



Northwood Times



Pathway to the Future

September 2022

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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."

September 2022	
5th	Labor Day-No School
12th - 23rd	APEX Fun Run
15th	Back to School Night
23 rd	MINIMUM DAY
26th – 30th	September Break
October 2022	
5th	Picture Day

Principal's Message

Hello Northwood Community! I am so excited to have the opportunity to join Northwood this school year as your new principal. In the month that I have been at Northwood, I have gotten the opportunity to meet and interact with many of our students and their families, and it has been a pleasure getting to know more and more of our school community. Everyone has been so welcoming, and it always brings a smile to my face being on our campus. One of the things that I strongly believe in is building strong home and school relationships, and seeing our families as team members that we work with side by side to support our students. I look forward to building those partnerships with our families, and know that I am committed to helping our students continue to succeed both academically and socially, so that they can become critical thinkers and active citizens in a global community.

Warmest Regards,
Mrs. Maricela Krickovic

APEX Leadership Program at Northwood; First PTA Fundraiser

We are excited to bring back Apex to Northwood this school year. Our Apex fundraiser kicked off on Tuesday, September 13th, 2022, with our school wide Pep Rally. Funds that are raised from this fundraiser have been a huge benefit to our school and we appreciate your continued support and participation. This year, funds will be used to



support classroom materials and supplies, field trips, PE equipment and safety supplies. Each year the APEX Leadership program helps build strong student leaders, through a theme that is embedded through their lessons and activities, and this year's theme is X-Factor:

Fearless- We can't let fear keep us from chasing our dreams, doing new things, and standing up for what we believe in!

Adapt- When things do not go the way we plan or want, we can adjust! We can make a tough situation into something great.

Care- How can we care for one another? Can we do something for someone without expecting anything in return?

Talk 'Em Up- Our team does best when we boost one another up! Compliment someone today, recognize someone's hard work!

Original- There is only one you! You have your own individual gifts, story and background. Share your talents and story!

Realize- We all have the power to make our world a better place! No matter who you are, understand that **YOU** are the **X-FACTOR** that can change the game for your campus!

For our Fun Run event, on Thursday, 9/22/2022, we will need parent volunteers. The event will take place in the morning. If you are interested in volunteering, please stop by our school office to pick up a volunteer form. Along with the volunteer form, our district also asks that proof of COVID-19 vaccination and a recent TB test be submitted with the forms. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact or stop by our front office. Let's make this year another huge success to support our Northwood students!

Thursday Flag Salute and Kindness 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 **kindness**. Where our Spirit Days invite our students to participate in our school spirit events, our Bear Days are days where we focus on the trait or characteristic that we are trying to build in our school community. This month, our Thursday Bear Day is "Be A Cool Bean," which ties into the book, The Cool Bean, by Jory John, that our students will be reading or listening to this month. Through this story, students learn about how generosity, helpfulness, and kindness are some of the traits that make us a "cool bean," and are traits that are admired.

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.

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 your child tests negative, symptoms need to improve, before coming back to



school. Students should wear a mask around others, until symptoms resolve. If a student has a runny nose and another COVID-19 related symptom, they must be sent home. 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. **Please also send the results to our principal at mkrickovic@busd.net.** If your child tests positive, please inform us as soon as possible, so that we may send you follow-up guidance.

To upload your results into our Primary Health Portal:

1. Sign up or renew your consent for this school year at: https://my.primary.health/l/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](#)

Back-To-School Night

Mark your calendars for our curriculum night on Thursday, September 15th beginning at 5:30 pm. We are so excited to have you back on campus and look forward to welcoming you into the classrooms. Our goal of Back to School Night is for you to get to know your child's teacher, learn about the daily schedule and classroom expectations, and find out about the curriculum and standards our teachers will be teaching this year. Unfortunately, they will not have time to discuss your child during Back to School Night. If you do have questions or concerns with regards to your child, please reach out to your child's teacher to discuss any child specific questions you have. During this time, we also ask for the event to be parents only, as our teachers will be sharing a lot of information about their classrooms. Please note that we will not have supervision on the playground area or in the outer quads.



5:30pm-5:45pm -- Principal Welcome in the Multipurpose Room

5:45pm-6:15pm -- 1st Classroom Presentation

6:15pm-6:45pm -- 2nd Classroom Presentation

6:45pm -- Back to School Night ends

School Site Council Elections

Thank you to all the parents who let us know about their interest in being a part of our School Site Council. During our Back to School Night, we will hold a parent election. Ballots will be found in our multipurpose room. Please complete the ballot before proceeding to the classroom presentations. Our first School Site Council Meeting will be this Monday, September 19, 2022 at 4:00pm via Zoom.



Pick-up and Drop-Off Times

Please help us keep our drop-off and pick-up times safe:

- Students should be dropped off **no earlier** than 8:00 a.m.
- If you are picking up or dropping off your child in the bus loop, drivers must remain in their vehicles. Our bus loop is a red zone, and parking is not permitted there.



- To help with the flow of traffic in our bus loop, we also ask that children wait until their trusted adult is closer to our covered area before entering or exiting their vehicle.
- Students should use crosswalks to cross the streets safely, and avoid crossing in the middle of the street.
- Avoid 3-point turns, all of our surrounding streets go through.
- Students should be dropped off and picked up next to a sidewalk at all times.

Picture Day

Save the date, and bring your smiles! Picture Day will be taking place on **Wednesday, October 5, 2022**. Please be on the lookout for picture day fliers coming home in the coming days.



For Translation Assistance

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

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español al 1-408-923-1902 y alguien le llamará para darle un resumen de este documento.*

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