



Northwood Times



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November 2017

November	
2nd	First Thursday Flag Salute
5th	Daylight Saving Time Ends
8th, 13-17	Fall Conferences-Early release
10th	Veteran's Day (NO SCHOOL)
17th	Picture Retakes
20 - 24	Thanksgiving Break
23rd	Thanksgiving Day
December	
7th	First Thursday Flag Salute
15th	Minimum Day
18th - 1/1	Holiday Break
Jan 2nd	School Resumes

What is Veterans Day?




On November 11th, we honor the wartime service and sacrifice of men and women in the armed forces. Originally proclaimed Armistice Day in 1919 to commemorate the end of World War I, it was renamed Veterans Day in 1954 to include American veterans of all wars. Many parades and events are held on the day to honor retired, active duty, and fallen soldiers.

Principal's Message

It's already November and that means our teachers will be conducting conferences with parents this month to go over our students' first trimester grades. This is an important opportunity to get to know more about your child's academic progress, as well as get to know more about your child's classroom teacher. These meetings are a great way to build shared knowledge and understanding of the instruction students are receiving at school to their study habits at home. I encourage all parents to come prepared to listen as well with questions and specific feedback that will help you understand more about what you can do to help your child's academic achievement. Our success depends on a network of support and we at Northwood are here to ensure that all students are provided with an outstanding education. Northwood families and teachers make our school a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Warmest regards,
Mr. Derrick



Daylight Saving Time Ends
Set your clocks back 1 hour
on
Sunday, November 5th at
2:00am.

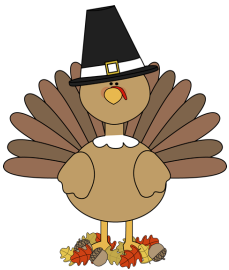
Attendance Policy

If your child is absent from school due to an illness or appointment please call the Northwood Office at (408)923-1940. Please give the reason for the absence and the name of your student's teacher. If you do not call, you will receive an automated phone message asking you to call in your student's absence. If you do not call the office the unverified absence will be marked unexcused. Please be reminded that three unexcused absences will warrant a truancy letter. Five unexcused absences and you will have to attend a meeting with the Berryessa Union School District's SARB Board (School Attendance Review Board).

Make up Picture Day - Friday, November 17th

- Dress Nicely - Common or Free Dress
- Please keep attire appropriate for school
- Send your order with your child to school
- More info can be found at mylifetouch.com

How did Thanksgiving Day become a holiday?

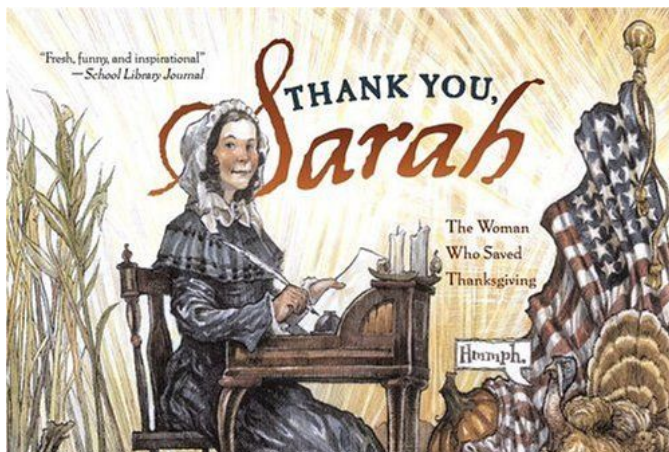


During the 1800s, a famous editor of the Ladies' Magazine and Godey's Lady's Book by the name of Sarah Josepha Hale (author of "Mary had a little lamb") worked many years to promote the idea of a National Thanksgiving Day.

She was credited for persuading President Abraham Lincoln to declare Thanksgiving a national holiday. Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November 1863 as "A day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father."

However, in 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed it to one week earlier. This was to help businesses by lengthening the shopping period before Christmas. There was an uproar and it was changed back to its original date two years later.

Congress changed it again after 1941 to the fourth Thursday of November and it would be a legal federal holiday. You can read about her story in the book Thank you, Sarah by Laurie Halse Anderson, available to view in our Library.



Our staff & students are counting on you to drive responsibly and to follow traffic laws. Fifth grade volunteer greeters help with the flow of traffic. Staff members help to monitor traffic and ensure student safety at dismissal time. Do not park or block other cars in the bus loop. Parents should not be parking in the Staff Parking Lot. The parking lot is for STAFF ONLY. Please respect our efforts to keep everyone safe. Bad language, rudeness, rude gestures and unsafe driving are inappropriate and not appreciated by staff and students who are trying to do their jobs. License plate numbers of vehicles whose drivers are rude or exhibit unsafe driving will be turned over to the SJPD, School Safety Division, for follow-up.



Please remember the following:

NO PARKING IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT.

NO PARKING IN THE BUS LOOP AT ANY TIME.

STUDENTS MUST CROSS AT THE CROSSWALKS.

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.