

NORTHWOOD PTA NEWS

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Upcoming PTA events

September 27 APEX Fun Run *

We invite all Northwood families to participate in our biggest school fundraising event for this academic year! The Fun Run will take place on **Thursday, September 27th** after school. All the proceeds will be spent on the needs of our school and Northwood PTA.

September 28 Reflections Contest

We accept student artwork for a three week period ending on **Friday, October 19th**. This year's theme is "Heroes Around Me".

Children can submit their artwork daily before or after school to the PTA room. **A student Entry Form must be attached to every work of art!** This Form will be distributed soon through your class teacher along with a Reflections flyer.

October 15-19 Fall Book Fair *

Parents and students are invited to visit our Book Fair, located in the Northwood Library. For questions, please contact Wai Ping Wong or Gayathri Radha at: northwoodpta1@gmail.com

October 18 Literacy Night

We invite all young lovers of reading, along with their parents, to join us on **Thursday, October 18th at 6 pm in the Multi-purpose room**. We have prepared games and prizes! It will be very interesting!

* **Volunteers needed**

Important!



On Thursday, September 27th, After school

The most important day of the APEX Fun Run program is so close! Very soon all the Northwood kids will run to help support our school!

Northwood APEX Fun Run will take place on the large school field and under the school solar panels on Thursday, September 27th after school.

- **Kindergarten to 3rd grade will start at 1:00 pm**
- **4th-5th grades will start at 2:00 pm**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our Northwood families for their excellent participation! We are very excited see how the donations to our classes are growing every day! Many families connected their relatives and friends (even from other parts of the world) to help our school!

We are especially grateful to the parents from Ms. Helfenberger, Ms. Hybarger, Ms. Ducote and Ms. Sundaram's classes. These classes lead in the amount of pledges per lap!

Soon our children will start this important challenge. They will run for 30 minutes around the Apex Raceway to complete as many laps as they can. (Each lap is 1/16th of a mile with a maximum number of laps tracked being 36.) We wish them good luck, easy and fun running!

Sincerely, Northwood PTA Board

If you haven't already, please be sure to download the Apex Fun Run app or login to www.myapexevent.com with your student's "Access Code" which can be found on the front of their pledge kit.

Note!

The day of the run promises to be very hot! Northwood PTA will provide all possible means for cooling kids: ice, drinking water, spray bottles...

We ask parents to take care to ensure students wear cool clothes and appropriate shoes. Hats are strongly recommended!

Volunteers are needed!

We need the help of at least 30 Northwood parents for:

- marking completed laps on students' T-shirts;
- distributing drinking water;
- cooling children with spray bottles;

Ready to help? Please contact us at: northwoodpta1@gmail.com



Event of the month



NORTHWOOD ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On Friday, September 7th, about 300 Northwood children with their parents attended this wonderful PTA event and enjoyed delicious ice cream with a variety of toppings.

We are very grateful to each and every one of our volunteers who helped us in carrying out this event, especially to: Sylaja Sammeta, Kanthi Pingali, Janani Vasudevan, Ksheerabhananaya Mohakuda, Praneet Udgata, Garima Gupta, Rahul Grover, Naga Pravallika and Srinivasulu Gontla!

Many thanks to the PTA Executive Board members for their help!



APEX Fun Run Night

On Tuesday, September 18th the APEX Fun Run program officially started in our school. The event brought a lot of fun and entertainment to Northwood. Two food trucks worked during this Night, and parents were able to ask questions to the APEX team.

Join us!

The More PTA Members, The Stronger We Are!

In our school, in addition to a serious educational experience, students have a great opportunity to show their talents and have fun with their friends and classmates.

The organization of the fun and interesting school-wide events is one primary goal of the Northwood Parent-Teacher Association (Northwood PTA). During one academic year, our PTA will conduct more than 25 different festivals, contests, themed nights and fairs for Northwood students and their families.

★ Why we need your help:

Northwood PTA is a non-profit organization. Therefore, we encourage all Northwood families to become members and support our PTA. This year the membership fee is only \$10 per person. Invite your relatives, friends and neighbors to join us! The more Northwood PTA members, the more wonderful PTA events we will have!

★ PTA member benefits

In addition to participating in all our school activities, Northwood PTA members have a lot of exclusive perks. Read more about it by clicking on this link:

<https://capta.org/join/member-perks/> and

on this link:

<https://www.pta.org/home/About-National-Parent-Teacher-Association/Benefits-of-PTA-Membership/Save-Money-with-Member-Offers>

★ How to become a member?

