



Northwood Times



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Important Dates to Remember

January	
2nd	New Year's Day NO SCHOOL
5th	Flag Salute / FIS Ribbon Cutting
12th	Pajama Day
16th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
16th	No School
17th	BUSD Board Meeting
20th	PTA Spelling Bee
February	
1st	Band Concert at Cherrywood 7pm
2nd	Flag Salute
2nd	Cartoon Day
9th	Orchestra Concert 7pm
14th	Valentine's Day
20th-24th	Presidents Week

Principal's Message

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful break filled with lots of family time and relaxation. During the busy holiday season it is important that we reconnect with our loved ones and spend time together outside of the normal routine of work and school. But now we are back at school hard at work. This is the most important time of year academically as teachers and students are working together to learn new skills and make progress to prepare for the end-of-the-year assessments. Please encourage your child to refocus and get back into their studies. I am also excited to announce that students will also soon be using the Flexible Instructional Space with their teachers. While we are still waiting for some audio/visual equipment, it is operational and ready for students to experience, learn, and explore. Please join us this Thursday at Flag Salute for a Ribbon-Cutting and unveiling to come take a look.

Warmest regards,

Mr. Derrick

RAINY DAY DROP-OFF

When we are experiencing wet and rainy weather in the morning reduced visibility and road conditions can create hazardous situations for our students. We appreciate that our families take extra precaution. Here are some more guidelines to ensure that morning drop-off is safe for all students and will help your family save time.

- Reduce speed and do not make illegal u-turns.
- Prepare students to be dropped off before pulling up to the curb.
- Have students walk to class or the multipurpose room on their own or with a sibling.
- Make sure students have the appropriate rain gear, e.g., boots, raincoat, and umbrella.
- Give yourself extra time by leaving the house a few minutes earlier.
- Pull up when there is room ahead of you to make it easier for others.
- **Do not use Staff Parking Lot.**

Interesting Facts about Martin Luther King, Jr.



- King was the youngest person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a national holiday.
- At the Atlanta premiere of the movie, Gone with the Wind, Martin sang with his church choir.
- There are over 730 streets in the United States named after Martin Luther King, Jr.
- One of his main influences was Mohandas Gandhi who taught people to protest in a non-violent manner.
- He was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Fun Things to Do on a Rainy Day



This winter is forecasted to bring lots of rainy days ahead. While it's great news for the drought it can make for restless kids. Here are five great ideas to fight off boredom on those cold rainy nights and weekends.

1. Have an Indoor Treasure Hunt Children in the house? Keep their day lively with a treasure hunt. Make one set of clues for every player (try rhyming the clues for fun), each clue leading to the next one and, finally, to the treasure. Seal them in envelopes marked with a clue number (i.e., 2/7, or "two of seven"); this will help the treasure hunters keep track. Whoever solves the clues first and finds the treasure—a small toy, an IOU for a movie, maybe a cache of coins (regular or chocolate)—is the winner. Or have your kids play as a team to solve the clues—and uncover the treasure—together.

2. Camp in the Great Indoors. Who says tents have to stay outside? If you have a pop-up or small dome tent, it's easy to set up camp for your kids indoors. If not, you can create tents by draping sheets over the couch. Make them comfy with airbeds, pillows, and sleeping bags, then follow through with an indoor picnic to be eaten "under canvas."

3. Bake Up Some Chocolate-Chip Cookies. Nothing cures rainy day blues like a fresh batch of chocolate chip cookies. Dunk them in milk or eat 'em (practically) right out of the oven—a surefire way to happily weather the storm. Now, if you and your family fancy other varieties, that's no problem, there are lots of options out there.

4. Organize Your Own Film Festival. Queue up some classics, old (*Wizard of Oz*) and new (*Minions*), let the kids add a few favorites—even mix in last week's *American Idol* on DVR for variety—and have a marathon screening. Keep a cozy throw on hand to snuggle under, a big bowl of popcorn to dip into, and settle in to enjoy the show(s).

5. Host a "Tea" Party. Dress up in fancy clothes, set the table with the good china, and put on your most formal manners (remember, extend your pinkie and sip politely). On the menu: tea, cider, or cocoa, and easy egg or chicken salad tea sandwiches in fun shapes, courtesy of cookie cutters. Let your kids decide the guest list—and which of their favorite dolls, stuffed animals, or furry friends are on it.

- Martin Luther King Jr. entered college at the age of 15.

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.

6. Invent a Game. Help your kids invent a new board game or card game using a presentation board or cardstock. Have them create the rules and make their own gamepieces from clay or things around the house. It's a great way to pass the time and encourage your child's creative mind.

7. Book Report. Have your kids do a book report on their favorite book. They could act out a scene, design a book jacket, or make a diorama using an old shoe box. Have them describe their favorite parts and why they like the book. They could even make a cinema style trailer for the book using an app for a tablet or iPad.

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