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The BEST of Northwood Elementary



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BEST = Building Excellence Successfully Together

August 30, 2019

Calendar Dates:

August 30	PTA Enrichment Week Celebration at Scream N' Nuts All Day
September 2	Labor Day Holiday – No School
September 3	School Governance Council (SGC) Release Day - Students Stay Home
September 5	Hearing & Vision Screening (Grades 1, 3, and 5)
September 6	First All Pro Dads 7:10-7:40 AM
September 6	Parent Academy – Digital Safety and My Child 7:45-8:45AM
September 12	Julia Bernath Meeting – Hillside ES 9:30AM
September 17	PTA Chick-Fil-A Night (Northpoint Parkway)
September 19	Picture Day – Wear your best smile!!

Important: 2019-20 School Governance Release Days for Students:

9/3/19, 10/10/19, 2/14/19, and 3/12/20

These are workdays for teachers – students do NOT attend school on these dates. Please make alternative arrangements for your students on these days.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING SOON!

ORDER NOW

September 19th - Picture Day – Wear your best smile!! 😊

All Pro Dads – Celebrating 10 Years at Northwood



We are excited to announce that Northwood will again be taking part in the 'All Pro Dads' program. Celebrating our 10-year anniversary of the program at Northwood, we have a year full of interesting themes. Our monthly breakfasts are held in the Cafeteria from 7:10am – 7:40am, where we will provide fathers and their children with a chance to meet with others. During this time, we will discuss a wide range of family topics,

create fun memories, and equip ourselves with resources to strengthen our relationships. Mr. Chaffer (chaffer@fultonschools.org) and Mr. Asher (asher@fultonschools.org) will lead our group, with assistance from Mr. Gary Bowers (iamgbow@gmail.com) on behalf of the PTA. Our first meeting will be **Friday, September 6**. Please register for our first meeting on the Northwood All Pro Dad's webpage <https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/2061>

Breakfasts this year will be held on the following dates - **9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6, 1/10, 2/7, 3/6, 4/3, and 5/1**

Media Center Volunteers - both new and returning!

You are invited to volunteer in the Northwood media center! We love our volunteers and are always looking for more parents to join us. The media center is a great place to give your time to the school because we have a large turnaround of book check outs and returns that always need being re-shelved. To learn more, please join us for our **Volunteer Tea & Training** where we will discuss the media center procedures and a chance for us all to meet - and for a light breakfast!

What: **Volunteer Tea & Training**

When: September 12, 2019 8:00 am

Where: Northwood Media Center

Who: All Media Center Volunteers - both new and returning!

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

At the training, we will also discuss the **Google Sheets volunteer signup calendar** that we will use for scheduling volunteer hours. Please note: Allison and Martha WILL NEVER turn away help!

We will also discuss the **Book Fair**, which is a high traffic event that requires a lot of volunteers for set up, sales, assistance with the classes' shopping, and for take down at the end. Go ahead and mark your calendars for November 13th-22nd.

Email Allison Bauer if you have any questions. bauera@fultonschools.org

Visitor/Volunteer Procedures 2019-2020

All parents must follow the volunteer procedures below – Any previous volunteer must re-apply for volunteer status. Please allow 24-48 hours to process.

We welcome visitors and volunteers to our school! Many procedures have been put into place by our school district to ensure the safety of all students when a visitor or volunteer is on campus. Sometimes these processes can seem cumbersome, but we appreciate your patience in helping us maintain our number one focus; the safety of our children!

[Please see details on new visitor/volunteer procedures](#)

Kids Hope USA at Northwood

We are excited to offer a mentoring program here at Northwood, in partnership with Northminster Presbyterian Church and Kids Hope USA, in which selected students will have an opportunity to meet with a mentor for one hour each week throughout the school year, focusing on the child's emotional, social, and academic needs. The program will begin for the new school year next month, and further information will be provided to parents whose children are eligible to participate. Training and support will be provided to the mentors.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a mentor, and building a one-on-one relationship with another Northwood child, please contact Lisa Hubbert at lhubbert@mindspring.com to find out more.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual attendance is essential for school success. Students who are absent from school are deprived of a variety of valuable educational experiences. A student must be present for at least half of the instructional day to be counted present. This means that they must arrive by 11:10 am or be checked out after 11:10 am. Absences are reported through a centralized communication system. You will receive notification if your child is not present by 10:45 am.

