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The BEST of Northwood Elementary



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August 23, 2019

Calendar Dates:

August 25	PTA First Grade Parents Night Out at Senor Patron 7:00-9:00PM
August 26-30	PTA Enrichment Fund Week –See below under PTA
August 28	Curriculum Night Grades 1, 2, and 5 (5:30 – 7:00PM)
August 29	Curriculum Night Kindergarten, 3, and 4 (5:30 - 7:00 PM)
August 30	Parent Academy-Understanding My Child's GA Milestones (Gr 4-5) 7:45AM
August 30	PTA Enrichment Week Celebration at Scream N' Nuts All Day
September 2	Labor Day Holiday – No School
September 3	School Governance Council (SGC) Release Day - Students Stay Home
September 6	First All Pro Dads 7:10-7:40 AM
September 6	Parent Academy – Digital Safety and My Child 7:45-8:45AM

**Important: 2019-20 School Governance Release Days for Students:
9/3/19, 10/10/19, 2/14/19, and 3/12/20**

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

Curriculum Nights

August 28--Grades 1, 2, 5 - 5:30-7:00pm

August 29--Grades K, 3, 4 - 5:30-7:00 pm

******Curriculum Night is open only to parents. We cannot provide childcare, so please make other arrangements for your children. We look forward to seeing you.**

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OF THE SCREENING AND REFERRAL PROCESS FOR GIFTED SERVICES

There will be an informational meeting for all parents of students not currently identified as Talented and Gifted on Wednesday, August 28 (in Mr. Asher's room, P-148), and Thursday, August 29 (in Mrs. Aga's room, P-110)-preceding both curriculum nights from 5:00-5:25 pm.

You may also find information on the following site: [Northwood Talented and Gifted](#)

All Pro Dads – Celebrating 10 Years at Northwood



We are excited to announce that Northwood will again be taking part in the 'All Pro Dads' program. Celebrating our 10-year anniversary of the program at Northwood, we have a year full of interesting themes. Our monthly breakfasts are held 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) and Mr. Asher (asher@fultonschools.org) will lead our group, with assistance from Mr. Gary Bowers (iamgbow@gmail.com) on behalf of the PTA. Our first meeting will be **Friday, September 6**. Please register for our first meeting on the Northwood All Pro Dad's webpage <https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/2061>

Breakfasts this year will be held on the following dates - **9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6, 1/10, 2/7, 3/6, 4/3, and 5/1**

Visitor/Volunteer Procedures 2019-2020

All parents must follow the volunteer procedures below – Any previous volunteer must re-apply for volunteer status. Please allow 24-48 hours to process.

We welcome visitors and volunteers to our school! Many procedures have been put into place by our school district to ensure the safety of all students when a visitor or volunteer is on campus. Sometimes these processes can seem cumbersome, but we appreciate your patience in helping us maintain our number one focus; the safety of our children!

[Please see details on new visitor/volunteer procedures](#)

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 to find out more.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

DRESS CODE

Overseen by parents, students are expected to groom themselves in such a way as to reflect neatness, cleanliness, and good taste. **Northwood/FCBOE School Dress Policy**

- No short shorts, mini-skirts or cut-offs are to be worn. Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length. Baggy pants that are falling down must be worn with a belt.
- No hats, sweat bands, sunglasses, or gloves are to be worn in the building except on specially designated days. This applies to both male and female students.
- Bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tank tops, racer back tops, halter tops, T-shirts or pants with ripped openings, tight fits (leggings with short tops) see-through clothing or any dress that is disruptive to the educational process should not be worn.
- T-shirts must be in good taste with no suggestive wording, profanity, illustrations or advertisements for drugs, alcohol, tobacco products or weapons.

- Make-up is inappropriate at the elementary level. This includes, but is not limited to: lipstick, colored hair gel or spray, extremes in hair color, and face or body paint.
- Students will be notified of any exceptions to the dress code (Field Day, Spirit Days, etc.). If required, parents will be contacted to bring appropriate clothes.

FOOD SERVICE/CAFETERIA

Nutritious, balanced meals are served in our cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 7:10 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. Meals may be bought daily or prepaid. A weekly menu is provided in the “BEST” and on our website. Please send the correct amount for each child. Checks should be made payable to Northwood School Cafeteria and placed in an envelope labeled with the teacher’s name and grade. Meals may be charged in an emergency situation only. Charges must be paid the following day, and no more than 3 charges can be allowed. Charges are not allowed for juice and extra milk or any extra food. No charges will be allowed during the last two weeks of school. We encourage nutritious lunches; therefore, sodas, canned drinks, fast food, candy, etc. are not appropriate. If you come to lunch, please do not bring fast food. You may bring a home packed meal or buy a school lunch for yourself and your children. If you are sending lunch from home, please be sure to include utensils, condiments and napkins with your child’s lunch. Substitutions in foods will be made for students who are unable to consume the regular lunch because of medical and other dietary needs. Substitutions are made on a case by case basis only when supported by a physician’s annual written statement of the need for substitutions which includes the recommended substituted foods. Juice will be offered to those students who have a documented allergy to milk. These students will receive ½ pint juice in place of milk at no extra charge. In addition, a water station is available to all students.

