

# The BEST of NORTHWOOD Elementary

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*BEST = Building Excellence Successfully Together*



## Calendar Dates

October 5	Phase IV Begins / 2 Full Days In-person (Optional)
October 12	Columbus Day / NO SCHOOL
October 13	Teacher Workday / NO SCHOOL
October 14	Face to Face Begins / Full-time In-person (Optional)
October 22	FCS Board Meeting
November 3	Election Day (Teacher Workday) / NO SCHOOL

## NEWS AROUND NORTHWOOD

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“My life makes a difference at Northwood Elementary.”



**FOURTH GRADERS** had a lot of fun this week going on our first virtual field trip to the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia. Students virtually explored the exhibits and artifacts throughout the museum while applying their knowledge of the causes of the American Revolution. To share what they saw and learned students created a 3-2-1 and we shared with the class. We’re looking forward to our next adventure!

“Always together, never apart. Maybe in distance, but never in heart.” This week has been so special as we wrap up the first week of phase three. **FIFTH GRADERS** have used the backboard to leave messages to their classmates who come on different days of the week. We are all staying connected and uplifting each other, even if we can’t be together physically.



# CARPOOL PROCEDURES

The safety of our students, parents and staff is Northwood's top priority during carpool drop off and pick up. We also want to make the process as simple, swift, and easy as possible. We appreciate your cooperation and ask that you please adhere to the guidelines below:

## MORNING DROP OFF

- Morning carpool begins at 7:10 a.m. in the front of the school. Parents are not permitted to drop off their children unsupervised outside/inside the school any time before 7:10 a.m.
- Cars should form a single line and pull all the way up to the beginning of the walkway as carpool gets very heavy between 7:25 a.m. and 7:40 a.m.
- If students are not in the building before the bell rings at 7:40 a.m., they will be marked tardy. **Late students arriving after the bell has rung, (7:40 a.m.) must be checked in by a parent.**
- Explorers must enter and exit the vehicle on the passenger side (right) only. No children can enter or exit on the driver side (left).
- Please teach your children to buckle and unbuckle themselves. If they cannot, you will need to move to a parking spot. We suggest practicing at home with the little ones so they are familiar with what to do.



## AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

- Afternoon carpool begins at 2:20 p.m. and ends at 2:40 p.m. in the back of the school. All students must be picked up by 2:40 p.m.
- Cars should form a single line at the crosswalk in front of the playground. Please wait there until the buses begin to leave before moving past that area.
- For their safety, children will only be dismissed to cars with a visible Northwood carpool number. Anyone picking up students without a number will be asked to park, and come to the front office to show ID.

**Reminders:** Cars must not park in the pickup or dismissal area along the front curb. Per Georgia law, cell phone use is strictly prohibited. Use slow speed at all times. And, please be kind to staff members on duty; they work hard to ensure the safety of all students.



# PARENT RESOURCES



## FREE Breakfast and Lunch

Fulton County School Nutrition will continue to serve FREE meals to all children, regardless of school enrollment or meal eligibility status. Students attending school face-to-face will receive FREE meals during their school's scheduled mealtimes. Nutritious & delicious student favorites will be provided at breakfast and lunch. Curbside & Bus Stop Locations will be utilized to distribute FREE grab & go meal kits throughout the district. For more information, visit [www.nutrition.fultonschools.org](http://www.nutrition.fultonschools.org)

## NEED A CARPOOL TAG?

If you are planning for your child to be a car rider when they return to our campus, your child will be required to have a school issued car tag during dismissal.

If you need a new or replacement tag please complete the form on our website and return it by email or to our front office secretary ([Robertson1@fultonschools.org](mailto:Robertson1@fultonschools.org)) so she can prepare the number for you.

## GET YOUR STUDENT'S GTID NUMBER

View your student's Georgia Testing Identification Number (GTID) within the Campus Parent Portal.

- STEP 1: ACCESS CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL
- STEP 2: SELECT MORE AND THEN SELECT GTID

## Have You Joined Infinite Campus Parent Portal?

The Infinite Campus Parent Portal provides quick and easy access to information for all enrolled students in their household. Find grades, attendance, assignments, schedules, ID numbers, school announcements and more.

Don't miss out! Parents must register the first time they are accessing their account. To set-up your account, please enter your email here:

### [Campus Parent Portal Activation](#)

If you are unable to activate your account by answering the verification questions, please email our data clerk at [flemingml@fultonschools.org](mailto:flemingml@fultonschools.org).



## Universal Remote Learning Support & Resources for Parents

Fulton County Schools is providing learning resources and technical support for parents and students. Find answers to common questions about Universal Remote Learning at, [www.fultonschools.org/UniversalRemoteLearning](http://www.fultonschools.org/UniversalRemoteLearning)



# NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY PTA

## ENRICHMENT FUND WEEK 10/5-10/9

Two Mondays from now, on October 5th, we will be kicking off a **FUN, FABULOUS**, and **FLEXIBLE** Enrichment Fund week. We know that working and schooling during a pandemic is no simple task, but we hope to make this week both enjoyable and easy for you and your kiddos.

For those of you new to Northwood, Enrichment Fund week follows a set cadence of 1) different "Spirit" days each day of the week, 2) a spare change drive led by the students (**Virtual this year!**), 3) then a 'sweet' celebration at Scream 'N Nuts or through our Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser, and 4) Enrichment Fund giving by families like yours!

