

The **BEST** of NORTHWOOD Elementary

<https://www.fultonschools.org/northwoodes>

October 2, 2020

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."*



KINDERGARTEN students have been hard at work this week! They learned how to retell a story using story elements, how to keep their bodies healthy by making healthy choices, and reviewed shapes and positional words. They also learned about Johnny Appleseed and the life cycle of an apple. They practiced their cutting and gluing skills by putting together this apple craft.

In **FIRST GRADE** we started our first science unit on Weather. We are tracking the weather daily and learning about tools for measuring the weather like a thermometer, rain gauge, and a wind vane. At home or in school, learning about types of precipitation really came to life with a fun science experiment where we made it rain in a cup! We also made a water cycle in a bag so we can observe the cycle up close. We love science!



MORNING CARPOOL PROCEDURES

How can you help? It's a list, but we can do it.
You got this... We got this...



- Please have your child ready to exit the car when you pull up.
 - Explorers should be able to unbuckle their car seats and open and close the vehicle door all by themselves.
 - Explorers should have all materials packed in their bags.
 - Explorers should be ready with their masks.
- Seat your child on the right-side seat of your vehicle so that they can get off quickly without holding up the line.
- Share your hugs, bye, bye and kisses before you reach the carpool loop.
- When in line try to pull in as close as you can to the vehicle in front of you while maintaining a safe distance.
- Please wait in line till the car in front of you moves. Overtaking and creating a second line within the carpool creates a hazardous situation for children exiting from the cars.
- If you are carpooling please go through the entire carpool. Do not let your children out of the car before the unloading zones (i.e. areas which are manning by the carpool staff).

What can I do if my child is not “ready to exit” while in the carpool loop?

- You can pull up front, beyond the first carpool team member and help your child; or...
- You can park in one of the six visitor parking spots and walk your child close to the building close to a Northwood team member.

What can I not do?

- Get off from the driver's side and assist your child during active carpool.
- Not park in the handicapped parking lots without the “handicapped” stickers. Roswell PD/Fire Marshall can issue a ticket to vehicles without “handicapped” stickers.
- Use your cell phone.
- Overtake another vehicle during active unloading.
- Please refrain from challenging our team members during active carpool. Feel free to call/email to share your concerns.
- Please do not engage our staff in a parent teacher conference during active carpool.
- Leave your child at the carpool circle and drive off after the bell has rung and the staff has gone inside.

***Reminder: Carpool begins at 7:10 am and closes at 7:40 am.
After 7:40 am you will need to check in from the front desk.***

MEDIA CENTER

Northwood Elementary Library Book Check Out- Now Available!

We will begin book check outs on Monday, October 5th, for all Northwood students. Students will be able to place books on hold through our online catalog system, Destiny Discover. Books will be delivered to classrooms within a few days for students returning to school for face to face instruction. We will offer curbside pickup for students who are staying home for virtual learning.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Media Center website for more details. We are excited to offer this service to our students. Happy reading!



Be a Buzzer Reader!

The Georgia Tech Women's Basketball team would like to invite your child to participate in their annual "Buzzer Readers" reading program. Buzzer Readers is an initiative to promote and encourage children to learn through reading. All elementary and middle school students from schools in Metro Atlanta are eligible to participate.

- Students have one month to read as many pages as they can from October 1-31st. Each child will record the number of pages read each day during the designated one month period.

You can download and print a copy of the reading on the Northwood website [homepage](#). In addition to books, newspapers will also count and each full page read will count as two book pages.

- Parents may read to their children; however, group reading in a classroom setting are not to be counted.
- The name of the book, along with author, is requested to provide information to the teacher as to the types of books the children are reading at home. Please ensure the books are geared to help the children learn and grow.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to be directed to the Northwood website for more details if you would like your child to be a part of the reading challenge. We hope many of our Explorers will participate in this exciting opportunity!





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

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.

GET YOUR STUDENT'S GTID NUMBER

View your student's Georgia Testing Identification Number (GTID)

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

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 (Robertsonl1@fultonschools.org) so she can prepare the number for you.



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



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 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. 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
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 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!

We are happy to provide information about our community programs, but please note they are not sponsored by Northwood Elementary School



INSPIRING SUCCESS IN & OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

Y AFTERSCHOOL // Ed Isakson/Alpharetta Family YMCA

Now registering for the 2020-2021 school year!

For Information please call, 770-664-1220;
or visit www.ymcaatlanta.org/program-locations/afterschool/alpharetta