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# The BEST of Northwood Elementary



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**BEST = Building Excellence Successfully Together**

September 27, 2019

## Calendar Dates:

- October 4 All Pro Dad's Breakfast 7:10-7:40AM  
Parent Academy – Math Strategies 7:45AM  
PTA Family Fun Night 6:00 – 10:00PM
- 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
- October 22 PTA Dining for Dollars Chick-Fil-A Night (Northpoint Pkwy) 5:00-8:00PM

**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**

## Inner Explorer Mindfulness:

If you are already enrolled in this program as a family from last year, you do not have to take any action. As you know Northwood has been practicing mindfulness with our students. To learn more about this program from Inner Explorer and to find more resources, including books for parents and students, please visit them at [www.InnerExplorer.org](http://www.InnerExplorer.org). Many parents have requested access to the program so that they could use it at home as a family. Once you are logged in your entire family can use this program regardless of their age or school of enrollment. If you wish to avail this program, please click on the following link and complete the survey. We will enroll you in the program

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mLHcDGmBcEu6n9p-O6cAws2emIvOkVFHmPAjse2jUoBURjRHWTZaNTNMOUExVDVRNTNXOTM1TDQwQi4u>



## Volunteer Highlights

**Hospitality** - Our entire staff would like to take the opportunity to thank **Torrey Linder, Nicole Elstad, Danielle Woodring, Amanda Dobbs, Sarah Levin and the PTA Hospitality team** for the scrumptious staff breakfast Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Parents,

thank you for taking the time to bring your homes to our “splendid table.” Needless to say, your treats were enjoyed by all.



**FIFTH GRADE** - Students enjoyed an in-house field trip with Vicki Culbreth, a microorganism specialist. 5<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed using their knowledge of microorganisms to solve a mystery involving disease in England.



This week **FOURTH GRADE** visited the Teaching Museum to learn about the Revolutionary War. Students had a fantastic time creating their own secret codes to hide into an actual button, just like George Washington and others did at the time. Several students were also invited on stage to take part in a role play as we learned about a colonial family living in the 1750s.

### *Northwood Elementary Physical Education*

As part of your child's Physical Education program, Northwood Elementary School is preparing to participate in the FITNESSGRAM physical fitness assessment. The FITNESSGRAM is a comprehensive fitness assessment for youth. It is designed to assess cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility, and body composition.

This is a pre-assessment to collect data and help set fitness goals for the students. The FITNESSGRAM post-test will be administered in Spring 2020. If you have any questions about the FITNESSGRAM assessment, feel free to contact me at [pearchm@fultonschools.org](mailto:pearchm@fultonschools.org). For information regarding the FITNESSGRAM assessment, please refer to [www.FITNESSGRAM.net/faqparents](http://www.FITNESSGRAM.net/faqparents).



### **Message from our Eco Team**

The following Northwood students have proudly accepted the **Waste Free Monday** challenge by packing their lunch in reusable containers. They are a great example of how we can “**go green**” during lunch.

**Kindergarten** - Madison McFarlin, Wilson Weeks, Maitreya Bolisetti, Keegan Maloney, Diya Sriramaneni, Amelia Powell, Liberty Harriman, John Hollenbaugh, Aarna Bhalsod, Maddie Ramdeen, Kelly Cope, Ann Slatton, Lisa Cardelino, and Sherrie Smith

**First Grade** - Tara Sharma

**Second Grade**- Shaarav Parikh, Stella Giunta, Hailey Keathley, Jacob Caldwell, Andrew Hazelwood, Liam Conlan, Sophie Haber, and Lilly Wiggleston

**Third Grade** - Elizabeth Sotola, Jax Brown, Jacob Adler, Aahil Vanjaria, Emily Amato, and Theo Ganesan

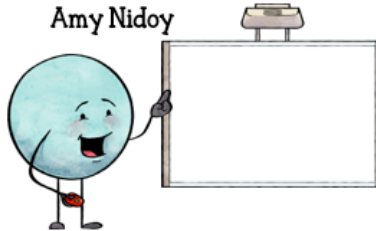
**Fourth Grade** - Dila Dasdelen, Aidan Kennedy, and Cassandra Fitt

**Fifth Grade** - Victoria de Oliveira

## Thank you Career Day Speakers!

Last Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, we hosted 22 Career Day speakers throughout the grades Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup>! We want to thank all the parents and community members who volunteered to share their work with our children. It was an eye-opening experience for everyone as we learned about occupations including writers, fire fighters, customer support, dentistry, technology, health, fitness, graphic design, public safety, and broadcasting.

