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BEST = Building Excellence Successfully Together

February 21, 2020

Calendar Dates:

February 25	Kindergarten Round-Up and Open House 8:30AM (for future Kindergarten Northwood Explorers)
February 28	Hardship Transfer DEADLINE
March 6	All Pro Dads 7:10-7:40AM
March 8	Daylight Savings Time—Turn your clocks ahead one hour
March 11	Boosterthon Fun Run — Times to be determined
March 12	School Governance Council (SGC) Release Day - Students Stay Home
March 13	Teacher Workday – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
March 17	Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 10:30AM-1:00PM
March 24	Teacher Workday – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
March 26	Haynes Bridge MS - Rising 6th Grade Parent Meeting (see article)
April 1	Kindergarten and New Student Registration 8:00AM - 4:00PM
April 2	Kindergarten and New Student Registration 8:00AM - 7:00PM
April 2	Spring Picture Day – Class and Individual



NEWS AROUND NORTHWOOD

Our Boosterthon Fun Run for 2019-2020 is coming March 11th!



Parents and Families—one of this year's main fundraiser, the Northwood Fun Run, is back! It's a two-week program that kicks off with a Pep Rally on March 2nd. Families will then gather pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps) at the Northwood Fun Run, which will happen on March 11th. **This year our goal is to raise \$30,000 for learning strategies and school enhancements - we need your help!** We've asked the experts at Booster to power our fundraiser to make it easier, more profitable, and more fun.

Students will also experience an amazing character theme, **MINDSPARK: WILD WEST!** Booster's most exciting theme yet combines S.T.E.A.M. skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) with character-building. While they're teaming up with the MindSpark Kids to save Dr. Shock, our students will learn five-character traits that will help strengthen themselves and our world.

Donations will go toward learning strategies and school enhancements and the entire two-week experience. So please help our school by getting pledges from family and friends and entering them on FUNRUN.COM. Also, all families are invited to come out and cheer on our students at the Northwood Fun Run. Thanks so much for your support!

Fun Run

March 11, 2020 (rain or shine)

9:55-11:10 (K & 1)

11:25-12:40 (2 & 3)

12:45-2:00 (4 & 5)

- **Hardship Transfer Deadline: Feb. 28, 2020**



Hardship Transfer applications are available beginning Jan. 1 for parents who wish to apply for a 2020-21 hardship transfer or to renew a current hardship to another Fulton elementary, middle or high school. Parents will use an online form to enter and submit their information. **Get more info and access the application here.**



It's SGC Election Season!

Northwood's School Governance Council (SGC) has 1 parent/guardian position and 1 teacher position open for election. The candidate declaration period is from February 3rd - February 26th. Please visit the SGC Candidate information site for more information:

<https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/7358>. There you can find information regarding eligibility requirements for council members, as well as the SGC Candidate Declaration Form.

To see more information regarding the SGC election process: <https://vimeo.com/201044382>



First grade is learning all about the parts of plants! We learned that you can eat an entire plant just by eating foods that we already love. Broccoli is the flower, peas are the seeds, spinach is the leaves, celery is the stem, and carrots are the roots. Ask your **first grader** if they can tell you other foods that are parts of a plant!



This week **kindergarteners** got to see firsthand how much fun science can be. They got to enjoy a special visit from the Science Machine! The Science Machine awed the students with several spectacular science experiments. Ask a **kindergartener** about their favorite experiment.



Kindergarten "Round-Up" and Open House

For Future Northwood Explorers
Parents and Children

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:30 AM

- Visit Kindergarten Classrooms
- Meet administrators and teachers
 - Check out a school bus
 - Have a snack
- Receive Registration Information



We are over the Rainbow for our Golden Volunteers!

*Please join Team Northwood for
Our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
Tuesday, March 17, 2020*

10:30-1:00

*Please join your child's teacher during their
regular lunch time.*

Northwood Media Center

Please click [HERE](#) to RSVP

JOIN US FOR

RISING 6TH GRADE PARENT MEETING AND TOUR

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020

**5:15 PM – 6:15 PM SPANISH SPEAKING INFORMATION SESSION AND TOUR
(ROOM 55)**

**5:45 PM - 6:15 PM TAG SESSION
(IN MEDIA CENTER)**

**5:45 PM - 6:15 PM Q&A SESSION FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS WITH AN IEP
(ROOM 4)**

**6:15 PM – 7:30 PM ENGLISH SPEAKING INFORMATION SESSION AND TOUR
(IN THE GYM)**

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Northwood Elementary

Kindergarten and New Student Registration

Registration for new kindergarten students (must be 5 years old on or before September 1) as well as new students to Northwood for the 2020-2021 school year is:

**Wednesday, April 1, from 8:00 am-4:00 pm
and
Thursday, April 2, from 8:00 am – 7:00 pm**



It is VERY IMPORTANT for us to know the number of new students to plan for next year. Only a parent or legal guardian may register a student. If you have a kindergarten-aged child or know of neighbors whose children will be attending Northwood for the first time - next year, PLEASE register on the above dates or call the school for an appointment at 470-254-6390.