Except during the first two weeks, the last day of school and special occasions (e.g. testing), you may eat lunch with your children. A visitor area is designated for parents who wish to have lunch with their children. Please do not bring fast food into the school for lunch.

When having lunch at school, please follow our “Greet and Good-bye” procedures. Check in at the office and obtain a visitor badge. “Greet” your child at the cafeteria and say “good-bye” at the cafeteria door. In no case are visitors to go to the classroom to wait for the child or re-turn to the classroom after lunch unless prearranged with the teacher. This constitutes an interruption to the instructional day of all students in the class. If you are having lunch with your child, please put your child’s name on the whiteboard outside the Parent Café so teachers know who is not at their table. If your child forgets his/her lunch, you may drop it off to the school no later than 10:15. Items dropped off before 10:15 will be placed on a cart and will be brought to the cafeteria for student pick-up during their lunch time. If a lunch is dropped off later than 10:15, parents will have to sign in and bring the lunch to the cafeteria.

School meal prices:

Elementary Student Breakfast 1.05

Elementary Student Lunch 2.45

All Adult Breakfast 1.55

Adult Lunch 3.45

Prices subject to change by FCBOE

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS/SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Children need healthy meals to learn; therefore, Fulton County schools offer healthy meals that are reasonably priced. Families meeting specific income requirements may be eligible for Free and Reduced-Price Meals and can apply for this program through applications available at the school.

The Process: Parents/guardians complete one application per household indicating the school attended for each student. The application is returned to the school cafeteria manager of the youngest student or it may be completed online. New students to Fulton County will pay for meals until the household application is approved. All returning students must fill out an application each year. Returning Fulton County students will maintain last year’s meal status until the application is approved. The approval process will be completed within 10 days. Online applications are available through the FCS School Nutrition website.

For more information about Free and Reduced-Price Meals or the new application process, contact the Fulton County School Nutrition Program at 470-254-8960.

FORGOTTEN ITEMS

Items forgotten at home:

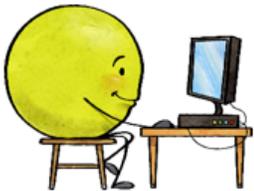
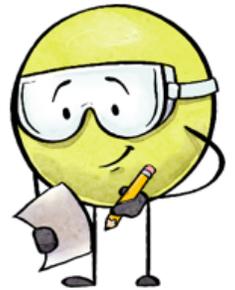
In order to avoid unnecessary interruption of instructional time, we will not be calling into classrooms for pick-up; children will be responsible for their own items. We want to instill the value of responsibility in all of our students and while it may be difficult for a moment for your child not to have something such as a snack, homework or sneakers, this will help him/her to be responsible for their items in the future. If something necessary is left at home, please know that these items will be delivered to the classroom one time a day, during the time of 10:30 and 11:00. If you need to drop off your child's forgotten lunchbox, this will be left at the drop-off cart at the front desk and will be brought to the cafeteria during lunch for your child to pick up.

Items forgotten at school: Students and parents will not be allowed in classrooms after dismissal to pick up homework or other items left behind. Please speak to your child about being responsible and taking all needed belongings home with them.

Career Day at Northwood

We are proud to host our parent and community Career Day at Northwood Elementary! We want our students to know how workers use the subjects they learned at school in their jobs. We are currently in need of Career Day participants in various occupations to volunteer about 4 hours of their time to speak with students about their careers.

Our Career Day will be held on Friday, September 20th from approximately 8:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.



If you would be willing to share your time and expertise with our students, please contact our School Counselor, Jennifer Weeks at weeksj@fultonschools.org for more information.

Northwood PTA

www.northwoodpta.com

Volunteers - We need YOU!



Love helping people, but have a hard time finding where you're needed? Well, search no more! Northwood needs volunteers for some exciting events coming up! Head on over to our Volunteer/Sign Up website to sign up for the following:

Enrichment Week Volunteers (Need Morning Hallway Helpers and Photographers - even camera phones will do!): <https://northwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com/volunteer/43165>

Chick-Fil-A Dining for Dollars - September 17th: <https://northwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com/volunteer/40540>

Enrichment Fund Week is Coming! August 26th – August 30th

Enrichment Fund Drive is a fabulous week of giving and fun. During this week, students get to participate in fun activities each day for the chance to win rewards for most participation. It's also a big week for the Northwood community, as this week is our big rally to earn donations that directly help fund things like school buses for field trips, new courtyard developments, and expanded math curriculums for our students!

Please go directly to https://northwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com/open_forms and select the 'Donation Any Time' option to donate to the Enrichment Fund today!



ENRICHMENT FUND WEEK: UNDER THE BIG TOP!

WHEN: AUGUST 26TH – AUGUST 30TH

Help us reach our goal by August 30th!

*** **\$20,000** ***

COME JOIN THE NORTHWOOD CIRCUS!

Monday: We've Got Spirit Day!

