

NORTHWOOD PTA NEWS

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Upcoming PTA events

November 15

Association meeting

We invite you to the **Multi-purpose room on Thursday, November 15th at 8:15 am.** You will hear the reports about the work of Northwood PTA and our school for the past two months.



Happy Thanksgiving

**School Break
November 19-23**



**December
Spelling Bee***

Please check back for updates in our flyer.

* **Volunteers needed**

Congratulations!



Northwood Reflections winners 2018-2019

Dance Choreography:

Primary (K - grade 2):
Award of Excellence (1st place) - **Jia S.** (Ms. Williamson)
Award of Merit (2nd place) - **Sivanuja S.** (Ms. Williamson)
Intermediate (grades 3-5):
Award of Excellence (1st place) - **Swati N.** (Ms. Kim)
Award of Merit (2nd place) - **Anwita G.** (Ms. Kramer)

Photography:

Primary (K - grade 2):
Award of Excellence (1st place) - **Sushma A.** (Ms. Shaikh)
Award of Merit (2nd place) - **Ved M.** (Ms. Ducote)
Intermediate (grades 3-5):
Award of Excellence (1st place) - **Anwita G.** (Ms. Kramer)
Award of Merit (2nd place) - **Rishmitha P.** (Ms. Orth)

Film Production:

Primary (K - grade 2):
Award of Excellence (1st place) - **Ved M.** (Ms. Ducote)
Award of Merit (2nd place) - **Vivaan P.** (Ms. Shaikh)

Music Composition:

Primary (K - grade 2):
Award of Excellence (1st place) - **Meera S.** (Ms. Rea)
Intermediate (grades 3-5):
Award of Excellence (1st place) - **Paakhi M.** (Mr. Cheadle)

Literature:

Primary (K - grade 2):
Award of Excellence (1st place) - **Istavya B.** (Ms. Kinney)
Award of Merit (2nd place) - **Aishi D.** (Ms. Rea)
Intermediate (grades 3-5):
Award of Excellence (1st place) - **Aarya B.** (Ms. Walker)
Award of Merit (2nd place) - **Shravani M.** (Ms. Shem)

Visual Arts:

Primary (K - grade 2):
Award of Excellence (1st place) - **Aagam D.** (Ms. Kinney)
Award of Merit (2nd place) - **Meera S.** (Ms. Rea)
Intermediate (grades 3-5):
Award of Excellence (1st place) - **Anwita G.** (Ms. Kramer)
Award of Merit (2nd place) - **Ysabelle V.** (Ms. Boyd)



This year, the Northwood Reflections had 101 entries. The contest was judged on October 24th. The jury consisted of: Dr. Roxane Fuentes, superintendent of the Berryessa Union School District; Mr. Derrick, Northwood principal; Kalpana Thatte, teacher-advisor of the Berryessa Union School District; Nicole Stiggall, Northwood social worker.

Congratulations to the winners!



NEW event!

Festival of Lights was super successful

A lot of families visited Northwood school on Friday, November 2nd. Our PTA prepared many interesting contests, games and entertainment for everyone. Among the guests was Dr. Roxane Fuentes, superintendent of the Berryessa Union School District.



Thank you!

More than 70 volunteers took part in the Festival of Lights this year!

We are very appreciative to our principal Mr. Derrick and Northwood Admin. Secretary Ms. Broker for their continual support of Northwood PTA. We also would like to thank our wonderful teachers: Ms. Barger, Ms. Boyd, Ms. Ducote, Ms. Kramer, Ms. Rea, and Ms. Sundaram for their excellent help during this event. Also ton of thanks to Mr. Alex for set up and help in decorations.

