



Northwood Times

April 2024

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Maricela Krickovic, Principal

"We believe that all students at Northwood will be prepared for the future in a safe, nurturing environment that inspires academic and social learning in order to be critical thinkers and active citizens in a global community."

April 2023	
3/29 - 4/5	Spring Break
4/11	Open House
4/16 - 4/17	CAST testing (5th Grade Only)
17th	PTA meeting
4/23 - 5/17	SBAC Testing (Grades 3rd- 5th)
22nd	Northwood School Site Council Meeting
27th	Spirit Day- Cartoon Day
26th	PTA Spring Carnival
May 2024	
8th	Northwood PTA Meeting
9th	Science Fair
9th	4th Grade Science Camp Informational Night
13th	Spring Orchestra Concert at Northwood
22nd	Band Concert at Cherrywood
27th	Memorial Day- No School

Principal's Message

Hello Northwood Families,

We are now in our final trimester, and with less than 9 weeks of school left, our Northwood Bears will be very busy in the upcoming weeks. We will have Open House, Science Fair, SBAC testing, some field trips, and our day-to-day learning.

I would like to say thank you to all the families that participated in the Berryessa Ed Foundation Raffle. We sold 299 tickets and we will receive 50% of \$1495 to help. Congratulations to our 3 families that were winners! The money raised will help us in updating our Flexible Instructional Space. Updates can include murals, supplies and materials. Any residual funds can be used for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) and VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts) projects and supplies.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful and relaxing Spring Break. It looks like the weather is about to begin getting a little bit warmer, and hopefully we continue to have more sunny days ahead.

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Maricela Krickovic
Principal

Monthly Character Trait: Emotions

For the month of April, our monthly theme will focus on Good Character. When we are faced with challenges, it is our good character that helps us make good decisions. Some ideas that center around having good character are treating others with respect, establishing trust, building confidence not only in yourself, but also in others, caring for others, and building and maintaining strong relationships with others.

Some ways to help support at home:

- Be a promise-keeper; Do what you say you will do.
- Be consistent in how you deal with others
- Go over your decisions: Take some time to reflect on your choices. Did the choices made make you feel proud? Did they make you think how you could have handled a situation differently?
- Nurture meaningful relationships through good and tough times
- Be humble and nice: Being courteous to others and helpful to others, without expecting anything in return.
- Always get up, no matter what, to create something better than the day better
- Do the work: Although challenges may arise, do the work to fulfill what you are trying to accomplish.

April Spirit Days

This month, our spirit days will be the following:

4/11- Bear Day: Take a moment to find some calm. Teachers may put on some relaxing music while students draw.

4/18 - Story Day: Mrs. Bobias will be reading the book, **After the Fall**, by Danial Santat.

4/25- Spirit Day: Cartoon Day: Students are invited to dress up as their favorite cartoon character or wear something with their favorite cartoon character on it.

Open House

It is time to get ready to see what our classrooms have been up to and what students have been learning. **Our annual Open House will be taking place this Thursday, April 11th from 5:30pm-6:30pm.** We invite you to join us this evening to see not only what has been happening in your child's classroom, but also to preview what your child may be learning in the upcoming school year.

State Testing – SBAC

During the weeks of April 22nd through May 17th, our 3rd-5th graders will be starting their SBAC assessments. Students will be testing throughout the next couple of weeks, and will be completing assessments in Math and Language Arts. It is very important that students get plenty of rest, eat a little something, and arrive at school on time to avoid interruptions during testing. Our 5th graders will also begin their SBAC assessments a week before, the week of April 15th, as they will be taking their CAST testing.

Families can use the following link to access practice tests on the CAASPP website: [Link to CAASPP Practice Tests \(SBAC testing\)](#). Students can practice using the interface and parents can take a peek of the types of questions students will be asked.

It is very important that students get a good night's rest, are on time, and eat breakfast on the days that students are taking their assessments.

Spring Carnival

Save the Date! Our PTA is planning their Spring Carnival for Friday, April 26th. There will be games, food, and lots of fun! We hope to see our families there!

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering please use the link below to let our PTA know:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845A4AA2CA7F4C34-48987370-spring#/>

Volunteers

There are many events that are happening around our school and volunteers may be needed. If you are planning on volunteering for any day time events, such as Field Trips, you will need to complete a volunteer form and be cleared by our district office, before volunteering. Volunteer forms can be picked up in our front office and are good for the entire school year. They do, however, need to be completed yearly.

