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# The BEST of Northwood Elementary



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**BEST = Building Excellence Successfully Together**

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## Calendar Dates:

- September 1 School Governance Council (SGC) Release Day—Students Stay Home
- September 4 Labor Day Holiday – No School
- September 8 All Pro Dads 7:10-7:40 AM  
New Parent Coffee – Media Center 8:30-9:30 AM
- September 11-15 Speech Language Pathologist Week
- September 12 Chick-Fil-A Night (Benefits American Cancer Society) 5:00-8:00 PM
- September 14 Picture Day – Wear your best smile!!
- September 14 Julia Bernath Meeting Centennial High School - 7:00 PM
- September 15 SAVE THE DATE - PTA Family Fun Night - 5:30pm-10pm

**Important: 2017-18 School Governance Release Days for Students**

**9/1/17, 10/5/17, 2/2/18**

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

## 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](mailto:lhubbert@mindspring.com) to find out more.

**New to Northwood??** Please join us at **8:30-9:30 am on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** in the Media Center, for a casual and informative **New Parent Coffee**. It’s a great opportunity to learn more about the school, ask questions, and to meet PTA reps and other parents of students who are new to the school!



**September 14<sup>th</sup> - Picture Day – Wear your best smile!! ☺**



The Explorer Eclipse Event was a huge success on Monday! Thank you so much to the following people who gave their time so that our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students could go outside. You are appreciated! **KC Chrimes, Edward Cruze, Alan Dorfman, Alicia Foley, Jim Hubbert, Iesha Lay, Willie Lay, Chris Leach, Mani Ramanathan, Heather Smith, David Taggart, Bob Thomas, Dotty Thomas, Robbie Thomas, Jami Wells, and Rina Wolfe.**

## 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. Students attend school 178 days per year. 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](http://www.fultonschools.org) for more information.

#### **Tardiness**

Northwood believes in bell to bell instruction. Students are expected to be 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.

#### **Make-Up Work for Daily Absences**

If a student is absent due to illness, you may request make-up work at the school office by 9:00 a.m. each morning. Material will be ready to be picked up by 9:00 the next school day.

#### **Extended Absences**

Upon returning from an extended absence, it is the student's responsibility to request make-up work. When re-turning to school, a work folder containing missing assignments will be provided to the student upon request. **Teachers are not expected to prepare make-up work in advance of extended absences/trips.** Make-up work must be completed by the student in the time specified by the teacher. Please notify your child's teacher in advance of extended absences.

#### **Attendance – Accept the Challenge – Five or Below**

The 2017-2018 school year brings the continuation of our attendance challenge for Northwood families. We challenge our students to have no more than five absences in the school year and to aim for perfect attendance. Students will be recognized and celebrated throughout the year for meeting this challenge

# Northwood's GET FIT Morning Fitness Program



Dear Parents,

Did you know that physical activity has been associated with better classroom behavior, concentration, time on task, and academic achievement? As part of our PowerUp for 30 initiative, Northwood is striving to provide more physical activity opportunities for our students during the school day. We are inviting our students to participate in our morning fitness program. Parent permission is required for students to participate.

## Program Details

- Days: K-2 (Monday & Thursday), 3-5 (Tuesday & Friday)
- Time: 7:10-7:40 AM
- Latest Report Time: 7:20 AM
- Venue: Gymnasium
- Attire: School dress code applies and sneakers are required
- Coaching: Mr. Pearch, Mr. Stark, and NWES volunteers
- Activities: Hula Hooping, Jump Roping, Jogging/Walking, Throwing & Catching, Basketball, Climbing Wall, PE Games, Aerobics, and more!
- Day 1: Tuesday September 5th

\*Students are expected to follow Northwood's PBIS expectations to participate (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Engaged). Failure to meet the expectations may result in dismissal from the program.

*1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Reflection form completed by student and signed by parent*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Reflection form completed by student and a phone call to parent*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Student is dismissed from club*

**“COMPLETED FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO FRONT DESK BY 9/1/17 (one per student)”**

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent

Name/Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ HR

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has permission to participate in the “Get Fit” morning program at Northwood Elementary.

Please note if there are any medical conditions to be considered:

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## All Pro Dads – Calling All Dads!



