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# The BEST of Northwood Elementary



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**BEST = Building Excellence Successfully Together**

**October 18, 2019**

## Calendar Dates:

- October 21 PTA Reflections Entries are DUE
- October 22 PTA Dining for Dollars Chick-Fil-A Night (Northpoint Pkwy) 5:00-8:00PM
- October 21-28 IOWA Assessment Grades 3 and 5
- October 30 Picture Re-Takes
- November 1 All Pro Dad's Breakfast 7:10-7:40AM  
Parent Workshop – How PBIS Supports My Child 7:45AM  
PTA Movie Night - Grades Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 6:30-8:30PM
- November 3 Daylight Savings Time- Set your clocks back 1 hour
- November 5 Teacher Workday – **No Students**
- November 14 Parent Academy - ADHD and Executive Functioning 7:45AM  
Julia Bernath Meeting – Centennial HS 7:00PM
- November 18-22 Northwood's Annual Scholastic Book Fair



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

**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.**

## IOWA Assessment

Students in 3rd and 5th grades will take the IOWA Assessments this month. The IOWA Assessment is a norm-referenced test (NRT) that compares 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 year.

Our testing dates run from October 21-24 with makeup days on the following Friday and Monday. All of our testing will be completed online in the morning beginning at 8 am, and 3rd and 5th grade students will test on the same days.

**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.**

The IOWA Assessment schedule is below:

**Monday, October 21 – Reading and Vocabulary**

**Tuesday, October 22 - Math and Computation**

**Wednesday, October 23 - Spelling, Capitalization, Punctuation and Written Expression**

**Thursday, October 24 - Science and Social Studies (5<sup>th</sup> grade only)**

**Friday, October 25 – Make up Testing**

**Monday, October 28 – Make up Testing**

## What can you do to help your child prepare?

The IOWA is not an assessment that students need to study for. The best preparation is be sure your children are getting plenty of rest, that they eat a healthy breakfast, and that they arrive at school on time on testing days ready to show their knowledge. Please make sure to give your child encouragement and try not to be overly anxious about test scores. If your child wears glasses or hearing aids, please make sure he/she brings them and wears them during all the testing sessions.

### NEWS AROUND NORTHWOOD



Our current **fourth grade** science unit is taking fourth graders out of this world! Students have been diving into our second science unit of the year, Space. Many of them, and other classes at Northwood, marveled at Northwood's very own solar system displayed down the Seascape hallway. (Make sure to check it out when you visit!) We kicked off our unit this week by understanding the movements of Earth, rotation and revolution, and how these cause patterns and cycles in our daily lives. Our discussions have included many natural phenomena that we witness in our own night sky. Next week, students will further their knowledge with the study of phases of the moon through a special Oreo treat, and an interactive walk of our solar system discussing the strengths and limitations of models.



**Bus Driver Appreciation Week—October 21-25** is Bus Driver Appreciation Week. Please do not forget to thank our wonderful bus drivers who take care of our children each day.

### 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.



Continuing our Northwood tradition from last year, on **October 31st** we will have our schoolwide Book parade. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite book character and bring the book to school to share with their classmates!

*Healthy tips from our Wellness Team:*



**Screens Away, Go Play!!**  
**Limit screen time to one hour per day.**

**Northwood PTA**

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

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM PTA:** The Northwood Elementary PTA knows that a strong partnership among our families, school leaders and community members is important to the success of our students and school. That's why we are participating in the National PTA School of Excellence program, which grows partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being of all students.

**We need your help!** As part of the process, the National PTA requests feedback from families, administrators and teachers at two points in the school year—the beginning and the end. Your feedback will help us improve our family-school partnership and achieve excellence.

Please take 5-10 minutes to reflect on your experience at this school and complete the attached survey. Click on the following link to access the survey. ***Please complete this by Monday, October 28, 2019.***

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/110/school-of-excellence-survey>



**This is The Last Weekend!**

**Reflections Entries are due Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> in the Front Office.**

• Dance • Film • Literature • Music • Photography • Visual Arts

**This Year's Topic is: Look Within.**

**\*Entry forms available at the front office.**

## Parents night out - Movie Night

Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Northwood Students

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> - 6:30-8:30 pm

Northwood's cafeteria

(Doors will not open for drop off before 6:30 pm)

\$10.00 for Movie, Pizza, Drink, Popcorn and 1 candy  
or  
\$5.00 for Movie only



Sign up your child up on Membership toolkit

Registration closes on October 30<sup>th</sup> <https://northwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com/>

Or send an envelope addressed to MOVIE NIGHT with the admission money/check and the form with your child's information inside the envelope.

**Bring a blanket to sit on and wear PJ's if you want!**

**Park your car in the back and walk your child to the cafeteria doors to check in and check out.**

**Questions?** Beth Beach [beach\\_beth@yahoo.com](mailto:beach_beth@yahoo.com) or 404-556-3254

Child(ren)'s Name, Teacher, Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # where you can be reached during Movie Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to help the Movie Night Committee and volunteer for this event?

Reach out to Beth Beach or sign up through Membership toolkit.

### 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 – October 21-25

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

**10/21 – Chicken Alfredo Pasta – Morning Star Nugget – Cheese Pizza Pack**

**10/22 – Spicy Sichuan Chicken – Veggie Fried Rice – Chicken Soft Tacos – Hummus Plate**

**10/23 – Grande Nachos – Cheese Nachos – Mini Corndogs – Turkey & Cheese Wrap**

**10/24 – Pancake Sausage Griddle – Pretzel Bites w/Cheese – Yogurt & Cheese Pack**

**10/25 – Popcorn Shrimp – Macaroni and Cheese – Cheese Pizza – Jamwich Pack**

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