



Northwood Times



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October 2016

October	
3rd-7th	Red Ribbon Week
6th	First Thursday Flag Salute
7th	Picture Day
21st	PTA Harvest Festival
25th	Title 1 Meeting
31st	Halloween Parade
November	
3rd	Thursday Flag Salute
9th-18th	Conference Week
11th	No School
14th	PTA Cookie dough fundraiser begins
15th	Make up Picture Day
18th	PTA Movie Night
21st-25th	Thanksgiving Break
28th	PTA Cookie dough fundraiser ends

Fall Picture Day - Friday, October 7th

- Dress Nicely - Common or Free Dress
- Please keep attire appropriate for school
- Send your order with your child to school
- More info can be found at mylifetouch.com

Principal's Message

It's already October and teachers and students are hard at work in classrooms, engaging in exciting lessons and activities. For me, there is nothing more rewarding than watching our kids making connections and building new skills. The growth that I observe in our students everyday reminds me of the incredible community and school that I am privileged to serve. I want to thank all of the parents and family members who have participated in our Donation Drive this year. As the principal, it is my job to ensure that each teacher and child receives the resources and tools needed to achieve the optimal learning environment and your donations will make a huge difference. The money that we raise will go directly to our classrooms. Thank you again for your ongoing support. Sincerely, *Mr. Derrick*

Halloween Parade



The Halloween costume parade is scheduled for Monday, October 31st at 8:30 a.m. Please send your child in costume with a change of clothes if needed. Parents are welcome to this event. Please remember the following rules when choosing a costume for your child:

- NO weapons, including swords or axes.
- NO blood or scary makeup.
- Keep costumes appropriate for school.

We appreciate you adhering to these rules for a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31)

The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a DRUG-FREE America. Red Ribbon Week provides a great opportunity to promote a safe and healthy lifestyle pledging to be drug-free. Take an active stand against drugs and just say NO!



National Bully Prevention Month

Did you know that schools nationwide have designated October as National Bully Prevention Month? Let's work together as a community to prevent bullying and cyberbullying. Bullying has such a negative impact on children of all ages. At Northwood, we are raising awareness on this issue and encouraging our students to take a stand against bullying. Here are a few activities you can discuss with your child to stomp out bullying.

- 1) Make friends with someone you don't know at school.
- 2) Perform an act of kindness each day and challenge someone to do the same.
- 3) Stand up to bullying or seek help from an adult to intervene.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

Signed into law on October 2, 2013, Assembly Bill 484 launched a new student testing system for California's schools, now called the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). The CAASPP system is based on the State's new California Common Core State Standards (CA CCSS) for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics, adopted by the State Board of Education in 2010. This new system replaces the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program that was based on 1997 standards. The primary goal of the new statewide testing program is to better prepare all students for college and careers in the twenty first century. Computer-based assessments, developed through the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, form the cornerstone for CAASPP. All 3rd through 8th grade students take the new exams. For our severely disabled students, an alternative exam is available.

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California Education Code states that parents/guardians can submit a written request to the principal of their student's school if they do not wish to have their student take any or all parts of the State's CAASPP tests. Berryessa teachers and schools support students to do well on the tests and help them learn test-taking skills that will enable them to be successful throughout their school career and beyond. We encourage parents to contact their child's teacher or principal with any concerns they may have about the tests before they request that their student be excluded from taking the test(s).

Additional State Testing

All 5th and 7th graders take the Physical Fitness test in early spring, which assesses- student physical wellness.

The English proficiency of all English Language Learners (ELLs) is assessed using the California English Language Development Test (CELDT). Initial CELDT Assessments are administered, if possible, during the summer. The rest of the exams is given in September and October of each year.



Donation Drive 2016-2017

Thank you for those who have participated in our Donation Drive. So far we have raised over \$3,000! It's never too late to donate. Donation forms and envelopes are always available in the front office. Let's keep Northwood going strong!

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