Along with the volunteer form, you will also need a TB test that has been completed in the last 4 years. Please note that it does take some time to be cleared by our district office; therefore, please make sure to submit your volunteer forms as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you may check in with Mrs. Broker.

Earth Day

Monday, April 22nd, is Earth Day. Earth Day is widely recognized as the largest secular observance in the world, marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes. Here are 15 ways you can celebrate Earth Day with the family from PBS Kids:

15 Fun Ways to Celebrate Earth Day Together

- [Make your own paper.](#)

It's surprisingly easy to give "trash" a new life! Making homemade paper provides a hands-on example of how we can help save the environment, one tree at a time.

- [Craft a cloth bag](#)

. You and your family can help cut down on using single-use plastic that can be harmful to nature! Invite your child to make a reusable cloth bag out of an old t-shirt for your next shopping trip - or to collect treasures on your [next nature adventure](#).

- [Plant a terrarium.](#)
Bring the great outdoors inside! You and your child can create a self-sufficient terrarium in your home. A terrarium is a micro-environment: moisture evaporates, then condensates and falls back down (just like rain) in an enclosed glass container.
- [Feed the birds.](#)
With common household items, you can help your child create a bird feeder that birds will be chirping about! While you're crafting, ask your child to describe different birds that they've seen in your neighborhood. What color are the birds? What sorts of chirping sounds they make.
- [Get composting!](#)
What happens to a pile of old leaves outside when you add a dash of time, maybe some worms, and a healthy splash of moisture? Celebrate Earth Day by making soil perfect for a garden.
- [Create a nature journal.](#)
Observing wildlife is a wonderful way for children to practice patience and develop skills in noticing details. An animal observation journal is a great way to keep a record of the amazing animals you observe where you live and for sharing those observations with others.
- [Ready, set, grow.](#)
Learn about the basics of botany and plant growth by growing a simple herb garden with your child. Then, browse through [these seed-filled reads](#) and explore the outdoors through books.
- [Print a field guide](#)
. Help your child identify an insect by asking three simple questions. A "yes" answer to all three questions tells you it is an insect. Identify insects in your neighborhood and then create a field guide with this activity from [Elinor Wonders Why](#).
- [Visit National Parks from home.](#)
National Parks are one way to preserve and protect the country's wonders, both natural and man-made. And the best news? You don't have to leave your living room to explore the National Parks! Read about how the Everglades were formed, meet a young woman who survived the Alamo, and visit with a mail carrier who takes mail and more to his village in the Grand Canyon.
- [Try your hand at nature bingo!](#)
Encourage your child to embrace their curiosity by creating a nature bingo game to take outside to practice observing and exploring together.
- [Take a closer look.](#)
You can make a DIY magnifying glass with a plastic bottle! Help your budding scientist get a closer look at the world around them with this fun activity.
- [Embark on an adventure.](#)
Here are [seven simple tricks](#) that turn a family nature walk into an enjoyable adventure for everyone.
- [Play with puzzles](#)
Complete a puzzle to explore parts of plants. Get their gears turning by asking questions like, *What parts does a plant have? What parts does a tree have?*
- [Throw an eco-friendly party.](#)
Why not throw an environmentally-conscious party for Earth Day? Here's the dirt: Kids' parties generate a lot of trash. By making more environmentally friendly choices, you can keep the earth green - and save a little green in your wallet, too!
- [Learn about ecosystems by planting a seed.](#)
You don't need a big yard (or a yard at all) to learn about the basics of gardening. Seeds simply need three things to grow: light, food and water. In a small pot or plastic cup, help your child plant a few grass, bean, or flower seeds. What will you learn together?

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year

Our district enrollment portal has officially opened. When completing your enrollment forms, please make sure to upload all needed documents. Applications cannot be processed, until all documents are uploaded. Please note that when you are enrolling, families are enrolling into the Berryessa Union School District, and there is a chance that students may be overloaded to another school site, based on our enrollment.

A child will be admitted into TK for the 2024-2025 school year if they have their 5th birthday between September 2 and June 2. Current BUSD TK students do not have to re-enroll for kindergarten. TK students will be automatically enrolled for kindergarten at their resident home school. If your current TK school site is not your resident school, and you are interested in remaining at your current TK school site, you must complete an Intra District Transfer request.

It is recommended that families use the Online Enrollment System. If you need assistance completing your enrollment, you may contact Ms. Amanda Meng at (408) 923-1940 or ameng@busd.net.

