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The BEST of Northwood Elementary



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BEST = Building Excellence Successfully Together

September 20, 2019

Calendar Dates:

September 22	PTA 4 th and 5 th Grade Parent's Night Out – Senor Patron 7:00-9:00PM
September 27	Parent Academy – Online Resources that Will Support My Child 7:45AM
October 4	All Pro Dad's Breakfast 7:10-7:40AM Parent Academy – Math Strategies 7:45AM PTA Family Fun Night 6:00 – 10PM
October 10	NO SCHOOL for students School Governance (SGC) Release Day
October 11	NO SCHOOL for students – Teacher Workday
October 14	NO SCHOOL - Holiday - School closed
October 15	Julia Bernath w/ Gail Dean Community Mtg – Sandy Springs MS 11:30AM
October 17	Report Cards go home
October 18	Parent Academy – Bullies, Buddies, and BFF's 7:45AM Rain Date for Family Fun Night
October 21	PTA Reflection Entries are DUE

Important: 2019-20 School Governance Release Days for Students:

10/10/19, 2/14/19, and 3/12/20

These are workdays for teachers - students do NOT attend school on these dates. Please make alternative arrangements for your students on these days.

NEWS AROUND NORTHWOOD

Third grade students have been working hard on writing strong personal narratives. A series of writing workshop lessons on hooks, adding details, using sequencing, and writing solid closings have advanced their skills greatly. We have had fun this last week creating a storyboard. The students had to pick three random pictures and use their creativity and skills to create a beginning, middle, and end to a narrative story. They loved being able to share their “silly stories” with their classmates.

Second grade has been a busy place with tons of new friendships, learning, and having fun! The children have settled in and are doing a wonderful job following the PBIS expectations. Students have been learning lots of fun and interesting things about James Oglethorpe, Mary Musgrove and Tomochichi. They are excited about our upcoming field trip to the Teaching Museum to learn more about the Creek and Cherokee Native Americans. During math, students have been active participants in number talks. They enjoy explaining their thinking and challenging themselves to come up with more than one way to solve a problem.

Media Center Volunteers

We are thrilled to welcome many new and returning volunteers to the media center this year! A huge thank you to our volunteer coordinator, Jennifer Hazelwood, for organizing our Tea and Training on September 12th. If you are interested in volunteering but could not make it to the training, please send an email to jennifer@netzapp.com. We would love to have you!

Book Fair Help!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here November 13th-22nd! Mrs. Bauer is looking for co-chair to help with the overall operation of the event. If you are interested in helping or learning more, please send an email to bauera@fultonschools.org. More information about the book fair will be coming soon. All volunteers receive a discount for giving their time to help make our Book Fair a success 😊



Volunteer Highlights

Thanks to PTA and Laura Sanchez for coordinating volunteers for picture day. We would also like to thank Torrey Linder, Katherine McCurdy, Erica Mutch, Shirali Parikh, Beth Stafford, Kathryn White, and Jennifer Harriman. 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 **October 30**. 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

Family Fun Night is October 4th! The Circus Continues!

Date: October 4th, rain out will be October 18th

Time: 6:00PM – 10:00PM (movie starts at sunset)

Location: Back field behind cafeteria

Food & Beverage: Pizza (Dominos), drinks, Where's the Scoop ice cream, popcorn and candy are all available for purchase

(Optional) Activities: Purchase tickets online or onsite, advanced purchases recommended due to volume

Bring: Energy, blankets, flashlights, chairs, and bug spray

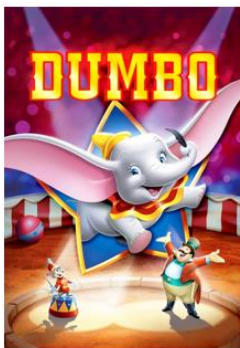
Purchase Tickets: <https://northwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com/packet/73> or find us under Community Events in PTA Store in Membership Toolkit.

Volunteer (we literally need a village): <https://northwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com/volunteer/43524> or find us under Signups on Membership Toolkit.



Welcome to the greatest show on Earth at the Northwood Circus! Come out for an amazing family and fun-filled night where the entire Northwood community gathers for food, movies, games, and laughs. This year we'll be squeezing in the last bit of Summer fun, and we can't wait to see you and your family there as we enjoy the season and each other in this free event offered by the Northwood PTA.