Absences

The Fulton County School Board supports rigorous enforcement of Georgia's Compulsory School Attendance Law that makes school attendance the responsibility of the parent and the student. The Georgia Board of Education lawfully excuses students for the following reasons:

- Personal illness of the student.
- Attendance at school would be detrimental to the health of the student or others.
- A serious illness or death in the student's immediate family necessitating absence from school.
- Observance of religious holidays necessitating absence from school.
- Conditions rendering attendance impossible or hazardous to the student's health or safety.

A student's absence from school or class for any reason other than those listed above will be considered an unexcused absence. **E-mail excuses will not be accepted.** If an absence meets these requirements, a student must bring a written excuse signed by a parent or guardian the day the student returns to school. If a note is not received within 5 calendar days, the absence is recorded as unexcused. Excessive absences of five or more unexcused absences will result in a letter of **Notification of Excessive Absences** from the school, and continued absences will result in a referral to the school social worker. Please refer to www.fultonschools.org for more information.

Tardiness

Northwood believes in bell to bell instruction. Students are expected to be seated in their classrooms, ready to learn by 7:40 am. In order to start the day smoothly and minimize interruptions caused by late arriving students, please see that your child is on time. **Late students arriving after the bell has rung, (7:40 am) must be checked in by a parent.** Cars must be parked in the parking lot, and students and parents must enter the office, sign in, and get a pass to class stating the reasons for tardiness. Students riding Fulton County Board of Education buses will not be counted tardy if the bus arrives late. Excessive tardiness will result in a letter of **Notification of Excessive Tardiness** from the school. Continued tardiness will result in a referral to the school social worker.

Career Day at Northwood

We are proud to host our parent and community Career Day at Northwood Elementary! We want our students to know how workers use the subjects they learned at school in their jobs. We are currently in need of Career Day participants in various occupations to volunteer about 4 hours of their time to speak with students about their careers.

Our Career Day will be held on Friday, September 20th from approximately 8:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.



If you would be willing to share your time and expertise with our students, please contact our School Counselor, Jennifer Weeks at weeksj@fultonschools.org for more information.

Northwood PTA

www.northwoodpta.com

TANNER PORTRAIT STUDIO PRESENTS NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY PTA ANNUAL FAMILY PORTRAIT EVENT!

Don't blink! Time flies and, sooner than you think, your student will be moving on to middle school & then high school! Now is the time to take that great family portrait!

A \$30.00 DONATION TO NORTHWOOD PTA

Includes the Sitting Fee &

11"X14" FAMILY PORTRAIT PRINT

Courtesy of Tanner Portrait Studio (\$165.00 Value)

Friday, October 4th 5:00pm 7:00pm
Saturday, October 5th 9:30am 11:30am
Sunday, October 6th 9:30am 1:00pm

[At Mill Creek Pond](#)

(30000 Mill Creek Ave, Alpharetta)

Please go to the PTA website to make your \$30 Donation,

<http://www.northwoodpta.com/store.html>

You will be emailed a signup genius link to choose your appointment time upon receiving your \$30.00 donation

The offer is limited to one per family – Per School Season – Nonrefundable – Expires Nov 1st 2019

In the event of inclement weather, the photo sessions will be moved indoors to Tanner Studio

For your convenience, additional prints will be available to order or purchase at your viewing appt

Direct Questions To: Vivia Rowe vp1@northwoodpta.com

<http://tinyurl.com/tannernorthwood2019>

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 – September 4-6

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

9/4 - Tomato Basil Soup w/ Grilled Cheese – Burger Sliders – Grilled Chicken Chef Salad

9/5 - Chicken of the Day – Mozzarella Cheese Sticks – Lunchbox Buddy

9/6 - Fish Filet Sandwich – Meat Lover's Pizza – Cheese Pizza – Jamwich Pack

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