STEP 1 - ONLINE REGISTRATION

- Go to www.fultonschools.org under *Students & Families/Enrolling Your Student*
- Follow the prompts for Infinite Campus Online Registration

STEP 2 - PROVIDE STATE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO SCHOOL

Bring the following items to school to complete registration: April 1 or April 2

- Certified copy of State Birth Certificate
- Georgia Immunization Form #3231
- Georgia Hearing, Vision, Dental Form #3300
- Social Security Card
- 2 Proofs of Residency (lease or mortgage statement, and 1 current water or electric bill)
- Georgia Driver's License, Passport, or photo ID card
- Previous school transcript, if applicable

Read Across America

March 2-6, 2020

Read Across America Week is a week to celebrate the love of all books and reading! Students and teachers are invited to participate in themed dress up days March 2nd-6th. Please see below for the dress up days designated to match different picture books! [Click Here](#) to visit the Read Across America website to learn more.

Date	Book	Dress
Monday March 2 nd	<i>Oh, the Places You'll Go</i> by Dr. Seuss	Wear clothes for a future occupation, college choice, or anything else about a path you wish to follow.
Tuesday March 3 rd	<i>Be Kind</i> by Pat Miller	Wear clothing with positive words or messages to spread kindness.
Wednesday March 4 th	<i>The Proudest Blue</i> by Ibtihaj Muhammad	Wear your favorite color to show the pride you have for yourself.
Thursday March 5 th	<i>The Animal Awards</i> by Tor Freeman	Wear animal print, spots, stripes, etc.
Friday March 6 th	<i>The Sleep Book</i> by Dr. Seuss	Wear pajamas or comfy clothes. The cafeteria will be serving breakfast for lunch, too. *No slippers please.



Healthy habits from The Wellness Team

Doing acts of kindness is one of the best activities you can do with your children. It's a great way to teach compassion.

Help make dinner, share a toy with a friend, make a get-well card, donate a toy, or invite a new friend to the playground.

Thank You for Supporting the PE Department!

Taekwondo Generation visited 3rd-5th grade Physical Education classes and introduced Taekwondo to our students. On Saturday, February 15th, Taekwondo Generation hosted a free event for Northwood students that included an introduction to Taekwondo, board breaking, and learning how Taekwondo teaches life skills. A special trial offer was also available to all participants, with all the proceeds being donated to the Northwood Physical Education Department. Thank you to all the parents and students who came out for Spirit Saturday! The event was a huge success! Taekwondo Generation will also be visiting our K-2 Physical Education classes March 16-18th.



Northwood PTA

www.northwoodpta.com



Congratulations to the following students for earning a ribbon as part of the Reading Counts program. Anytime is a great time to read, read, read!

Congratulations to the January Reading Counts ribbon earners!

The students that earned ribbons are:

Blue Ribbon

Third Grade: Dorothy Disney, Archer Kuzia

Red Ribbon

Third Grade: Jacob Adler

Fourth Grade: Kelsey Akin

Fifth Grade: Norman Brock

Bronze Ribbon

Fourth Grade: Amira Vanjaria

Gold Ribbon

Fourth Grade: Mackenzie Lowry

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Fifth Grade: Carter Beekman

If you are interested in checking your child's progress in the Reading Counts program, simply have them log into their launchpad account to access the Reading Counts program. Click the "check your progress" button and this will generate a report on the quizzes your child has taken (be sure to disable pop up blocker to allow report generation).



Northwood Elementary PTA is looking to fill board and committee chair positions for the next school year. If you are interested in hearing more about the available positions, please contact Beth Beach at 404-556-3254 or beach_beth@yahoo.com.



On behalf of **The Bingo Team**, the entire PTA board would like to thank you for an amazingly successful Silent Auction and Bingo Night!

It was a fun night filled with Bingo calling, laughter, and dancing - we sincerely thank everyone who played a part.

Our goal was to raise \$5,000. Thanks to our incredible Northwood families, we reached almost **\$7,000!!!**

This event would not have been as successful without a lot of help - from our custodian Clyde Payton, cafeteria manager, Lisa Sutton, our Admin Team at Northwood, and all the parent and BETA club volunteers working the event. A special thanks to **Mr. Kevin Finley** for a phenomenal job as our announcer!

A huge thank you to **The Bingo Team** leaders - **Tiffany Finney, Lauren Caldwell, Heather Cannon, Nicki Hubbard, and Fran Conlan**. The Northwood community is very lucky to have you!

With sincere thanks, NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY PTA

Cafeteria News

Adult lunches are \$3.45. Please have only your child join you at the designated visitor tables. Please remember that outside food is not allowed. This can be a special "Parent and Me" treat.

Announcement for School Breakfast Programs:

Did you know that a hot and fresh breakfast is served every morning in the cafeteria? It's a proven fact that breakfast helps jumpstart your brain for a day full of activity and learning – so be sure your child starts their school day ready to go with a delicious breakfast! We invite your child to visit the cafeteria from 7:10AM to 7:35AM to get their breakfast! The cost is \$1.10.

Lunch Menu – February 24-28

<http://www.fultonschools.org/en/divisions/ops/Nutrition/Pages/MenuCalendars.aspx>

2/24 – Italian Pasta Bake – Chicken Taquito – Cheese Pizza Pack

2/25 – Tangerine Chicken – Burger Sliders – Jamwich Pack

2/26 – Salisbury Steak – Chicken Filet Sandwich – Hummus Plate

2/27 – Classic Chili – Cheese Stuffed Breadstick – Grilled Chicken Chef Salad

2/28 – Seafood Basket – Cheese Pizza – Meat Lover's Pizza – Black Forest Chicken & Cheese