During Enrichment Fund Drive, tax deductible donations will directly benefit Northwood Elementary for experiences like field trips and the buses that get them there, special supplies and enrichment for our curriculums, and other school improvements. One notable recent improvement was the wonderful new turf in the beautiful courtyard located across from the library.

**Donate to the Enrichment Fund any time! This Fund is the primary source for the PTA to offer family events, contribute in special ways to benefit the students, and to support our teachers' ability to provide an optimal learning environment.**

### Thank you very much for your donation!

None of this is possible without generous giving from our families and community. As we approach Enrichment Fund week, we kindly ask that you please consider what you are comfortable giving. We know this pandemic has been incredibly challenging physically and mentally, but we also recognize the large financial impact on many families in our community, so we very much appreciate your consideration as you journey through this time.

As always, we are with you. Our most important priority is to make this an incredibly fun-filled and memorable week for your children--and a safe one, too! All spare change drives as well as Enrichment Fund giving will take place in our Membership Toolkit app. We will also accept checks that can be mailed, sent with your child, or taken up to the school.

--Northwood PTA

### MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT DIRECTIONS:

1. Login to your [www.northwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com](http://www.northwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com) or open the app on your mobile device.
2. Navigate to the **Store** from the Landing Page and enter Enrichment Fund Donations.
3. Choose a pre-specified giving level or select to enter a specific amount.
4. You can also give to the spare change drive here. Select any amount, enter the teacher and add to cart.
5. If you have multiple students giving, please resubmit the Spare Change portion of the form for each child to ensure each child's teacher is appropriately chosen.
6. When finished, click on your cart and checkout.
7. A receipt will be emailed to you for your tax-deductible donation!

### VISIT OUR COMPASSION WALL

... available at [www.NorthwoodPTA.com](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com). Leave a sweet note to a friend, teacher, or the school! We spread compassion year round, but this week we want to see it spread on our virtual wall for all to see! (Please adhere to school guidelines)

### Compassion Wall Directions:

1. Head over to our Northwood PTA website (NOT MTK) at [www.northwoodpta.com](http://www.northwoodpta.com)
2. Click on the Compassion Wall menu.
3. Fill out the form on the left of the screen with your Name and "Sweet" Message.
4. Click **Submit** and find your message on the right side under the Compassion Wall!

### DONUT PURCHASES:

Krispy Kreme vouchers for 12 original glazed donuts can be purchased all week and vouchers will be delivered a few weeks after Enrichment Fund concludes.

1. Login to your [www.northwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com](http://www.northwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com) or open the app on your mobile device.
2. Navigate to the **Store** from the Landing Page and enter Enrichment Fund Donations.
3. Scroll to the "Donut Fundraiser" and select the number of vouchers you wish to purchase and add to cart!

### FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Join us at Scream 'N Nuts all day. All you need to do is **mention Northwood Elementary** and Scream 'N Nuts will gift us 20% of every purchase!

Take a photo with your donut and tag us on social media!

**FB:** @NorthwoodElementaryPTA **Twitter:** @NorthwoodPTA

**IG:** @northwood\_explorers\_official

#WeAreNorthwood #StayingConnectedNW #25YearsStrong

One lucky winner will receive a \$10 giftcard to Scream 'N Nuts!

#### MONDAY 10/5

**Wacky Wear:**  
Mismatch those clothes with dots on top and stripes below! Anything goes!

#### TUESDAY 10/6

**Cray Hair Day:**  
Ponytails and spikes, clip-ins, or stripes! Show us your crazy...in your hair, that is!

#### WEDNESDAY 10/7

**Pajama Day:**  
Mornings come fast. Make them a little easier by rolling out of bed and rolling into class!

#### THURSDAY 10/8

**Neon Day:** We know you're BRIGHT, but can you show us how much? Shine your brightest with your neon colors!

#### FRIDAY 10/9

**Northwood Day:** Wear your NW spirit wear or colors today! Show us how proud you are to be a Northwood star!

# Calling All Voracious Readers!

## READING COUNTS

It comes with great disappointment to share that the Reading Counts program continuation has been disallowed by the county. The online quizzes are going to be inaccessible soon, but we will honor those students who have been reading voraciously and answering as many quizzes as they could since the start of school.

Sniff, sniff, sniffley sniff sniff...

But! We are working hard to find a new reading program for our students with incentives including but not limited to Pizza Hut coupons, ribbons, small and bigger prizes... Please do not stop reading! Keep track of the books you read and how the book moved you or excited you or led you on a journey or introduced you to a new way of thinking – we may want to hear all about it! Stay tuned!



Did you know that September is Library Card Sign-Up Month at Fulton County Public Libraries? It's true! If you don't already have a FCPL card, now is the time to get one!

And you can get one online:

<http://www.fulcolibrary.org/news/278-celebrate-library-card-sign-up-month>



Did you also know that the Fulton County Public Libraries have curbside pickup? Just check out your book online with your new library card and then you can drive by the library and pick it up! How easy is that?

<http://afpls.org/news/2697-libraries-prepare-to-reopen-for-curbside-services-july-1>



Don't have a way to get to the library? There are books you can read from their digital library too:

<http://www.fulcolibrary.org/digitallibrary>