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# The BEST of Northwood Elementary



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**BEST = Building Excellence Successfully Together**

September 15, 2017

## Calendar Dates:

**September 15 - PTA Family Fun Night – TONIGHT 5:30pm-10pm**

**September 18-20 & 25 IOWA Assessment - Grades 3 and 5 - Parents/volunteers will not be allowed in the building from 8:00 to 12:00 pm**

**September 21 – Parent Academy – Math Strategies (\*rescheduled from Sept. 20) 7:10am**

**September 26-29 – PTA Enrichment Fund Week \*rescheduled**

**September 27 – Parent Academy – Tough Talks with Kids 7:15am**

**October 4 - Parent Academy – Digital Safety for Parents 7:15am**

**October 5 – No School - School Governance Council (SGC) Release Day—Students Stay Home**

**October 6 – No School – Teacher Workday**

**October 9 - No School - Holiday - School closed**

**October 13 – All Pro Dad’s Breakfast 7:10-7:40am**

**October 13 – PTA Movie Night (Grades K & 1) 6:30-8:45 pm**

**October 18 - Report Cards go home**

**October 27 – PTA Movie Night (Grades 2 & 3) 6:30-8:45 pm**

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

**10/5/17 and 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.**

*Northwood will administer the IOWA Assessments from September 18-20, and September 25 to students in grades 3 and 5.*

## What is the IOWA Assessment?

The IOWA Assessment is a norm-referenced test (NRT). Scores from the NRT are used to compare the performance of Fulton’s students with the performance of students in a national sample who are:

- in the same grade, and
- who took the test at the same point in the school year.

## What can I do to help my child prepare for the IOWA Assessments?

- **Make sure your child attends school regularly and on time.** Remember that tests reflect the overall achievement of your child. Time spent in learning situations increases the likelihood that he/she will do well on tests. Avoid scheduling doctor’s or dentist’s appointments during testing times.
- **Give your child encouragement.** Praise him/her for the things done well throughout the year. A child who is afraid of failing is more likely to make a mistake.
- **Ensure that your child has a well-rounded diet.** A healthy body leads to a healthy, active mind. Make sure the child has a good breakfast on testing days, and every day.
- **Keep the lines of communication open between home and school.** Parents and teachers should work together to benefit the child.

- **Make sure your child is well rested on school days.** Children who are tired are less likely to pay attention in class or to handle the demands of class work and tests.
  - **Try not to be overly anxious about test scores.** Too much emphasis on test scores can be upsetting to children.
  - **Don't judge a child on the basis of a single test score.** Test scores are NOT perfect measures of what a child can do. There are many other things that might influence a test score. For example, a child can be affected by the way he/she feels that day.
  - **Follow normal routines.** Interruptions of normal routines may affect your child's performance.
- If your child wears an assistive device, such as glasses or hearing aids, be sure he/she remembers to bring it and wear it during all testing sessions.**

### **School Visitation During ITBS**

Since a quiet and distraction-free testing environment is so important for a good score, parents/volunteers will **not be allowed in the building from 8:00am to 12:00pm on testing days.** This includes parent volunteers, readers, and visitors of all grades. If you are coming to assist in a classroom, please come after 12:00 pm.

### **Volunteer Highlights**



Thanks to PTA and **Laura Sanchez** for coordinating volunteers for **picture day**. We would also like to thank **Andrea Randall, Fran Conlan, Becky Williams, Jessica Harkness, Mani Ramanathan, Kelli Stephenson, and Andrea Vandervott**. We know our students' pictures will be superb thanks to you. Thank you!

### **Lifetouch Picture Re-takes**

**Students who missed out on having their school picture taken will be given another opportunity to do so on **November 2**.** Any student who was absent or forgot to bring in picture money is welcome to have their photo taken. In addition, once the portrait packages that were purchased on the original picture day are sent home, if they are unacceptable to you, you may send the entire package back to school on Re-Take Day and have the photo taken again.



### **Northwood PTA**

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

*Have you donated to the Enrichment Fund yet?*

*If you have, we appreciate you! If you haven't, there's no time like the present!*

*Click here to donate!* (<http://northwoodpta.my-pta.org/content.asp?PageID=6>)

**Explorer Celebration!** Please join us **Friday, September 15th** from 5:30-10pm for the Explorer Celebration! This FREE family event celebrates the PTA's Enrichment Fund Campaign.

**Northwood Fundraising Week** has been postponed to **September 26th-29th**. We will have a week-long spirit week to reach our \$18,500 fundraising goal for the Enrichment Fund. The week will include our spare change drive; fun, themed dress up days, and a skittles guessing contest!

**Tuesday, Sept 26th: Spirit Wear Day (Northwood, Haynes Bridge, Centennial attire)**

**Wednesday, Sept 27th: Emoji Day (dress up like an emoji or with emoji accents)**

**Thursday, Sept 28th: Pajama Day**

**Friday, Sept 29th: Crazy Hat and Sock Day**

Family Fun Night Celebration- TONIGHT  
Friday, September 15, 2016 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

**\*\*Feature Movie Moana to start around 8pm\*\***



**The Evening will include music, face painting, photo booth, giant slide, bounce house, and more!! Wear your favorite Luau attire!**

**Available for Purchase Throughout The Evening- Food Trucks and movie snacks! Raffle tickets-Great prizes from local businesses!! Dunk Tank Tickets- Let's see which of your favorite teachers get dunked!**

**\*\*Don't forget your flashlights!\*\*\***



**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.

**[Lunch Menu – September 18-22](http://www.fultonschools.org/en/divisions/ops/Nutrition/Pages/MenuCalendars.aspx)**

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**9/18 – Tomato Basil Soup w/ Grilled Cheese – Mini Hotdogs – Turkey & Cheese Wrap**

**9/19 – Mango Chicken - Popcorn Chicken – Jamwich Pack**

**9/20 – Spaghetti Casserole – Tex Mex Nachos – Cheese Nachos – Yogurt & Cheese Pack**

**9/21 – Chicken of the Day – Mini Burgers – Black Bean Taco Salad**

**9/22 – Filet of Fish Sandwich – Meat Lover's Pizza – Cheese Pizza – Buffalo Chicken Wrap**