



Northwood Times



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March 2018

Important Dates to Remember

March	
1st	Crazy Sock Day
8th	3rd grade Orchestra Concert
9th-16th	Spring Conference Week
9th-16th	Early 1pm release
23rd	Spring Picture Day
29th	SBAC Parent Workshop
30th	No School
April	
2nd-6th	Spring Break-NO SCHOOL
12th	Crazy Hair Day
19th	PTA Science Night

Principal's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful break last week. It is an important time of year for students to focus on building the skills they will need to succeed throughout the end of this year and the next. We also work hard to prepare our third, fourth, and fifth grade students for SBAC testing. More than ever it necessary that kids are present and ready to learn everyday. I also wanted to address the recent concerns over school safety in light of recent events. Attached to this month's newsletter are some tips in how to talk to your kids about violence. As your principal, providing a safe and secure environment to our children has always been my top priority. Our school and district are continuing to work on ways to improve the safety of our campus and conduct regular safety drills for different scenarios. We appreciate your help as parents and community members. Always check in to the office if visiting during school hours and alert staff members to any open gates prior to the end of the day. In addition, don't hesitate to call the authorities if you witness or have a security concern. Together we can work to keep our kids safe.

In partnership,

Mr. Derrick

BEF RAFFLE TICKETS



Northwood is working with the Berryessa Education Foundation to participate in selling raffle tickets for the "Raffle to Make a Difference" to be held on Saturday, March 24th at 11:00 am in the boardroom at 1376 Piedmont Road. (You do not have to be present to win.)

Each \$4.00 raffle ticket gives you the opportunity to win one of many prizes and to help raise funds. Half of each \$4.00 ticket sold will raise funds that will be made available for our school. Our goal is to sell 1000 tickets and make \$2000 available for our classrooms needs. Please help our school by purchasing tickets and to give you chances to win!

Prizes include: 55" LED Smart TV Roku, Two Prizes of two Disneyland Two Day Park Hopper Tickets, Care Bear 2 seater Dune Buggy, Four Sea World Single-Day Admission Tickets, and many other prizes.

The Berryessa Education Foundation was created in 1992 to help support Berryessa teachers in the classroom. Since 1992 they have given over \$300,000 to make a difference for Berryessa students. Half of all ticket sales will be used to help the Foundation continue to provide grants to Berryessa teachers.

Northwood Parent Workshop Series: *Preparing for the SBAC Test*

3rd through 5th grade parents are invited to join us in the Multipurpose Room on Thursday, March 29th from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.

Our Instructional Coach, Kalpana Thatte, will be providing information for parents about the SBAC test as well as resources and strategies to help your child succeed.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day is an annual feast day celebrating the patron saint the day is named after. St. Patrick's Day is the national holiday of Ireland and is usually celebrated on **March 17**. St. Patrick's Day has become a popular holiday and is celebrated with parades and festivals in cities across the United States. People wear green and eat corned beef and cabbage.



Student Absences

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

Picture Day

Spring Portraits
Your Way



SEE BEFORE YOU BUY!

Mark Your Calendar for Spring Picture Day

Northwood Elementary School
Friday, March 23, 2018
\ viernes, 23 de marzo, 2018

Questions? Call 1-866-955-8342 or contact us using the email template located on lifetouch.com

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School Portraits

For Translation Assistance

Please call the district hotline:

1-408-923-1901 (Chinese)

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.

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.

DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Program Goals

Meet the challenges of a global society • Become bilingual and biliterate • Gain career advantages • Increase awareness of cultural traditions and customs • Achieve academic proficiency in English and Mandarin/Spanish



Tuesday, March 6th
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Berryessa District
Office Board Room

Exploring Parent
Interest for a Fall
2018 Launch!!
Mandarin Immersion
&
Spanish Immersion

Potential Grades:
Kindergarten & 1st
grade

Opportunity to
express your intent
to enroll! Limited
spaces available!

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Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Educators

Families and school personnel play a critical role in helping to reestablish a sense of normalcy and security for children after an act of violence occurs. Follow these key reminders and visit www.nasponline.org/children-and-violence to learn more.



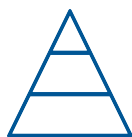
Reaffirm Safety

Emphasize that schools are very safe. Let children speak about their feelings and validate all reactions to the event. Support the appropriate expression of their feelings and help to put them in perspective.



Make Time to Talk

Let children's questions guide the information provided. Be patient and look for clues that a child wants to talk. Young children may need concrete activities (e.g., imaginative play) and some older children may prefer writing or playing music.



Keep Explanations Developmentally Appropriate

Early Elementary

Provide simple information balanced by assurance of safety.

Upper Elementary & Early Middle

Answer questions and assist in separating reality from fantasy.

Upper Middle & High

Emphasize student role in safety & how to access support.



Review Safety Procedures

Help children identify one adult at school and in the community that they can go to if they feel threatened or at risk. Review procedures and safeguards in school and home settings.



Observe Children's Emotional State

Some will not express themselves verbally but changes in behavior, appetite, or sleep patterns can indicate anxiety or stress. Seek help from a mental health professional for those with more intense reactions.



Maintain a Normal Routine

Keep a regular schedule to assure and promote physical and mental health. Encourage maintenance of school work and extracurricular activities but do not push children if they seem overwhelmed. Limit TV exposure.