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August Panther Parent News 2026




Welcome Back to School!




Greetings Panther Families!

We are extremely excited to welcome our students back to Northmore Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year! On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, we hope that our students took some time to rest, relax and get their minds ready for the outstanding school year ahead!

The data is in from the Florida Department of Education. Northmore Elementary School is a "C" Rated School for the 2025-2026 school year!



Although it was our goal to grow into the letter grade of a "B" this past school year, we maintained our letter "C" status. In addition to this, we have seen tremendous growth in our proficiency rates this school year. Our school's ELA proficiency grew by 4% points and our Math proficiency grew by 6%. Both of these numbers equate to one year of growth, which we are extremely proud of!

This school year we will be embracing the theme ***Destination: Success!*** The theme ***Destination: Success!*** means that, no matter how challenging something is or becomes, the entire Northmore Elementary School community will be successful in any task that comes our way. By always remembering that we can be successful, there is no doubt that we will earn the school grade of a "B" this academic year!

REMEMBER: Student attendance is very important. Students who are consistently absent, tardy or being picked up early will experience learning loss. This, in turn, means that these students will be at a disadvantage this school year.

We also have some amazing news! Our **Dual Language Program** has now moved into 4th Grade. This means that we now have Dual Language in Kindergarten - 4th Grade. Students who are in the Dual Language Program learn half of their day in English and half of their day in Spanish.

We will also continue as a **Choice School of the Arts** in Theatre, Dance and/or Band. All students will participate in these classes during fine arts, as well as audition to be placed in our performance ensembles; all performance ensembles rehearse after school hours. Plus, these students will participate in district and state competitions!

The purpose of this *Back to School Edition Newsletter* is to remind you of some of the important policies at Northmore Elementary School. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the front office at 561-494-1700.

School Reminders & Events

Monday

SAC School Advisory Council

GET INVOLVED

SAC MEETING

Monday, August 17, 2026
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Located in the Cafeteria

Topics Include:

- Principal Report: State of the School
- Assistant Principal & Title 1 Report
- Sunshine Law Information
- SAC Bylaws Approval
- School Improvement Plan Approval
- SAC Executive Board Elections

Free pizza and free books will be provided for all attendees.



Wednesday
August 26, 2026

Pre-K
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

3rd Grade - 5th Grade
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

How does your child go home?

- ❑ Teachers and the Front Office Staff should know how your child goes home.
- ❑ Any changes to dismissal must be made in writing using a note or Class Dojo. Phone calls to the front office will also be accepted (verification questions will be asked). **No Changes Accepted After 1:40 p.m.**
- ❑ Students should have their transportation wristbands on their backpacks or their wrists at all times.
- ❑ Parents need to make sure their phone numbers are accurate in the SIS system. This way we can contact you if we have any transportation questions.

Independence Day

Beginning on
Wednesday, August 12, 2026
students will walk to the cafeteria for breakfast and their class by themselves.

Parents will not be permitted on campus after Tuesday.

Report suspicious activity using:

#FORTIFYFL
GETFORTIFYFL.COM
Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

Student Attendance Policies



Student Arrival and Free Breakfast

7:40 a.m. - 8:10 a.m.

Students will receive free breakfast from the cafeteria.
After 8:10 a.m. students are considered late and marked tardy.



Instructional Hours

8:10 a.m. - 2:05 p.m.

Instruction begins promptly at 8:10 a.m. and stops at 2:05 p.m. It is extremely important that students remain in school unless they are sick so that they can learn everything they need to for the day.



Student Tardies

Anytime After 8:10 a.m.

Parents will be required to park in one of the open parking spots. Parents must then walk their late child into the front office and sign his/her child in. Only 2 parents are allowed in the front office at a time.



Early Release

No Early Release After 1:40 p.m.

Any adult who comes onto campus to pick up a student must be on the student's approved pick-up list and have their government issued Photo ID. Students will not be released if these two criteria are not met.

Students will not be released after 1:40 p.m. due to dismissal preparation. Only a member of administration can make this change in the event of an emergency.



Student Absences

More than 5 Absences is considered excessive.

All students need to be in school in order to learn. We understand that students may stay home because they are sick or have a Doctor's appointment. However, after 5 unexcused absences, the parent will be contacted by the school and develop a ***Student Attendance Plan***. Following this, the School District Truancy Department will begin a formal, state mandated absence plan based on state law.



Student Dismissal
2:10 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.



Student Dismissal begins at 2:10 p.m. and lasts until 2:35 p.m. Parents who are late in picking up their students will be charged a late pick-up fee.

Car Riders will be dismissed from the back of the school off of Windsor Avenue. The gate will be opened at 2:05 p.m. and no earlier. All cars are to follow the directions given by the staff working at the gate.

Dependent Walkers are Kindergarten and 1st Grade students who will be picked up at the North Gate off of North Terrace Drive by the portables. Parents must be able to show identification.

Independent Walkers are 2nd - 5th Grade students who will be dismissed through the South Gate off of North Terrace Drive.

PLEASE NOTE

Parents of walkers who park their cars across the street from the school are breaking the law. Parents may be given a ticket by the City of West Palm Beach Police or School Police. This creates an unsafe environment for our students.

Student ID Badges

- ★ Each student is provided with **1 free Student ID Badge and Lanyard.** These Student ID Badges must be worn at all times.
- ★ Student ID Badges are needed when students get food from the cafeteria, get on and off the school bus and for safety purposes around the campus.
- ★ ***Replacement Student ID Badges are $3.00. Replacement lanyards are $2.00.*** See the Front Office for more details.

