



Northwood Times



Pathway to the Future

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Maricela Krickovic, Principal

"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."

December 2022	
15th	Crafts and Candy Canes
23rd-January 6th	No School: Winter Break
January 2023	
16th	No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
19th	Star Gazing Night

Principal's Message

December is now here, and with it comes the constant hustle and bustle of the season. These past few weeks have been flying by quickly, and before you know it, the winter holidays will be here.

This time of the year is usually a very busy time for many of us. Many of us, during this time, may get caught up in all the holiday preparations, and the gifts that may be given, but not all gifts need to be bought. There are many things that we can give our children that come without a cost. During this break, one of the gifts I reflect on is giving the gift of time. Take time each day and ask your child how their day went. Ask them what they did or learned. Ask not only what they did in school today, but also what kind act they did for another person. Read a book together, asking questions as the story progresses. Play a game, cook together, or just stay home and watch a favorite movie or show together. Objects may come and go, but memories will last a lifetime. There are many ways that one can give, be it to their community, their friends, or their family.

On behalf of Northwood School, I would like to thank you all for your constant support. We wish you all a safe, joyous, and peaceful holiday season.

Warmest Regards,
Mrs. Maricela Krickovic

Thursday Flag Salute and Respect Month

Each Thursday morning before our students head off to class, we come together as a school community and listen to important school announcements, do our Pledge of Allegiance, participate in our Northwood Cheer, and hear about important dates and themes for our school.

Each month, we are looking to highlight a specific trait or characteristic, and this month, we are highlighting **Respect**.

This month, our First Thursday Spirit Day was "Sweater Weather," where our students were able to wear their favorite sweater or Holiday sweater. Our students looked so cozy and warm that day. This month, we also switched our Thursday morning flag by having our Kindness Squad come to join us. Our Kindness Squad is really beginning to take initiative in spreading kindness around campus. Our Thursday Bear Day this month was "Respect," where our students learned about what respect is, what it looks like, and the ways that it can be demonstrated. Our story, that Mrs. Bobias, our school Media Tech, will be reading to our classes this month, is [Do Onto Otters](#) by Laurie Keller. Through this story, students learn about manners and respecting one another. Our last Spirit Day for December will be on December 22nd, and it will be Pajama Day. Students are able to come in their comfiest and coziest pajamas. Students are able to wear robes, but please no slippers.

Parents are welcome to stay and join during our Thursday Flag Salute, but we do kindly ask that parents remain in the designated areas. As soon as our Thursday morning Flag ends, we ask that any parents on campus exit through the Northwood Park exit and the gates will be closed as soon as our classes are dismissed back to their classrooms.

COVID Testing after December Break

In order to help with a safe return to school from our December Break, it is highly recommended that families test on Sunday, 1/8/2023 or before coming to school on Monday, 1/9/2023 . We have COVID at home test kits available in our front office. If you would like to pick up tests, we will have them available in our school office. Please note that although the test expiration date for the Care Start Access Bio At home tests is listed as September 2022, the date has been extended by the [FDA to March 2023](#). If you are picking up tests on Thursday, December 22nd, please arrive by 2:00pm.

As a reminder ALL test results from tests distributed from our school sites need to be reported on our Primary Health Website. By uploading testing results to the Primary Health website, it helps us continue to provide free COVID tests at school sites for our families.

Winter Break Ideas

Staying home for the holidays and looking for some ways to make some new family memories? Here are some ideas:

Cooking together- Why not try making one of your favorite family dishes or trying a new recipe?

Crafting - Thinking about a gift to get someone, what about making one? There are many websites that offer ideas of winter crafts that can be made with homemade items.

Writing cards or letters to family and friends- Send a message to a family member or friends to let them know that you are thinking about them during

Visit new nearby places- Take a trip to Christmas in the Park, visit a new park for a hike, or just take a drive around to see the Christmas lights in different areas

Create a new family tradition - Discuss as a family what are some new traditions that you can bring in.

Donate unwanted items - This is a good time to look around the house and see if there is anything that can become a treasure for a new family.

Build a gingerbread house together- Why just build a gingerbread house? Why not build a gingerbread town?

Lego Challenge - Does your child like Legos? Create a challenge for them where you give them a category and they build something using their imagination.

Craft and Candy Canes

We are looking forward to our first community event "Crafts and Candy Canes" this Thursday, December 15th, from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. We would like to proceed with caution as the number of Covid cases are on the rise again in Santa Clara County. We strongly encourage you to wear a mask, if you plan to attend our event. If you or anyone in your household isn't feeling well, please stay home and we look forward to seeing you at our next event. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Lost and Found

The days are also starting to get a little chillier and rainy. Children are bringing their coats and sweaters, but they may not be returning them home. After breaks, we are finding many jackets and sweaters left around campus. If your child is missing articles of clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc., please visit our lost and found before school or after school (after 2:30pm). Our lost and found is located in our outdoor eating area. On rainy days, it is located in our multi-purpose room. It is also recommended to label student's items, as it may help identifying who items belong to. Items that are not picked up from our lost and found may be donated.

Securely Visitor Sign-In

If you have stopped by our front office recently, you may have noticed a black iPad that is in front of Ms. Amanda's desk. This iPad is for our new Securely Visitor sign-in that is being used by our district. All visitors that are stopping in our front office, will need to sign-in using our Securely system. If you are stopping by our school office, please make sure to bring an ID, as it will be needed with the new system.

Child Not Feeling Well and At-Home Antigen Testing

If your child is not feeling well, please contact our school office to let us know. **All absences need to be reported to our school office.**

We encourage our families to continue to use at-home antigen tests, especially if your child is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. When symptomatic, students should remain at home, and get tested. If students have been out with any COVID-19 symptoms, parents will receive an email from our Health Clerk, Ms. Magy, with steps that need to be followed before students return to school. Students should wear a mask around others, until symptoms resolve. If you need at-home antigen tests, to test your child, please stop by our school office between 8:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday.

All COVID-19 home tests results, positive or negative, **must be** reported to [Primary Health](#), especially if you are using one of our District issued kits. If your child tests positive, please inform me as soon as possible (mkrickovic@busd.net), so that we may send you follow-up guidance.

To upload your results:

1. Sign up or renew your consent for this school year at: https://my.primary.health//busd_2022 (make sure you confirm your email and phone number)
2. Take your test as instructed and then take a photo of the test
3. Upload it to: https://my.primary.health/appointment_recoveries - Instructions: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

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Spanish, 408-923-1902 Español

Vietnamese, 408-923-1903

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會有人與您聯繫,為您翻譯資料上的重要內容

Si desea información en español, por favor llame a la línea de asistencia en español al 1-408-923-1902 y alguien le llamará para darle un resumen de este documento.

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