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The BEST of Northwood Elementary

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BEST = Building Excellence Successfully Together

August 11, 2017

Calendar Dates:

August 12 Bruster's Scoop Day 3:30 - 5:30PM
August 15 Julia Bernath Community Mtg - Johns Creek Environmental CTR 9:30AM
August 22 Curriculum Night Grades 1, 4, and 5 (5:30 – 7:00PM)
August 24 Curriculum Night Kindergarten, 3, and 2 (5:30 - 7:00 PM)

Welcome to Northwood Elementary's first edition of the BEST for 2017-2018. For those of you who are new to Northwood, the BEST will be emailed to you each Friday.

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

ARRIVAL

The school day for students begins at 7:40 a.m. Students are permitted to enter the school building at 7:10 a.m. after the school bell rings. If you are carpooling, students are expected to remain in cars with their parents until the bell rings at 7:10. Parents are not permitted to drop off their children unsupervised outside/inside the school any time before 7:10. These procedures are in place for the safety of all students.

BUS CHANGES

Students must get on and off the bus at their own stop. Students may not ride another bus for the purpose of visiting a friend. If it is necessary to change buses due to a long term childcare situation, written authorization must be obtained from the Fulton County Transportation Department at 470-254-2970. Children may only ride the assigned bus or exit at their assigned bus stop. Bus stop changes can be made for child care purposes only. One day changes must be approved by a building level administrator and long term changes must be approved by Transportation North. **IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS ONLY**, a building level administrator may grant bus changes. Parents must send a written request to an administrator. **The method of transportation will not be altered with-out a written request from a parent and approval from the administration.**

EARLY CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

The school day ends at 2:20 p.m. Please avoid early checkouts as instruction goes on until 2:15; however, if your child **must** be checked out early, do so before 2:00 p.m. After 2:00, students will be sent using normal dismissal procedures so as not to interfere with the school-wide dismissal process. **All check-out changes must be in writing. You may find our change in transportation form on our website.** You can send a note with your child in the morning or drop off the note during the day before 1:50. **No changes will be accepted through email or phone call. Faxes will be accepted only in case of an emergency and have to be approved by an administrator. Faxes will require a photo id along with the request.** Any student leaving before the regular dismissal time may only be signed out through the office by a custodial parent or an adult listed as an emergency contact. Do not go directly to your child's room—teachers are instructed not to dismiss students to adults at their door. **Be prepared to show your driver's license when checking out students.**

BIRTHDAYS

Your child will be recognized on his/her special day, with an announcement on Explorervision and a special birthday pencil. **Please do not send cake, cupcakes, balloons, party favors, or party invitations to school as these will not be distributed.** If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school you may purchase a special treat from our cafeteria for your child's class. More information and pricing will be available on Northwood's website or you may contact our Cafeteria Manger Lisa Sutton at Suttonlf@fultonschools.org.

WHO'S NEW AT NORTHWOOD

*We are very lucky to have the following staff
join the Northwood Team*



Lauren Bates	Kindergarten	Brenda Campbell	Itinerant MUSIC
Bianca Babichenko	First Grade	Dave Bombardier	Itinerant PE
Cailin Freemyer	First Grade	Victoria Krautsack	Instructional Paraprofessional
Carolyn Davis	Second Grade	Lea Vickery	Instructional Paraprofessional
Hannah Stolberg	Second Grade	Giselle Jacob	Social Worker
Omar Bedford	Third Grade		
Peyton Healy	Fifth Grade		
Haley Ashworth	Teacher		
Melissa Berry	Teacher		
Amanda McCrory	Teacher		
Janey Jones	Speech		

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OF THE SCREENING AND REFERRAL PROCESS FOR GIFTED SERVICES

Do you want information about the Talented and Gifted Program? Click on the link to access information: <https://sites.google.com/site/northwoodtagclasses/tag-information> .

Northwood PTA

www.northwoodpta.com

Bruster's Scoop Day--TODAY

Friday, August 11th, 3:30-5:30pm

3000 Old Alabama Rd, Alpharetta, 30022

Come out and support Northwood PTA at Bruster's by eating delicious ice cream, having fun with your friends, and being served by your favorite Northwood staff members!!! We'll also be selling Bruster's coupon books for \$12.00 (cash or check only!) Bruster's will provide an ice cream cake to the class with the highest attendance! Don't miss this fun event!!



Northwood's Annual Family Portrait Fundraiser by Tanner Portrait Studio

100% of your \$30 donation goes to our PTA

Includes your sitting fee and an 11"x14" Family Portrait Print!

Additional prints and digital copy are available for purchase

Outdoors at the beautiful Mill Creek Pond

(3000 Mill Creek Ave., Alpharetta)

Friday, September 8th from 4:30 - 7:30pm

Sunday, September 10th from 10:00am - 2:00pm.

To sign up:

Step 1 - Make your donation at <http://northwoodpta.my-pta.org>

Step 2 - Make your appointment at <http://tinyurl.com/TANNERNWE2017>

Direct Questions To: Angie Curley - wreglgrl@gmail.com



Lunch Menu

Cafeteria News

Monday, August 21st --Visitors are welcome to eat with their children beginning 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:

Your friendly cafeteria staff would like to Welcome Back all students! 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 \$1.05

Lunch Menu – August 14-18

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

8/14 Chicken Alfredo – Chicken Filet Sandwich – Hummus Plate

8/15 Gen Tso's Chicken – Cheeseburger – Cheese Pizza Pack

8/16 Bean & Cheese Enchilada – Chicken Sliders – Lunchbox Buddy(Turkey/Cheese lunchable

8/17 Mini BBQ Pork Sliders – Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara – Grilled Chick Chef Salad Plate

8/18 Popcorn Shrimp w/ Mac & Cheese – Cheese Pizza – Jamwich Pack