

"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."



Pathway to the Future

# NORTHWOOD TIMES

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January 2020		February 2020	
1st	New Year's Day	6th	First Thursday Flag Salute
9th	Flag Salute / Pajama Day	10th-14th	Friendship Week
20th	MLK Jr. Birthday - NO SCHOOL	14th	Valentines Day
30th	Parent Workshop	17th - 21st	Presidents Break

## Principal's Message

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful break full of quality time with friends and family. It makes me so happy to see students and teachers return refreshed from their holiday break and ready for instruction. This is actually my favorite time of the school year as students are really getting into the best part of the curriculum and some of the most valuable instruction happens. It is also very important that students miss as little school as possible because each day is filled with learning that will help students make the necessary progress to meet end-of-year goals. Our teachers continue to work to make sure students are making connections and engaged to the content they are learning. Please help us by making sure your kids stay healthy and focused so they can be free to have fun learning. I am excited for our students to continue to develop the skills and confidence to be successful in this great new year and beyond.

Warmest regards,

*Dr. Derrick*

## **NORTHWOOD IS HIRING NOON DUTIES!!!**

**Do you have a flexible schedule? Are you interested in helping our school and keeping students safe?**

**We are in need of yard duties during our lunch hours of 11:15am to 12:45pm If you are interested or have any questions, please see Holly Broker in the front office.**

**Position details can be found at [edjoin.org](http://edjoin.org)  
Search under Berryessa for District Job Opportunities**

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## **Northwood Parent Workshop Series:**

### **Partnering With Schools: *Building Communication and Routines that Support Student Success***

Please join us for a Parent Workshop in the Multipurpose Room,  
**Thursday, January 30th, 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.**

Our Site Social Worker, Nicole Stiggall, will be discussing building connections between the school day and home life to support child development and social-emotional learning.

(Presentation will be targeted to Kindergarten through 2nd grade parents, but open to all)

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### **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 and have them sit on the curb side.
- Have students walk to class 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.
- No parking in the Bus Loop at any time.
- Students must use crosswalks.

**Do not use Staff Parking Lot.**

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## Student Absences

When your child will not be attending school, please notify the office directly. It is not sufficient to report the absence to the teacher.

The attendance clerk 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 serious and when students miss school, they miss valuable instruction.

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### Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)

This month we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday on January 20th. Below are some interesting facts about the civil rights leader.

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



### **For Translation Assistance**

Please call the district hotline:

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1-408-923-1902 (Spanish)

1-408-923-1903 (Vietnamese)

An office assistant will get in touch with you to deliver the translation of the document.



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會有人與您聯繫,為您翻譯資料上的重要內容

Por favor llame al teléfono de asistencia al 1-408-923-1902 y alguien se pondrá en contacto para darle la información esencial del documento.

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và sẽ có người giúp quý vị để hiểu những điều cốt  
yếu của văn kiện.