



Northwood Times



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Important Dates to Remember

January	
1st	New Year's Day NO SCHOOL
10th	Flag Salute/Super Hero Day
21st	No School
18th	PTA 1st round Spelling Bee
25th	Spelling Bee Final
31st	5th Grade Poetry Night
February	
1st	Yearbook Cover Voting
7th	Flag Salute/Multicultural Day
14th	Valentine's Day
15th	Minimum Day
18th-22nd	Presidents Week-No School

Principal's Message

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful break full of quality time with friends and family. Students and teachers are refreshed and ready to be back in the classroom. As an educator, this has always been my favorite time of year because the content and curriculum becomes so exciting because students have built up so many foundational skills leading up to this point that help them reach deeper levels of learning. It is also a crucial time for students for making progress to preparing to meet end of the year standards. Our teachers are working seamlessly towards standards proficiency as well as preparing our kids for end-of-the-year assessments as well as making learning fun and engaging. Please help your kids stay healthy and focused as they concentrate on their studies. We are all excited for our students to be confident and prepared as they continue to learn and grow.

Warmest Regards,
Mr. Derrick

After School Pick-Up

Student safety is our highest priority at Northwood School and we are concerned about the increasing number of students who are left after dismissal time with no one to meet them. Children can feel confused and apprehensive when they are not picked up on time. It is also not safe for students to be unsupervised by themselves for prolonged periods of time while they wait to be picked up on the playground or other places on campus. .

Unfortunately, our school is not staffed to provide supervision for students who are left after school. Please arrange to pick up your child at dismissal time or have them walk home to a safe place. If you are in need of after school childcare there are many options in the area that operate with our site that have spots available.

Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe.



Parent Workshop Series:

Digital Citizenship:
Balancing Technology Use
for Social Emotional and
Academic Development

Please join us for a Parent Workshop in the Multipurpose Room, **Friday, January 28th, 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.**

Our Site Social Worker, Nicole Stiggall, and our Instructional Coach, Kalpana Thatte will be discussing online safety and how to help kids reach a balance of healthy technology use for appropriate social and academic development.

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.

Please do not use Staff Parking Lot.

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.

Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)

This month we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday on January 21st. 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.

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