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| Jaye Atkinson      | Seth Gardella           | Officer Britney Rodgers |
| Ed Botts           | Rebecca & Darryl Humber | Jeremy Seymour          |
| Cory Blumenfeld    | Dan Matthews            | Faisal Siddiqui         |
| Andrew Chong       | Lorri McQueary          | Officer Randall Terry   |
| Sergio De Oliveira | Renee Mullen            | Manjari Thakkar         |
| Amanda Dobbs       | Amy Nidoy               | Jessica Tulloss         |
| Nycole Fitt        |                         | Ari Zucker              |



### *September 2019 - PBIS School Wide Nominees*

An award which recognizes certain students who exemplify in a PBIS Expectation Matrix - Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Engaged

#### **Kindergarten:**

Holden Cullen, Heidi Paz, Chloe Kim and Lillian Russo

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade:**

Shanaya Panjwani, Benita Cann, Jared Matthew, Lee Anderson and William Hoffman

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:**

Julie Achour, Maya Gutierrez-Flores, Sahasra Annabathula, Makenzie Dorsey, Piper Caldwell and Liran Dvorkin

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:**

Eli Solomon, Alex Gabuja, Ava Wesley, Riley Maloney, Kailey Wright and Blake McQueary

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Jake Stovall, Cindy Wu, Ansh Patel, Ethan Griffin and Ali Abuzarov

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Gavin Kong, Bella Garcia, Trenton Dahl and Owen Schmissrauter

## Book Fair Help!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here November 13<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>! Mrs. Bauer is looking for a 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](mailto: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 😊.

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

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

**Date:** October 4<sup>th</sup>, 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

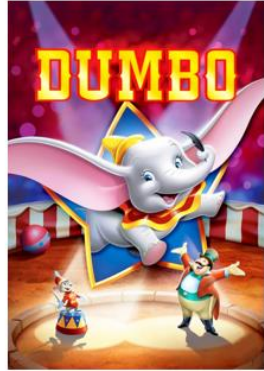
**Purchase Tickets:** <https://northwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com/packet/73> or find us under Community Events in PTA Store in Membership Toolkit.

**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:

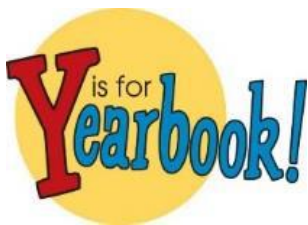
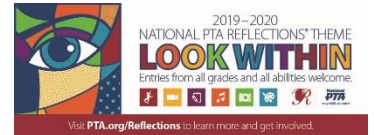
**Dance   Film   Literature   Music   Photography   Visual Arts**

\$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.



Don't miss out! Hurry and buy your Northwood yearbook for \$35! The price will increase to \$40 on November 1st. This year yearbooks can only be purchased at <https://www.balfour.com/georgia/roswell/northwood-elementary-school>. The deadline to order is **January 29**. If you have any questions, please contact Jami Wells at [yearbook@northwoodpta.com](mailto:yearbook@northwoodpta.com).

**TANNER PORTRAIT STUDIO PRESENTS**

**NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY PTA**

**Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm 7:00pm**

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30am 11:30am**

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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>**





Clipping Box Tops or (new to this year) scanning your receipts directly in the Box Tops 4 Education app are two very easy ways to help Northwood earn cash. Last school year we earned \$1,024.70! For the box tops that still need to be clipped, clip and trim them, send them to school in a small snack size bag. Have your child hand them in to the teacher for submission. We will have two collection dates this school year: **October 18<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup>.**

The new and improved way of collecting Box Tops is via an app you can download on your phone. Look for BoxTops4Education. In a few easy steps, you can set up your account and link it to Northwood Elementary (make sure to pick the right one as there are more than you could imagine). Once you have this set up, each time you shop/buy items that participate in Box Tops you have 14 days of receipt to scan in the app and have the earnings applied directly to our school.

Please contact Marlen Benitez via email at [boxtops@northwoodpta.com](mailto:boxtops@northwoodpta.com) if you have any questions.

**\*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**



**ARE YOU READY TO BE A KNIGHT?**

Tryouts are fast approaching!

Don't miss your opportunity to join the Centennial Jr. Knights Basketball team!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th and SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th**

5th - 8th Grade, Girls and Boys

You MUST register at [centennialjrbasketball.com](http://centennialjrbasketball.com)

There will be a FREE basketball camp for interested players held on Sunday, Sept. 29 from 1:30p-3:00p at Centennial High

**SEE YOU THERE!**

**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 30 – October 4**

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

**9/30 – Meatloaf – Popcorn Chicken – Cheese Pizza Pack**

**10/1 – General Tso's Chicken – Turkey & Cheese Croissant – Yogurt and Cheese Pack**

**10/2 – Tomato Basil Soup w/ Grilled Cheese – Burger Sliders – Grilled Chicken Chef Salad**

**10/3 – Chicken of the Day – Mozzarella Cheese Sticks – Lunchbox Buddy**

**10/4 – Fish Filet Sandwich – Meat Lover's Pizza – Cheese Pizza – Jamwich Pack**