Many thanks to our dear parent volunteers: Ayushi Agarwal, Shikha Agrawal, Ezhilmathi Ananthan, Prema Latha Asala, Vani Ashwin Kumar, Madhulika Ballamudi, Pranita Borkar, Shirish Borkar, Madhumita Dash, Shalaka Dhole, Sraang Pol, Dhanashanthi Durairaju, Namita Dua, Rayan Dua, Kowsalya Gnanamani, Sonal Goel, Naga Pravallika Gontla, Rahul Grover, Garima Gupta, Vidya Kalluri, Rajatha Karanth, Prabha Sathesh Kumar, Chaithanya Lohitaswa, Sanghamitra Mahanta, Shilpi Makhija, Swarnima Malavat, Mohit Manglik, Amirta Das Menon, Dipti Munj, Savitha N.C., Harita Neralla, Preeti Pandey, Kanthi Pingali, Chetana Kadaba Pradeep, Divya Rachuri, Namita Rani, Nidhi Saini, Aasha Sajjan, Sylaja Sammeta, Satish Vallabhaneni, Hiral Shah, Shweta Sharma, Deepti Singh, Nitu Singh, Anupam Singla, Shipra Sinha, Durda Srinivasan, Pramodh Uppala, Sathiya Vaithyanathan, Janani Vasudevan, Deepthi Venkata R., Sinduja Vijayakumaran, Madumita, Sulekh, Deepti and others!

Of course, our continued gratitude to the students of Piedmont Hills High School for their great help! Many thanks to Ms. Huynh for her support in engaging UNICEF students.

Sincerely,
Northwood PTA Board

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FAQ

❑ **What is a "PTA"?**

"PTA" is a short for Parent-Teacher Association.

❑ **Why does a photographer work at PTA events?**

The PTA photographer takes pictures for the school yearbook. Some of these pictures we use for the PTA Newsletter and for our Facebook page. (For posting these photos on the Internet, we get a special permission from the individuals in the photos.)

❑ **What is a school yearbook?**

It is a colorful annual book of memories that contains class photos, portraits of students, teachers and school staff. It contains pictures of different school events, pictures from class time, recess, field trips and music concerts.

A Northwood yearbook is produced by Northwood PTA, and printed in a special printing house. All yearbooks will be available for distribution by the end of the school year. To receive a yearbook, you must place a pre-paid order in advance.

❑ **How can I become a PTA volunteer?**

We are always very grateful for our volunteers! We really need helpers during our big PTA events, such as Multicultural Night, Festival of Lights, Book Fair...

Joining our friendly team is very simple! Let us know about your intention to become a PTA volunteer at: northwoodpta1@gmail.com. We will contact you by all means!

Important



578 BOOKS HAVE BEEN SOLD!



Many thanks to all families who visited our Fall Book Fair from 15th to 19th October in the Northwood Library! Within five working days we sold 578 books for a total of \$ 8,078!

25% of this amount (\$ 2,019) remains for Northwood PTA and will be used for our future events and assemblies.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to thank each and everyone of volunteers, without whom this event would not have been possible. Especially to our young helpers from Ms. Kramer's class: Shaurya, Manas, Revanth and Abdul.

Many thanks to our dear parent volunteers for their great help in holding the Book Fair: Shikha Agrawal, Madhulika Ballamudi, Rashmi Ghade, Kinnari Gosalia, Garima Gupta, Prabha Satheesh Kumar, Ksheerabdhitanaya Mohakuda, Kanthi Pingali, Nidhi Saini, Durga Srinivasan and Janani Vasudevan.

Thanks to those who helped us during Pajama Reading Night! Especially to: Ms. Reyes, the former Northwood librarian; Ms. Kramer, Northwood teacher; Kowsalya Gnanamani, Nidhi Saini, Shweta Sharma, Nitu Singh, Sathiya Vaithyanathan, Sinduja Vijayakumaran and others!

Thanks to the entire PTA board for their team work!



Event of the month

Halloween Movie Night



This joyful and long-awaited event was an opportunity for Northwood children to watch *HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3* with their friends and classmates. In addition, they were able to show everyone their Halloween costumes and get a gift for participating!

We are grateful to all our volunteers for the help in holding this big event. Especially to: Dipti Munj, Nidhi Saini, Durga Srinivasan and Kanthi Pingali. Many thanks to Northwood PTA Board members and their families for their great support!

Red Ribbon Week

A week of activities aimed at preventing violence and the use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs was held at school.



All Northwood children signed a large school poster declaring they are "Proud To Be Drug Free" and received special certificates.

Write to us!



We are on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthwoodSchoolPTA/>

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On sale: Northwood spirit Hoodies and T-shirts!



- * High quality fabric!
- * All sizes are in stock!

The spirit wear sale is held on every Thursday before and after school in the PTA room

Spirit wear order form is available in the office or in front of the PTA room.