

"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."



# NORTHWOOD TIMES

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December 2021		January 2022	
17th 20th -31st	Minimum Day Holiday Break - NO SCHOOL	3rd 17th	Students Return to School MLK Jr. Birthday - NO SCHOOL

MINIMUM DAY  
DECEMBER 17TH, 2021  
EARLY DISMISSAL  
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



## Principal's Message

I can't believe December is already here and the new year is right around the corner. As I look back on the past months I am so proud of the work that our students and teachers have done. We have come such a long way since fully re-opening our school in August and it fills my heart with joy to see our students playing and learning together. As we look forward to our holiday break in a couple of weeks I wanted to urge you to spend quality time together as a family. There will, of course, be lots of time for video games and iPads but sometimes it's the little things that we do together that create lasting memories. Whether it's baking cookies or driving around at night looking at light displays, these moments together can mean a lot. I hope everyone has a wonderful and restful break and we look forward to seeing you back at school in 2022.

Happy Holidays,  
*Dr. Derrick*

## Bus Loop Reminders

Keeping our students safe in the morning and afternoon is important to us. The Bus Loop has been especially busy this year. It is also important that we model the behavior that we want for our children. Please see the rules below to keep things running smoothly and safely.

Please remember the following:

- **No parking in the bus loop at any time.**
- **Please pull forward and only use the outside lane for passing.**
- **Remain in your car and allow students to walk up to the gates by themselves.**
- **Do not walk through the grass or driveway.**
- **Do not allow your children to cross unattended outside of crosswalks.**
- **Please listen to staff and volunteers.**



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## Winter Break Fun

Keep the family activities free and fun with some at-home and do-it-yourself style craft projects that can be catered to family members of all ages. Enjoy making paper snowflakes, baking cookies, building a marshmallow snowman, and reading your favorite books to loved ones. You can have family fun with items you probably already have. Looking for something to read, here's a list of some warm winter titles:

1. [Dream Snow](#) (Eric Carle)
2. [The Snowy Day](#) (Ezra Jack Keats)
3. [Who's That Knocking on Christmas Eve](#) (Jan Brett)
4. [It's Hanukkah!](#) (Jeanne Modesitt)
5. [The Polar Express](#) (Chris Van Allsburg)
6. [Gingerbread Baby](#) (Jan Brett)
7. [The Mitten](#) (Jan Brett)
8. [Zigzag!: A Magical Hanukkah Night](#) (Eric A. Kimmel)
9. [The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder](#) (Mark Cassino)
10. [Seven Candles for Kwanzaa](#) (Andrea Davis Pinkney)
11. [The Last Holiday Concert](#) (Andrew Clements)



## PTA REFLECTIONS AWARD WINNERS

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY	FILM PRODUCTION
Award of Excellence (Intermediate) <b>S. Gandhi, Grade 4</b> Award of Excellence (Primary - tie) <b>A. S. Sankaranarayanan, Grade 2</b> <b>V. Satheeshkumar, Grade 2</b> Award of Merit (Intermediate) <b>M. Satheesh Kumar, Grade 5</b> Award of Merit (Primary) <b>S. Sivalogeswaran, Grade 2</b>	Award of Excellence (Intermediate) <b>M. Satheesh Kumar, Grade 5</b> Award of Excellence (Primary) <b>R. George, Grade 1</b> Award of Merit (Intermediate) <b>A. Rawat, Grade 3</b> Award of Merit (Primary) <b>S. Sivalogeswaran, Grade 2</b>
LITERATURE	MUSIC COMPOSITION
Award of Excellence (Intermediate) <b>M. Prakash, Grade 3</b> Award of Excellence (Primary) <b>R. George, Grade 1</b> Award of Merit (Intermediate) <b>M. Satheesh Kumar, Grade 5</b> Award of Merit (Primary) <b>A. Aravind, Grade 2</b>	Award of Excellence (Intermediate) <b>P. Chandwani, Grade 4</b> Award of Excellence (Primary) <b>S. Murugan, Grade 2</b> Award of Merit (Intermediate) <b>S. Gandhi, Grade 4</b> Award of Merit (Primary - tie) <b>R. George, Grade 1</b> <b>S. Sivalogeswaran, Grade 2</b>
PHOTOGRAPHY	VISUAL ARTS
Award of Excellence (Intermediate) <b>S. Gandhi, Grade 4</b> Award of Excellence (Primary) <b>R. George, Grade 1</b> Award of Merit (Intermediate) <b>M. Satheesh Kumar, Grade 5</b> Award of Merit (Primary) <b>M. Vijay, Kindergarten</b>	Award of Excellence (Intermediate) <b>M. Satheesh Kumar, Grade 5</b> Award of Excellence (Primary) <b>S. Satheesh, Grade 2</b> Award of Merit (Intermediate) <b>D. Pingali, Grade 5</b> Award of Merit (Primary) <b>S. Sivalogeswaran, Grade 2</b>

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