- Watch Dumbo with 300 of your closest friends
- Enjoy bounce houses for kids and the young at heart
- Meet local community businesses
 - McDowell Chiropractic (pick up a free shirt!)
 - Wonderland Pediatric Dentistry
 - Roswell Police and Firefighters
 - SkyZone Roswell
- Purchase raffle tickets to win one of many great prizes offered from our community partners
 - Amazon Alexa
 - River Pines Golf Tickets
 - Movie Package from Aurora Cineplex
- Enjoy free activities like Photo Booths, Tattoos, and carnival games and crafts
- Opt into more fun with paid activities like Sand Sugar, Sack Races, 3 Legged Races, or earn a White Belt from The Dojo!



Calling ALL Students –

It's time again for the annual PTA Reflections Art Contest!

The 2019-2020 topic is: **LOOK WITHIN**

What does **LOOK WITHIN** mean to you?

Create your vision and enter! Choose your medium:

Dance Film Literature Music Photography Visual Arts

\$100 prize if your creation is chosen for next year's theme! (See Entry Form for details.)

Entry forms available at the front office.

Completed projects due at the front office: **October 21, 2019.**

Visit <https://www.georgiapta.org/reflections/> for more information



Reading Counts

As you all know, Northwood Elementary is passionate about reading! The **Reading Counts** program is sponsored by Northwood's PTA and all 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited to participate!

Reading Counts is an independent reading program which combines reading practice and software-based reading assessment. Each month, **Reading Counts** will track and celebrate student reading accomplishments with ribbons and prizes.

How does Reading Counts work?

Your child reads a book, takes a quiz (at home quiz taking available via each student's launchpad account), and earns points that lead to ribbon and prize levels! Your student even has the opportunity to earn a personalized plaque and his/her name on a plaque for all to see for years to come displayed in the school.

What are the benefits of Reading Counts?

- **MOTIVATES** students with suggested reading choices that match their interests and reading levels.
- **EMPOWERS** educators with reports and actionable data at the student, school and district level.
- **REINFORCES** comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency skills.

Throughout the year you can check your child's progress in the **Reading Counts** program. First, have them log into their launchpad account to access the **Reading Counts** program. Next, click the "check your progress" button and this will generate a report on the quizzes your child has taken (be sure to disable pop up blocker to allow report generation).

Anytime is a great time to read, read, read! Please email any questions to Jill Hardison at readingcounts@northwoodpta.com.

TANNER PORTRAIT STUDIO PRESENTS
NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY PTA
A \$30.00 DONATION TO NORTHWOOD PTA
Includes the Sitting Fee &
11"X14" FAMILY PORTRAIT PRINT
Courtesy of Tanner Portrait Studio (\$165.00 Value)
Friday, October 4th 5:00pm 7:00pm
Saturday, October 5th 9:30am 11:30am
Sunday, October 6th 9:30am 1:00pm
At Mill Creek Pond
(30000 Mill Creek Ave, Alpharetta)
Please go to the PTA website to make your \$30 Donation,
<http://www.northwoodpta.com/store.html>

We are happy to provide information about the following programs, but please note that they are not sponsored by Northwood Elementary School**

2019-2020 CENTENNIAL JR. KNIGHTS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Boys & Girls
5th - 8th grade
Oct. 5th & Oct. 6th
\$10 tryout fee for boys
Girls tryout for free
You MUST register online:
centennialjrbasketball.com

Cafeteria News

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:

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 \$1.10.

Lunch Menu – September 23-27

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

9/23 – Chicken Alfredo Pasta – Morning Star Nugget – Cheese Pizza Pack

9/24 - Spicy Sichuan Chicken – Chicken Soft Tacos – Hummus Plate

9/25 - Grande Nachos – Cheese Nachos – Mini Corndogs – Turkey & Cheese Wrap

9/26 – Pancake & Sausage Griddle – Pretzel Bites w/Cheese – Yogurt and Cheese Pack

9/27 – Popcorn Shrimp – Mac and Cheese – Cheese Pizza – Jamwich Pack