Wear your Northwood colors and gear! Take pictures and tag Northwood Elementary PTA on [Facebook](#) or [@Northwood_Explorers_Official](#) on Instagram with the hashtag **#WeAreNorthwood** to enter to win free passes and prizes from Area 51 mini golf. Winner announced Friday.

Tuesday: Crazy Hair Day

Crazy hair—don't care! Ditch the top hat and have fun with your hair as you express your Northwood pride. **Please respect the Student Handbook guidelines.*

Wednesday: Clownin' Around with Crazy Socks

Rock your crazy socks loud and proud! Got Northwood socks? Break them out!

Thursday: Circus Animal Day

It's a bird...it's a plane...no, it's...our Northwood circus animals! Wear the colors of your favorite animals! Bring on the show!

Friday: Compassion Day and Scream 'N Nuts Celebration

"Sprinkle Kindness" on our friends and faculty. Pay \$1 to send two notes to the compassion wall for all to see. Also, join us at Scream 'N Nuts **all day**, mention Northwood, and we earn 20% of all proceeds! Compassion Note purchases begin Monday and will be hung on Friday.

All Week: Spare Change Drive & Compassion Notes

These are two great opportunities for the students to participate in the fundraising efforts!

- **Spare Change Drive:** Each hall will have spare change collection jars by grade. **The grade** that collects the most spare change will award each student a free round of mini golf from our partners at Area 51!
- **Compassion Notes:** The compassion notes are pre-filled words of encouragement and gratitude to share with the whole school! \$1 purchases 2 notes that will be hung on our "Sprinkle Kindness" wall!

HOW ARE THE FUNDS USED & WHAT'S THE BENEFIT?

All contributions are **tax deductible**, and all proceeds directly benefit Northwood Elementary for things like:

- Field Trips and Buses
- Supplies for Math Curriculums
- New Courtyard

HOW CAN I DONATE?

DONATION IS FAST AND EASY BY:

- ✓ Purchasing a PTA Membership with Enrichment Fund Contribution
 - ✓ Writing a check to Northwood Elementary PTA
- ✓ Encouraging your children to bring in spare change or purchase compassion notes



Visit www.NorthwoodPTA.com to donate today!



For more information or for questions, please email vp4@northwoodpta.com

TANNER PORTRAIT STUDIO PRESENTS
NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY PTA
ANNUAL FAMILY PORTRAIT EVENT!

Don't blink! Time flies and, sooner than you think, your student will be moving on to middle school & then high school! Now is the time to take that great family portrait!

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>

**You will be emailed a signup genius link to choose your appointment time upon receiving
your \$30.00 donation**

The offer is limited to one per family – Per School Season – Nonrefundable – Expires Nov 1st 2019

In the event of inclement weather, the photo sessions will be moved indoors to Tanner Studio

For your convenience, additional prints will be available to order or purchase at your viewing appt

Direct Questions To: Vivia Rowe vp1@northwoodpta.com

<http://tinyurl.com/tannernorthwood2019>

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



Centennial Junior Knights Lacrosse Registration for Fall 2019 is now OPEN!

Lacrosse is the fastest-growing sport in the U.S. It's a SUPER-FUN game that's based on non-stop action and teamwork. The Centennial Junior Knights have teams for both boys and girls in elementary school and middle school. No previous lacrosse experience is necessary. We're looking to recruit brand-new players! (loaner equipment is available, if needed)

For the Fall 2019 season, we will offer the following:

BOYS' PROGRAMS

U9 (grades 2-3)

U11 (grades 4-5)

Middle School (grades 6-8)

GIRLS' PROGRAMS

U11 (grades 4-5)

Middle School (grades 6-8)

Paint Can Recycling Fundraiser - Time to Declutter for a Good Cause!

Bring your used paint cans to be recycled and disposed of properly! You'll benefit the **Centennial HS Girls Volleyball** team and it will declutter your basement or garage. The recycling fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, August 24th from 8am-2pm** in the **Centennial High School parking lot**. Customers pay a per-can fee for disposal. For example, to dispose of a gallon latex can, the fee \$3. All latex and oil-based paints in any size container, including spray cans, are accepted.

Details & pricing can be found at www.centennialathletics.com/girls_volleyball

Cafeteria News

Visitors are welcome to eat with their children beginning **Monday, August 26th**. 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:

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 \$1.10.

Lunch Menu – August 19-23

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

8/26 – Chicken Alfredo Pasta – Morning Star Nugget – Cheese Pizza Pack

8/27 – Spicy Sichuan Chicken – Chicken Soft Tacos – Hummus Plate

8/28 – Grande Nachos – Cheese Nachos – Mini Corndogs – Turkey & Cheese Wrap

8/29 – Pancake & Sausage Griddle – Pretzel Bites w/Cheese – Yogurt & Cheese Pack

8/30 – Popcorn Shrimp – Macaroni & Cheese – Cheese Pizza – Jamwich Pack

Equal Opportunity Agency

Compliance Coordinator 404-763-4585

TTY: 1-800-255-0135



Lunch Menu