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September Panther Parent News 2026

Message from Administration

Greetings Panther Families!

It seems like only yesterday that our students walked through the doors of Northmore Elementary School for the first time this school year. Since their arrival, our students have been involved in many different activities such as learning about school rules and routines, as well as learning various academics including reading, math, science and social studies. Our parents and community stakeholders even had the opportunity to attend our first School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting of the year!

We know that the 2026 – 2027 school year will be the BEST ONE yet!

Progress Monitoring State Testing

All students in Prek - 5th Grade are required to take the state assessments in reading and math called Progress Monitoring #1. This is the first round of state testing the students will take. They will also take Progress Monitoring #2 testing in December and Progress Monitoring #3 testing in May.

- ★ Progress Monitoring #1 testing tells the teachers where your students are academically, which allows them to create lessons that meet the needs of all our students.
- ★ Progress Monitoring #2 testing shows the teachers how much your students have progressed academically, which allows them to create more intensive lessons based on student needs.
- ★ Progress Monitoring #3 testing is used to determine if students are promoted to the next grade level or retained in the same grade level. This testing is also used to determine the school's grade for the year.

Teachers will be sending home student scores for Progress Monitoring #1 testing once the testing has been completed. If you have any testing questions, please contact the teacher or Ms. Pedraza, who also serves as our Assessment Coordinator.



School Starts Exactly At
8:10 a.m.
Please be on time! DON'T BE LATE!

School Reminders & Events

Monday

School Advisory Council

GET INVOLVED

SAC MEETING

Monday, September 14, 2026
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Located in the Cafeteria

Topics Include:

- Principal Report
- Annual Title 1 Meeting Information
- School Wide Plan, Parent Compact and ~~Parents Right to Know~~
- Monthly Events List

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

1st Trimester Progress Reports

Progress Reports Go Home:

Friday September 25

These Progress Reports will provide parents with important information on how their child is performing. Parents are asked to contact their child's teacher if they have any questions about the Progress Report.



Thursday, September 17, 2026
7:40 a.m. - 8:10 a.m.

All **Dads and Father Figures** are encouraged to take their children to school **on Thursday, September 17, 2026!**

Dads and Father Figures who bring their children to school will be able to eat in the cafeteria with them, have a delicious donut and walk their child to class!

We look forward to seeing all of our Dads and Father Figures!



More School Information!

JOIN NORTHMORE AFTERSCHOOL TODAY!





Parent Teacher Organization



We are asking that every family joins our school's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). To join our PTO, parents are asked to send $10.00 to school.

By joining the PTO, parents are helping our school complete a series of projects at Northmore. Some of these projects include…

- ❏ Teacher Appreciation Gifts
- ❏ Campus Beautification Projects
- ❏ Funding Supplies for Teacher and Students
- ❏ Funding Field Trips for Students
- ❏ Funding Food for Families in Need

Car Rider Reminder

Students who are dropped off in a car should be released at the Car Loop located off of Windsor Avenue.

Students should not be dropped off by car at the walker area off of North Terrace Drive. Cars doing this will be ticketed by the Parking Authority.

Report suspicious activity using:

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

Picture Day!



Tuesday, September 29, 2026

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Wednesday, September 30, 2026



Students will be taking individual pictures that can be purchased and will be used for our yearbook! Students do not have to wear a uniform on their picture day, but their clothing must be school appropriate.

Please Note: Pictures can only be purchased the day they are taken. The photo company will not accept late payments.





August 2026 Staff Members of the Month



Ms. McAfee
3rd Grade Math

Ms. McAfee started her career at Northmore Elementary School as an Academic Tutor over 8 years ago. After serving as an Academic Tutor, Ms. McAfee became a long-term substitute who taught both Kindergarten and 1st Grade. Ms. McAfee is now a certified teacher who reaches 3rd Grade Math and Science. In her free time, Ms. McAfee loves to entertain, cook, travel and spending time with her two children and family.



Mrs. Green-Hopkins
4th Grade ELA

Mrs. Green-Hopkins is a dedicated and passionate teacher who loves creating a positive and engaging classroom environment. She strives to inspire her students to believe in themselves, reach their full potential and develop a lifelong love of learning. Outside of teaching, Mrs. Green-Hopkins enjoys spending time with her family and making meaningful memories.