Students residing outside Berryessa School District and attending Northwood on an inter-district transfer must apply each spring to their home district for a transfer into Berryessa Union School District for the following school year.

You may find more information regarding enrollment by visiting our district's enrollment page at: <https://www.berryessa.k12.ca.us/Departments/Education-Services/Enrollment-Information/index.html>

Child Not Feeling Well and At-Home Antigen Testing

If your child is not feeling well, please contact our school office to let us know.

We strongly encourage our families to continue to use at-home antigen tests, especially if your child is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. When symptomatic, students should remain at home. Students should also wear a mask around others, until symptoms resolve. If you need at-home antigen tests, to test your child, please stop by our school office.

Parents and Guardians may upload COVID-19 test results at, <https://bit.ly/BUSDOTC>. If your child tests positive, please make sure to complete the Student Event Google Form at <https://bit.ly/BUSDStudentEventForm> and inform Mrs. Krickovic as soon as possible (mkrickovic@busd.net), so that we may send you follow-up guidance. Positive results need to be uploaded, so that we can clear student absences.

Another resource that we have for our families is our Campus Clinic Community Testing at Morrill Middle School in the BYC. They have COVID-19 Community Testing on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at Morrill BYC from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. They offer both PCR and Antigen testing.

Campus Clinic COVID Testing Registration Information:

BUSD Students may use this [link](#) to have your registration resent to you. Community Members may use this [link](#) to register.



For Translation Assistance

For translation assistance, please call one of our District hotlines below:

Chinese, 408-923-1901
Spanish, 408-923-1902 Español
Vietnamese, 408-923-1903

請利用學區中文熱線電話
1-408-923-1901

會有人與您聯繫,為您翻譯資料上的重要內容

Si desea información en español, por favor llame a la línea de asistencia en español al 1-408-923-1902 y alguien le llamará para darle un resumen de este documento.

Xin gọi số hotline của khu học tại 1-408-923-1903 và sẽ có người giúp quý vị để hiểu những điều cốt yếu của văn kiện.



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Good Character



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Elementary Lunch Menu April 2024, BUSD



* = No Meat Item
 Lunch Price: FREE
 Milk \$0.50 (if purchased separately)
 Adult Lunch: \$4.00
 Lunch includes choice of entree, salad bar and milk. The bolded entree is the main entree of the day. Secondary entrees listed are available in limited quantities. Menu subject to change without notice.
Advanced Payment. Make checks payable to: BUSD SNS. Indicate student's name and teacher on check. For online prepayment, log on to: www.myschoolbucks.com
 Our menus meet USDA requirements for calories, fat, saturated fat, whole grain-rich foods, and fruit/vegetable offerings. All grains are whole grain-rich. We do not serve or sell foods containing trans fat. To find out if you family may be eligible for CalFresh Food Stamps/SNAP and other food programs, contact Second Harvest Food Bank: 1-800-984-3663

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 PERSONAL CHEESE PIZZA* Turkey Pizza Pocket Juice Cup	9 FRENCH TOAST w/ CHICKEN SAUSAGE Pull-Apart Cheese Bread* Applesauce Cup	10 TURKEY TACO POCKET Bean & Cheese Burrito* Raisins	11 CHEESEBURGERS Toasted Cheese Sandwich* Asian Chicken Salad Apple Slices	12 SPAGHETTI & MEAT SAUCE OR SPAGHETTI & MARINARA w/ STRING CHEESE Mozzarella Bites* Craisins
15 PEPPERONI PIZZA SLICE Personal Cheese Pizza* Juice Cup	16 CHICKEN NUGGETS w/ BISCUITS & HONEY Pull-Apart Cheese Bread* Applesauce Cup	17 NACHO w/ CHEDDAR CHEESE CUP Bean & Cheese Burrito* Raisins	18 100% BEEF HOT DOG Toasted Cheese Sandwich* Apple Slices	19 BBQ CHICKEN DRUMSTICK w/ MASHED POTATOES & ROLL Mozzarella Bites* Craisins
22 FRENCH BREAD CHEESE PIZZA* Turkey Pizza Pocket Juice Cup	23 MINI CHICKEN CORN DOGS w/ OVEN FRIES Pull-Apart Cheese Bread* Applesauce Cup	24 BEEF TACO WRAP Bean & Cheese Burrito* Raisins	25 PEPPERONI STUFFED SANDWICH Toasted Cheese Sandwich* Apple Slices	26 HOMESTYLE MAC 'N' CHEESE* BBQ Rib Sandwich Craisins
29 PERSONAL PEPPERONI PIZZA Personal Cheese Pizza* Juice Cup	30 CHICKEN & WAFFLE w/ SYRUP Pull Apart Cheese Bread* Applesauce Cup			

