



Northwood Times



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April 2018

Important Dates to Remember

April	
30th-6th	SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
12th	Thursday Flag Salute
12th	PTA Association Meeting 8:30am
12th	Crazy Hair Day
13th	SBAC 3rd Gr. Parent Wkshp 8:30a.m
26th	Parent Workshop: Limiting Screentime
26th	PTA STEAM Night 6:30-7:30pm
30th	SBAC Testing Begins
May	
1st-5th	Staff Appreciation Week
3rd	Thursday Flag Salute
3rd	Open House/Science Fair
3rd	Color Day
23rd	Orchestra Concert @ CW
24th	3rd Grade Orchestra Concert in multi
28th	Memorial Day-NO SCHOOL
30th	Band Concert @ Cherrywood

Principal's Message

I know that all of our Northwood families are looking forward to Spring Break next week. The sun is finally out and the weather will be perfect to get outside and exercise as well as visit friends and family. Later in the month our 3rd through 5th grade students will be preparing for our Smarter Balanced state testing. While we take a holistic approach in educating our students, assessing our students is an important part of ensuring their progress. We want to make sure that students feel confident and prepared for testing. This month will be a critical time as students review and study the curriculum with their teachers. Please review the testing tips on this page to ensure your child performs at their best. We are committed to a tradition of academic excellence and Northwood that is only possible with the support of our parents and families.

Warmest regards,

Mr. Derrick

SBAC Testing 2018

Northwood will begin our state testing for 3rd through 5th grades the week of April 30th. While testing is just one way that we measure performance it is extremely important to all the staff at Northwood that students are confident and prepared. We want to continue our tradition of academic excellence and want every student to perform at their best. Below are some tips for families so that every student performs at their highest possible level.

- 1) **Get plenty of rest.** Students who get a good night sleep the night before are going to be more awake and focused.
- 2) **Eat Breakfast.** Make sure that students have something before school or have time to stop by the cafeteria to eat breakfast before class.
- 3) **Reduce stress and distractions.** Try to plan large family functions or events after testing is over. These can disrupt routine and make it difficult for students to focus at school. Also, work as a family to make sure that mornings to smoothly on testing days. Stress that students experience before school can negatively affect their performance throughout the day.
- 4) **Stay healthy.** Make sure that students are eating right and not feeling sick during a test. It's better for students to make up a test later when they are better than suffer through.
- 5) **Practice at home.** The more students are familiar with the online format the better they will do on testing day. Parents and students can go online to the Smarter Balanced website: <https://practice.smarterbalanced.org/student/>, once there, simply press "Sign In", choose the **grade** from the drop down menu, and from there students can practice several Math and English Language Arts tests.

We appreciate your efforts in helping our students do their best. We want them all to feel confident and prepared on testing days.

4th grade Honor Roll

Ms. Kearns
Prachet K.
Hugh L.
Tatva S.
Emily T.
Emma Y.

Ms. Boyd
Eva H.
Kobe T.
Dhiya S.
Neil J.
Daniyal K.

Mrs. Sundaram
Larry L.
Steven N.
Shruti R.
Jonathan W.

5th grade Honor Roll

Mrs. Kramer
Ryan H.
Jayden N.
Ashna M.
Kaleah L.
Jessica N.
Isabella J.
Elijah L.

Ms. Yee
Annette V.
Hailey T.
Brayden C.
Ivy H.
Kavimitiran P.
Subhranshu D.

Mrs. Sundaram
Aprameya A.
Rithvik P.
Nolawi S.
Mritika S.

Principal's Honor Roll

Mrs. Sundaram
4th- Pankhudi S.
5th- Sai C.
Rinzen M.
Kimaya S.
Leomy T.

Mrs. Kramer
Katherine H.
Amanda T.
Vaishnavi R.
Katie-Thi P.
Nancy L.
Bryan Y.
Aamav R.
Nihal P.

Ms. Yee
Eva H.
Kobe T.
Dhiya S.
Neil J.
Daniyal K.



Northwood Parent Workshop Series:

Limiting Screentime:

Strategies to help you balance your kids exposure to Technology

All parents are invited to join us on Thursday, April 26th, 2018, 8:15 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room

Our School Social Worker, Nicole Stiggall, will present recent research about kids and too much technology use and its affect on brain development. We will also explore ways that we can help our kids achieve a balance to ensure they are reaching their academic potential while maintaining healthy social emotional development.

Northwood Parent Workshop Series: Helping Your Child Succeed in Reading and Writing on the SBAC

Third grade parents are invited to join us in the Multipurpose Room on **Friday, April 13th** from **8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.**

Mrs. Shem will be providing information and resources specifically for 3rd grade parents to help support their child succeed.

Classroom Celebrations

The following is just a reminder of our Berryessa School District Policy regarding celebrations for birthdays and holidays.



- Class parties or celebrations that involve food shall be held after the lunch period and should be limited to no more than one party per class per month.
- Parents are encouraged to offer healthy food and beverage choices for celebrations. Foods should be commercially purchased and devoid of common allergens, e.g., peanuts, to minimize the risk of food-borne illness and allergic reactions.
- Parents may opt to bring goodie bags consisting of safe and age-appropriate school supplies or toys rather than food. Goodie bags will be distributed at the end of the school day.

For Translation Assistance

Please call the district hotline:
1-408-923-1901 (Chinese)
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1-408-923-1903 (Vietnamese)



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

請利用校區熱線電話1-408-923-1901

會有人與您聯繫,為您翻譯資料上的重要內容

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.

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.

