



Northwood Times



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Important Dates to Remember

February	
1st	Band Concert at Cherrywood 7pm
2nd	Flag Salute
2nd	Heritage Day
3rd	PTA Multi Cultural Night
9th	Orchestra Concert 7pm
14th	Valentine's Day
20th-24th	Presidents Week
March	
2nd	Superhero Day
2nd	Flag Salute
9th	Enrollment Night @ DO 4-7pm
10th-17th	Conference Week
21st	Spring Pictures
24th	PTA Zumba Night

Principal's Message

February may be a short month but one filled with so many fun activities and events.. We also have our break for President's Week coming up, which is also great chance to spend quality time together as a family. It is also an excellent opportunity to take time to talk thoughtfully as a family about concerns and current events. So much is happening in our country right now that it is important for families to create a dialogue that is appropriate for children. I would encourage you to monitor their exposure to news and media and decide what and how much students should know. We want our students to feel safe in the world and most importantly I want them to know that Northwood is a safe place for them to learn and grow. We value our diverse and unique families and feel that our rich and varied backgrounds and cultures add to the educational experience and makes us a stronger school.

Mr. Derrick

Celebrate Black History Month: Maya Angelou

Maya Angelou was a civil rights activist, poet, and award-winning author known for her acclaimed memoir and her numerous poetry and essay collections.

Born on April 4, 1928, in St. Louis, Missouri, Maya Angelou is known for her 1969 memoir, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, which made literary history as the first nonfiction best-seller by an African-American woman.



During World War II, Angelou moved to San Francisco, California, where she won a scholarship to study dance and acting at the California Labor School. Also during this time, Angelou became the first black female cable car conductor—a job she held only briefly, in San Francisco. In 1944, a 16-year-old Angelou gave birth to a son, Guy (a short-lived high school relationship had led to the pregnancy), thereafter working a number of jobs to support herself and her child. In 1952, the future literary icon wed Anastasios Angelopoulos, a Greek sailor from whom she took her professional name—a blend of her childhood nickname, "Maya," and a shortened version of his surname. In 1971.

Angelou published the Pulitzer Prize-nominated poetry collection *Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'Fore I Die*. She later wrote the poem "On the Pulse of Morning"—one of her most famous works—which she recited at President Bill Clinton's inauguration in 1993. Angelou received several honors throughout her career, including two NAACP Image Awards in the outstanding literary work (nonfiction) category, in 2005 and 2009. She died on May 28, 2014.

President's Day Fun Facts

In honor of President's Day we've put together some fun facts about our nation's leaders.

- John Adams died on the same day as Thomas Jefferson, July 4th, 1826. This day was also the 50th anniversary of the approval of the Declaration of Independence!
- Thomas Jefferson was also an accomplished architect. He designed his famous home at Monticello as well as buildings for the University of Virginia.
- James Madison was the shortest president at 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighed 100 pounds. Abraham Lincoln was the tallest president at 6 feet 4 inches tall (Lyndon B. Johnson was also 6' 4").
- Abraham Lincoln often stored things like letters and documents in his tall stove-piped hat.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt met President Grover Cleveland when he was five years old. Cleveland said "I am making a wish for you. It is that you may never become president of the United States".
- Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first president to appear on television during a 1939 broadcast from the World's Fair.
- At 42 years, 10 months, 18 days old Teddy Roosevelt was the youngest man to hold the office of president. Ronald Reagan was the oldest at 69 years 11 months. John F. Kennedy was the youngest to be elected president.
- Teddy Roosevelt was blind in his left eye due to an injury in a boxing match.
- The "S" in Harry S. Truman does not stand for anything.
- John F. Kennedy was the first president who was a Boy Scout.
- Woodrow Wilson was buried at the Washington National Cathedral. He is the only president buried in Washington D.C.
- Barack Obama won a Grammy Award in 2006 for his voice on the audio book Dreams From My Father.
- After working at a Baskin-Robbins as a teen, President Obama no longer likes ice cream. Bummer!
- Bill Clinton enjoys playing the saxophone and was a member of a band called "Three Blind Mice" in high school.
- Martin Van Buren was the first president to be born as a citizen of the United States. The presidents before him were born as British subjects.
- Martin Van Buren was the only president to speak English as a second language. His first language was Dutch.
- William Henry Harrison was the 9th president. His grandson, Benjamin Harrison, was the 23rd president.
- John Tyler had 15 children. The White House must have been hopping!
- James K. Polk was the first president to have his photograph taken while in office.



Northwood is looking for a couple of substitute Yard Duties this is a paid position in which you would watch the students during the lunch recesses,

This position will require you to assist opening all types of food for students. Including meat and dairy products.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the front office.

Student Absences

When your child will not be attending school, please notify the office daily. It is not sufficient to report the absence to the teacher. Brenda must clear all absences daily for her reports to the State of California. Any absences not cleared by a parent will be coded as an unexcused absence. Three unexcused absences or late tardies (more than 30 minutes) will cause truancy issues. Excessive truancy issues will be referred to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. Truancy is not to be taken lightly.

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