds for innovative classroom instruction, teacher and technology training, and a variety of learning opportunities beyond the school day.

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