

## Northwood Times



Pathway to the Future

#### November 2022

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"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."

November 2022	
9th	Make-up Picture Day
9th-18th	Parent/ Caregiver-Teacher Conferences
9th- 18th	Minimum Day (Early Release)
10th	No School: Staff Professional Development Day (no
	students)
11th	No School: Veteran's Day
21st-25th	No School: Thanksgiving Break
December 2022	
15th	Holiday Evening Event
23rd-January 6th	No School: Winter Break

### Principal's Message

In the blink of an eye, November has arrived and with it, it brings our Parent/Caregiver-Teacher Conferences. This is a time for parents/caregivers and teachers to discuss together not only the academic, but also the social and study skill progress of their child. We are hoping that each of you will be able to attend your child's Parent/ Caregiver-Teacher Conference, as it is a way to continue working together as a partner with your child's teacher. Notices of meeting dates are being sent home; therefore, please be on the look-out for them.

During the month of November, many people take time to think about all the things that they are thankful for. I am truly thankful for all of you. This is a wonderful community to be working with, and every day I look forward to coming to work at Northwood. Thank you to the Northwood staff for all you do for our community. You are all amazing and your caring nature and dedication does not go unnoticed. Thank you, parents and families, for entrusting us with you children each day, and all the support you give. You are all such an important and instrumental part of our school community and we are lucky to have your families here at Northwood. Above all, thank you students for always making me smile, for your kind words, and all your hard work. You are all so special to me, and you are the reason that I come to school with a smile on my face each day. Once again, thank you for all you do for Northwood. I feel so blessed to be a part of this amazing community. I hope you and your family have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving break.

#### **Picture Day**

Save the date, and bring your smiles! Make-up Picture Day will be taking place on **Wednesday**, **November 9**, **2022**. Please be on the lookout for picture day fliers coming home in the coming days.



## **Thursday Flag Salute and Gratitude 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 **Gratitude.** Gratitude is an emotion that is oftentimes demonstrated when we feel thankful for something. When we show gratitude, we are acknowledging something positive that someone has done for us or the wonderful things that are happening in our lives.

For this month, we invite not only our students to participate in our monthly theme, but also our entire community. Our goal this month will be to build a Northwood Community Gratitude Tree that we will display in our multi-purpose room. Each leaf on our tree will be something that a member of our Northwood Community has shared that they are thankful for. I invite our entire Northwood Community to complete the following Google Form to share things that they are grateful for.

#### Northwood Gratitude Tree Google Form

This month, our Thursday Bear Day is "Gratitude Day." Our students will be writing and sending thank you letters to their friends, family, teachers, and Northwood staff. Our story, that Mrs. Bobias, our school Media Tech, will be reading to our classes this month, is <u>The Thank You Book</u> by Mary Lyn Ray.

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.

#### Parent/ Caregiver- Teacher Conferences

During this time, we will be holding our Parent/Caregiver - Teacher conferences. This is an opportunity for parents/caregivers to meet with their student's teacher to discuss the academic and social progress of their children. These meetings help strengthen the home and school partnerships that we aim to form with our families. We hope that all of our families will be able to join their child's teacher for these important conferences. During our conference week, our students will be on early dismissal.

#### November 9-November 18, 2022:

Kinder Dismissal: 12:40pm 1st - 5th Dismissal: 1:00pm

### **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. Please see our school district's updated "Reminder



from our School Nurse: Keep III Kids at Home," as it has been updated from when it was shared previously.

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 <u>Primary Health</u>, 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: <a href="https://my.primary.health/l/busd\_2022">https://my.primary.health/l/busd\_2022</a> (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: <a href="https://my.primary.health/appointment\_recoveries">https://my.primary.health/appointment\_recoveries</a> Instructions: <a href="mailto:English">English</a> I <a href="mailto:Spanish">Spanish</a>



#### **School Safety Plan**

During our October School Site Council Meeting, we discussed our School Safety Plan goals and voted on our goals for this school year. This school year, our two goals are:

- Our schools are a source of pride in our community with safe, clean and healthy facilities where our students can learn, achieve and succeed.
  - Continue to develop and strengthen emergency preparedness.
  - Improve our Drop off and Pick up procedures for our students to ensure that students are safe when arriving and leaving our campus.
- Our students and staff thrive in an environment of mutual respect, self discipline and a commitment to excellence.
  - Address ongoing social emotional needs of students.
  - Northwood students will strive to be safe, respectful and responsible.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 7, 2022. This meeting will be held as a hybrid model both in person and via ZOOM.



For translation assistance, please call one of our District hotlines below:

Chinese, 408-923-1901 Spanish, 408-923-1902 Español Vietnamese, 408-923-1903

請利用學區中文熱線電話 1-408-923-1901 會有人與您聯繫,為您翻譯資料上的重要內容



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.

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 kiên.



## No School



Thursday, November 10, 2022
Staff Professional Development Day

Friday, November 11, 2022 Veteran's Day



Monday, November 21- Friday, November 25, 2022 Thanksgiving Break



# **Minimum Days**

November 9 - November 18, 2022
Parent/ Caregiver - Teacher Conferences



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