



Northwood Times



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April 2017

Important Dates to Remember

April	
3rd-7th	Book Fair
6th	Thursday Flag Salute
6th	Sports Day
6th	PTA Association Meeting 6-6:30pm
6th	PTA Science Night 6:30-7:30pm
10th	Spirit Sock Fundraiser begins
17th-21st	Spring Break-NO SCHOOL
May	
1st-5th	Staff Appreciation Week
4th	Thursday Flag Salute
4th	Open House/Science Fair
8th - 19th	SBAC Testing Begins
24th	Band Concert @ Cherrywood
25th	Orchestra Concert
29th	Memorial Day

Principal's Message

I hope that all of our Northwood families are looking forward to Spring Break in a couple weeks. This is a great time to have some fun and relax before our end of the year that is fast approaching. In the next month our 3rd through 5th grade students will be preparing for our Smarter Balanced state testing which begins in May. While our students are more than their test scores, we take our students' preparedness for testing seriously. This month is a crucial time as students intensely review and study the curriculum with their teachers. I also ask that every parent review the testing tips on this page and do what they can to ensure their child perform the best they can. We are committed to academic excellence and Northwood, and our parents and families are a huge part of our success and we appreciate your help.

Warmest regards,
Mr. Derrick

SBAC Testing

Northwood will begin our state testing for 3rd through 5th grades the week of May 8th. While testing is just one way that we measure performance it is extremely important to all the staff at Northwood that students are confident and prepared. We want to continue our tradition of academic excellence and want every student to show their best.

While our teachers have been hard at work all year preparing your students there is also a lot that parents and families can do to ensure that students will be successful. Below are some tips for families so that every student performs at their highest possible level.

- 1) **Get plenty of rest.** Students who get a good night sleep the night before are going to be more awake and focused.
- 2) **Eat Breakfast.** Make sure that students have something before school or have time to stop by the cafeteria to eat breakfast before class.
- 3) **Reduce stress and distractions.** Try to plan large family functions or events after testing is over. These can disrupt routine and make it difficult for students to focus at school.
- 4) **Stay healthy.** Make sure that students are eating right and not feeling sick during a test. It's better for students to make up a test later when they are better than suffer through.
- 5) **Practice at home.** The more students are familiar with the online format the better they will do on testing day. Parents and students can go online to the Smarter Balanced website: <https://practice.smarterbalanced.org/student/>, once there, simply press "Sign In", choose the **grade** from the drop down menu, and from there students can practice several Math and English Language Arts tests.

We appreciate your efforts in helping our students do their best. We want them all to feel confident and prepared on testing days.

Classroom Celebrations

The following is just a reminder of our Berryessa School District Policy regarding celebrations for birthdays and holidays.



- Class parties or celebrations that involve food shall be held after the lunch period and should be limited to no more than one party per class per month.
- Parents are encouraged to offer healthy food and beverage choices for celebrations. Foods should be commercially purchased and devoid of common allergens, e.g., peanuts, to minimize the risk of food-borne illness and allergic reactions.
- Parents may opt to bring goodie bags consisting of safe and age-appropriate school supplies or toys rather than food. Goodie bags will be distributed at the end of the school day.

4th grade Honor Roll

Ms. Kearns **Ms. Boyd**
 Kimmy H.
 Harish M.
 Amanda T.

Ms. Sundaram
 Katie H.
 Jessica N.
 Rithvik P.
 Mrithika S.
 Brayden C.
 Kavimitiran P.i
 Hailey T.

5th grade Honor Roll

Mrs. Kramer **Ms. Burroughs**
 Ysabela A.
 Eric D.
 Jordyn D.
 Onuva E.
 Christine L.
 Lauren L.
 Ruby N.
 Henry Q.
 Brenda S.
 Alec S.

Principal's Honor Roll

Ms. Sundaram **Ms. Kearns** **Mrs. Kramer** **Ms. Burroughs**
 Vaishnavi R. Samihah K. Pranavi K.
 Kimaya S. Katie-Thi P., Alex N..
 Snehal S. Bryan Y.
 Leomy T.
 Annette V. **Ms. Boyd**

Northwood Parent Workshop Series: **Helping Your Child Succeed in Reading and Writing**

Third grade parents are invited to join us in the Multipurpose Room on **Tuesday, April 11th from 6:00pm-7:00pm.**

Mrs. Shem will be providing information and resources that parents can use to help support their child succeed.



Save the Date - May 13th, 2017
40th Annual Berryessa Art & Wine Festival
 Saturday, May 13th, 2017, 10-5 pm
 Penitencia Creek Park
 located at 3050 Berryessa Rd in San

Jose, CA 95132

Artists, Food Trucks and Entertainment for All!
 Supporting Berryessa USD schools.

Volunteers needed

<http://berryessaawf.com/contact-us/>

For booth information:

Artists - <http://conta.cc/1RC0M30>

Businesses, Non-profits & Government Agencies - <http://conta.cc/1POPI9>

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