We are excited to announce that Northwood will again be taking part in the 'All Pro Dads' program. Our monthly breakfasts are 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](mailto:chaffer@fultonschools.org)) and Mr. Asher ([asher@fultonschools.org](mailto:asher@fultonschools.org)) will lead our group. Our first meeting will be **Friday, September 8**. Please register for our first meeting on the Northwood All Pro Dad's webpage [www.allprodad.com/2061](http://www.allprodad.com/2061)



**Chick-Fil-A Night** - Northwood has a long history of supporting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life! Relay raises money for cancer research, promotes cancer awareness, and benefits cancer patients. Relays are held in every state in the US! Teams are formed to rally in support of those who are fighting cancer, or in honor of those who have lost the battle with cancer. Our team includes teachers, staff, and parents. The Relay event will be in the spring. In advance of Relay, our team works to raise money for the ACS. Our first event is **Northwood Chick-fil-A Night at the Northpoint Chick-fil-A on September 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00-8:00 PM**. A portion of the sales that night will go directly to the American Cancer Society, for our Relay team.

### **Message from the Clinic**

Our Clinic Assistant, Mr. Donald Venn, is in the clinic every day from 7:10 until 2:20 to help your children. At this time, our clinic is in need of the following items:

**Pants and shorts for boys and girls – ALL SIZES (we have plenty of shirts)**

**Lysol Spray, baby wipes, medium size disposable cups, facial tissues, medium and large Ziploc-type bags, and Saltine crackers.**

**Thank you for your help**

## **Northwood PTA**

[www.northwoodpta.com](http://www.northwoodpta.com)

### **Have you given to the Enrichment Fund yet?**

Many Northwood families responded to our call and gave generously to the Enrichment Fund at Sneak Peek. THANK YOU!!! If you have not given yet, please consider making a donation to the Enrichment Fund. 100% of your tax free donation directly benefits our students. Because we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, many employers will even match your donation!

### **Yearbooks**

Join the PTA and enjoy a \$5 savings on the 2017-2018 yearbook! Through **September 13th**, purchase your copy for only \$30 each. Order yours today using the "one-stop shopping" on the PTA membership form or visit the PTA website at

<http://www.northwoodpta.my-pta.org/>

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO NORTHWOOD PTA.**

Anyone that has graphic design experience that would like to assist with our yearbook cover, please contact Becky Williams at [rebeccajwilliams@comcast.net](mailto:rebeccajwilliams@comcast.net)





## 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>

This great fundraiser is an inexpensive way to get family portraits made for framing, Christmas cards, and gifts for grandparents and extended family. Digital copies are available for purchase too!

Appointments are filling up so be sure to schedule yours! If these times are not convenient for you, contact Angie Curley for additional time slots.

Direct Questions To: Angie Curley - [wreglgrl@gmail.com](mailto:wreglgrl@gmail.com)



### **Sept. 15th- SAVE THE DATE! Family Fun Night - 5:30 – 10:00PM**

Attention Parents! Are you a professional face painter? We are looking for a parent(s) to donate their time and talent to our Family Fun Night, Friday, Sept. 15th, from 5:30-7:30pm. If you are interested, please email Nancy Kasik at [jnkasik@att.net](mailto:jnkasik@att.net) Thanks for your consideration!

**\*We are happy to provide information about the following program, but please note that it is not sponsored by NWES\*\*\***

**A Step Ahead Physical Therapy 10 Year Celebration**—Join us for an open house on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
10AM-1PM 930 Woodstock Road Suite 310. Roswell, GA 30075

Featuring:

Patients' Revenge

Functional Movement Challenge

Prizes, Food, and More

[www.asaphysicaltherapy.com](http://www.asaphysicaltherapy.com)



Lunch Menu

### **Cafeteria News**

**Adult lunches are \$3.45. Please have only your child join you at the designated visitor tables. Please remember that outside fast food is not allowed.**

**This can be a special “Parent and Me” treat.**

Please be prepared to present your driver’s license, identification card containing a photograph issued by a governmental entity of the United States, or a valid passport. You will be issued a visitor’s badge. Upon your departure you will check out using the computer located on the table across from the front desk. Thank you for your patience.

#### **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 28-August 31**

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

**8/28 - Veggie Lasagna – Chicken Sliders – Turkey Chef Salad Plate**

**8/29 - Korean BBQ Grilled Chicken – Broccoli Cheddar Soup – Hummus Plate**

**8/30 - Classic Chili – Black Bean Quesadilla – Cheese Pizza Pack**

**8/31 - Southern Breaded Chicken – Hamburger – Yogurt and Cheese Pack**

**9/1 - SGC Release Day—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**