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October Panther Parent News 2026

Message from Administration

Greetings Panther Families,

As we begin the month of October, our students will transition to the more rigorous Florida B.E.S.T. Benchmarks. This shift in curriculum means the assignments and coursework your students bring home will be significantly more challenging than those from August and September. To support their success during this time, please be mindful of the following key points

- ★ **Homework:** Homework will be assigned to all students Monday through Thursday. There will be very little to no homework assigned on Fridays.
- ★ **Punctuality and Academic Support:** The school day begins promptly at 8:10 a.m. Students who need additional support in reading or math will receive specialized, daily instruction during this time, known as **interventions**. It is crucial that students arrive on time to avoid missing these valuable lessons, as consistent tardiness could negatively impact their academic performance.
- ★ **District Assessments:** All students will participate in upcoming district assessments for reading and math. These assessments are designed to measure their progress on the B.E.S.T. Benchmarks and will serve as a valuable indicator of their readiness for the final state assessments in May. Students who struggle on these assessments may be offered additional instructional support, such as after school tutoring, in-school tutoring or targeted interventions.

Administration on Class Dojo

As many parents have seen, all members of the administrative team are on Class Dojo. Administration is on Class Dojo in order to post important information to the **School Story**.

Although you see administration on Class Dojo, we do not check Class Dojo messages. If you wish to speak to an administrator, it is important that you either call the school to leave us a message or send us an email. All of our email addresses are located on the Northmore Elementary School website located at https://nmes.palmbeachschools.org/

School Reminders & Events

Monday

SAC School Advisory Council

GET INVOLVED

SAC MEETING

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

Topics Include:

- Leadership Report
- School Data Presentation
- Title 1 Report
- Business Partners Presentation
- Monthly Events List

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



Need something fun to do afterschool? Then join our afterschool program! Contact Ms. Spence, Director, with any questions!



FREE EVENT

Calling all Northmore Families!

Come to Northmore to participate in a free, family friendly event where school-aged children can wear their costumes, get candy from different cars, play games, dance and so much more!

Don't Forget!

Bring a bag or bucket that can be used to carry all of the candy you will get!

More School Information!

Northmore Elementary Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Week 2026

OCT. 13- READ ALOUD & WEAR THE COLORS OF YOUR FLAG!
READ CULTURAL STORIES AND WEAR THE COLORS OF YOUR FLAG

OCT. 14- QUINCEANERA DAY
COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED UP IN YOUR FANCY CLOTHING (SHIRT, TIE, DRESS)

OCT. 15- HERITAGE PRIDE DAY
REPRESENT YOUR CULTURE AND WEAR TRADITIONAL CLOTHING!

OCT. 16- CELEBRITY
DRESS UP LIKE YOUR FAVORITE HISPANIC CELEBRITY OR HERO

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Northmore Elementary School Presents...

Parent & Community Showcase

Thursday, October 15, 2026
Cafeteria | 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Performances By
Theatre Performance Ensemble, Dance Performance Ensemble and Visual Arts Students





Monday, October 5, 2026

Show your child's teacher some appreciation for all of their hard work! Some examples may include:

1. **Bring your teacher their favorite snack or beverage**
2. **Draw your teacher a picture or a card**
3. **Bring your teacher a small gift such as a gift card**

Report suspicious activity using:

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GETFORTIFYFL.COM
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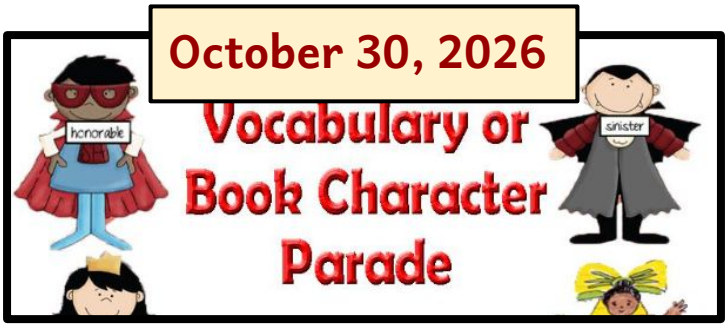
TEACHER
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Red Ribbon Week

Monday, October 26, 2025 - Friday, October 30, 2026

There will be fun dress-up days for each day of Red Ribbon Week! A flyer will be sent home with all of the fun themes and dress up days.



Kindergarten - 2nd Grade students may come to school dressed as their favorite storybook character.

3rd Grade - 5th Grade students may come to school dressed as their favorite vocabulary word.

September 2026 Staff Members of the Month



Ms. Adam
ESOL Teacher

Ms. Margaret Adam is embarking on her 6th incredible year with the Panther Family! Bringing two decades of international teaching experience from Brazil, she is a absolute powerhouse in our ESOL program. Ms. Adam is on a mission to empower our 4th graders—giving them the tools to master challenging academics and unlock the conversational confidence to connect with the world around them!



Mrs. Myers
ESE Coordinator

The Panther Family is thrilled to welcome back Mrs. Cindy Myers! With over two decades of transformative leadership in Palm Beach County Schools—including her foundational work as an Instructional Coach right here at Northmore—she returns with unparalleled expertise and passion. As our ESE Coordinator, Mrs. Myers leads a dynamic team dedicated to unlocking every single student's potential. She is endlessly driven, relentlessly supportive, and always in action helping our Panthers reach new heights!