

**Korea**

**NORTHWOOD PTA**  
Empowering Our Children to Succeed

**JORDAN**

### Upcoming Events



20<sup>TH</sup> January, 5.30PM-6PM



20<sup>th</sup> January  
6pm-8pm 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

7pm-8pm K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



Multicultural event, 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
6pm-8pm



### Quotes

When we study together, we learn together,  
we work together and we prosper together.

President Barack Obama

Let us tenderly and kindly cherish,  
therefore the means of knowledge. Let us  
dare to read, think, speak and, write.

John Adams (2<sup>nd</sup> US President)

### PTA President's Message

Hello Northwood families,

Great news!!! Two participants from our school have made it to the state Reflections. It is my dream come true, seeing Northwood students soar. A special thank you to all the Parents, Teachers and Staff and the principal and my PTA board for their support with the Reflections program.

#### Reflections winners entering state level

- 1.Arjun Divekar
  - 2.Tryambakam Mangalam
- Congratulations to the winners!!!

Spelling Bee is on January 20<sup>th</sup> and K-3<sup>rd</sup> students will be having a written spelling bee from 6pm-8pm and surprise words from teachers are included. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be having a "Spell out" Spelling bee with meaning from 7pm-8pm. Please encourage your child to participate.

Multicultural event is on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. We encourage families from different countries to participate. We will be having a Costume contest for both Adults and children. Northwood PTA invites you to join us to celebrate diversity of Northwood.

Please treasure the PTA Newsletter every month because it has the fun facts about two different Countries every month for the Quiz on the Multicultural event which will be in February.

Encourage your child to participate in all of these events. This Newsletter is also available on the School's website <http://northwood.berryessa.k12.ca.us/PTA/index.html>

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at Afshaq@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support,  
Afia Laiq  
PTA President

# Korea

## Facts

- Since 1945 Korea divided into two distinct sovereign states: North Korea (officially the "Democratic People's Republic of Korea") and South Korea (officially the "Republic of Korea").
- The total area is 219,155 km<sup>2</sup> (84,616 sq mi).
- The combined population of the Koreans is about 75 million (North Korea: 25 million, South Korea: 50 million).
- Korean is the official language of both North and South Korea.
- The capital of South Korea is Seoul (officially the Seoul Special City). Pyongyang is the capital of North Korea.
- Hyunchoongil (June 6th) is the national holiday in Korea commemorating those who fought and died for the nation.
- 🥋 Korea is the birthplace of Hapkido, Taekwondo and Ssireum (or Korean wrestling).
- Park Geun-hye is the Acting President of South Korea. Kim Jong-un is the supreme leader of North Korea.

## Fun Facts

- Korean newborns have a leg up on the rest of the world - they're considered to be one year old immediately after birth, so they're instantly "older" than newborns born in other countries at the same time!
- Half the population has Identical surnames. People with the same surname can't marry each other.
- North Korea uses an official Juche calendar whose year one is 1912, when Kim Il-sung born. So, 2017 on the Gregorian calendar is considered Juche 106.

## Famous People:

1. Sejong the Great (1397 - 1450) - in 1443 he created the Korean alphabet Hangeul. Before the creation of Hangeul, people in Korea primarily wrote using Classical Chinese.
2. Woo Jang-choon (1898 - 1959) was a Korean-Japanese agricultural scientist and botanist famous for breeding plants.

## Korean Words

1. Hello - Ahn-young-ha-sae-yo
2. Thank you - Go-mab-seub-nida
3. Welcome - Hwan-yeong
4. Family - Ga-jog
5. Good bye - An-nyeong-hi ga-se-yo

\*Students need to learn about the Flag of Korea by themselves



## Facts

1. The official name of Jordan is the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
2. Arabic is the official language, but English is widely spoken.
3. Amman is the capital city of the Kingdom of Jordan and is the largest city.
4. The national day of Jordan is celebrated on May 25. On this day in 1946, the country gained independence from Great Britain.
5. The national flag of Jordan has three equal horizontal bands of black (top), white, and green with a red triangle on the hoist side bearing a small white seven-pointed star in the middle.
6. Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein is the King of Jordan.
7. Jordan is a relatively small country with a population numbering at 9.5 million.
8. The dinar JOD is the official currency of Jordan.

## Fun facts

1. The country has a low crime rate, highly educated population, and advanced healthcare services.
2. The King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC) is one of the best comprehensive cancer centers in the Middle East which treats both adult and pediatric patients.
3. Jordan is home to the ancient city of Petra. Known as "The Rose City" it is famous for its unique architecture. It is also one of the 7 Wonders of the World.
4. The lowest point on Earth in terms of dry land is the shore of the Dead Sea in Jordan. It lies at 1,378ft beneath sea level.
5. According to the Christian faith, the Jordan River is considered the third most holy site in the Holy Land, because it is the site of the most important event of Jesus' life - his baptism and beginning of his ministry.
6. The most distinctive Jordanian dish is Mansaf, the national dish of Jordan. The dish is a symbol for Jordanian hospitality. Mansaf is eaten on different occasions such as funerals, weddings and on religious holidays.
7. As the 8th largest producer of olives in the world, olive oil is the main cooking oil in Jordan.

## Famous people

1. His Majesty King Hussein bin Talal was a leader who guided his country to become an oasis of peace, stability and moderation in the Middle East. His memory is cherished as the inspiration for Jordan's climate of openness, tolerance and compassion.
2. Rania Al-Abdullah is the queen of Jordan. Since marrying the now King of Jordan, Abdullah bin al-Hussein, she has become known for her advocacy work related to education, health and community empowerment.

## Arabic Words

1. Hello - Marhaba
2. Thank you - Shukran
3. Welcome - Ahlan
4. Family - Usra
5. Good bye - Wada'an

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