SALAD BAR OFFERINGS (Daily Choices Vary): Romaine, Coleslaw, Asian Cabbage Salad, Celery Sticks, Jicama, Cucumber Slices, Cherry Tomatoes, Beans Potato Salad, Canned Corn, Apples, Orange Wedges, Bananas Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Canned Fruit (in Juice or Light Syrup), Raisins, and Frozen 100% Juice Cup.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM REQUIREMENT: A minimum of a ½ cup of fruit and/or vegetables must be selected as part of each school lunch.

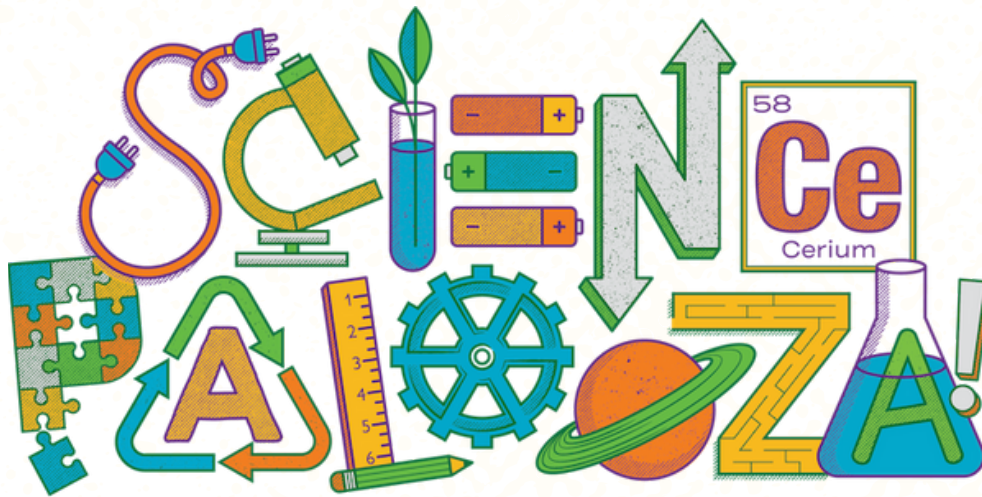
FOOD ALLERGIES: A recognized medical authority must complete the form, Medical Statement to Request Special Meals and/or Accommodations, which are available from the School Office, Cafeteria or Student Nutrition Services webpage. A description of the food allergy or intolerance is needed, along with suggested substitutions.

ON-CALL CAFETERIA WORK: Please contact Personnel at (408) 923-1850 for more details.

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11AM - 3PM

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ACTIVITIES**



*Explore & celebrate
STEM!*

**FREE and open to students,
teachers, and families from:**

- Alum Rock School District
- Berryessa School District
- Franklin McKinley School District
- Mt. Pleasant School District
- Oak Grove School District
- Orchard School District
- East Side Union High School District

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QUESTIONS? REACH OUT!

sciencepalooza@outreach-foundation.org

MEASURE A PARCEL TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE



As part of our obligation to the community to be accountable for the funds we get from the parcel tax, the Board of Trustees would like to invite you to apply for one of the vacant positions on the Measure A Parcel Tax Committee. The committee meets quarterly at the BUSD District Office. Applications and additional information can be obtained at the following district web-site location:

<https://www.berryessa.k12.ca.us/Parents--Community/Community-Resources/Measure-A---Parcel-Tax-Waiver/index.html>

The oversight committee ensures public funds are allocated in accordance with the original ballot. The committee evaluates the Parcel Tax impact on students, classrooms, schools, and the district.

VACANT POSITIONS:

Parent Representative for the *Morrill Middle School Family* (Brooktree, Laneview, Northwood Elementary Schools, and Morrill Middle School) – one (1) position

Parent Representative for the *Piedmont Middle School Family* (Noble, Summerdale, Toyon, Vinci Park Elementary Schools, and Piedmont Middle School) – one (1) position

Parent Representative for the *Sierramont Middle School Family* (Cherrywood, Majestic Way, Ruskin Schools, and Sierramont Middle School) – one (1) position

Community Representative who must reside in the Berryessa Union School District Boundaries – one (1) position

Certificated/CTAB Representative current employee of Berryessa Union School District – one (1) position

Classified Representative current employee of Berryessa Union School District – one (1) position (Classified or Teamster)

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