Fill in a special form (small white and blue envelope) and pay a membership fee of \$10 per person. Put cash or a check in this envelope and return it to your class teacher or school front office.

Each student receives this form at the beginning of the academic year. You can complete this process at any time. For questions, please email Northwood PTA Board at: northwoodpta1@gmail.com



FAQ

❑ What is a "PTA"?

"PTA" is a short for Parent-Teacher Association.

❑ Why does a photographer work at PTA events?

The PTA photographer takes pictures for the school yearbook. Some of these pictures we use for the PTA Newsletter and for our Facebook page. (For posting these photos on the Internet, we get a special permission from the individuals in the photos)

❑ What is a school yearbook?

It is a colorful annual book of memories that contains class photos, portraits of students, teachers and school staff. It is also contains pictures of different school events, pictures from class time, recess, field trips and music concerts.

A Northwood yearbook is produced by Northwood PTA, and printed in a special printing house. All yearbooks will be available for distribution by the end of the school year. To receive a yearbook, you must place a pre-paid order in advance. .

❑ How can I become a PTA volunteer?

We are always very grateful for our volunteers! We really need helpers during our big PTA events, such as Multicultural Night, Family STEAM Night, Book Fair...

Joining our friendly team is very simple! Let us know about your intention to become a PTA volunteer at: northwoodpta1@gmail.com. We will contact you by all means!

Contest!

50th NATIONAL PTA[®] REFLECTIONS[®]

We are seeking student artwork to represent our school in the PTA Reflections Art Contest!

HEROES AROUND ME.

- ❖ All entries will be awarded a **Reflections Brag Tag** and featured at Northwood **Reflections Gallery Night**.
- ❖ The two best entries in each of the six categories (Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts) will be awarded medals and certificates.
- ❖ All 1st place winners advance to the next level of the contest (to the North Valley PTA Council) and will be invited to attend a special Breakfast with our principal Mr. Derrick.

We accept student artwork daily before and after school from **Friday, September 28th** to **Friday, October 19th** in the **PTA room**.

How to enter?

1. Fill out a Reflections Entry Form (will be distributed very soon)
 2. Create your work of art, making sure you follow the contest rules (for Reflections rules click on the links below) *:
- <https://capta.org/programs-events/reflections/general-rules/>
<https://capta.org/resource/participant-forms/>
3. Turn in your artwork and Entry Form **by Friday, October 19th**.
 4. Get your Reflections Brag Tag.
 5. Admire you and your classmates' artwork at **Reflections Gallery Night!**
 6. Wait to collect your artwork and for further instruction if you made it to the next round.

Reflections Gallery Night

On Wednesday, October 24th, 2018

at 6 pm in the Multi-purpose room

All participants' art will be displayed! Light refreshments to be served.

Northwood Reflections Award Ceremony will take place on November 1st, during First Thursday Flag Salute

Questions? Contact Kateryna Maslenko, Reflections chair at northwoodpta1@gmail.com

* Please don't label your artwork! Your name, age and other details must be in the Reflections Entry Form only!



Fundraising



OCTOBER 15th-19th

In the Northwood Library

VISIT OUR FALL BOOK FAIR!



We will sell books from one of the best book companies in the United States (SCHOLASTIC). Here you can easily find the books for any age and any interests:

- ❖ Fun, interactive, beautiful picture books for younger readers.
- ❖ A wide range of chapter books, series, fiction and non-fiction literatures for all levels students.
- **Students** will be attending the Book Fair during school time with their teacher. They can bring along some money with them to buy the books; or they can write down the title of the book on a Wish List for their parents to purchase later.
- **Parents** are welcomed at the Book Fair after school time. You may also buy books for your class teacher (you will find the Teacher's Wish List in the Library).

If you are unable to attend our Fall Book Fair in the school library, you may still support us by visiting our online fair at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/northwoodelementaryschool15>

Questions? Contact Wai Ping Wong or Gayathri Radha, Book Fair chairs at northwoodpta1@gmail.com



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<https://www.facebook.com/NorthwoodSchoolPTA/>

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On sale: Northwood spirit Hoodies and T-shirts!



- * High quality fabric!
- * All sizes are in stock!

The spirit wear sale is held on every Thursday **before and after school** in the PTA room

Spirit wear order form is available in the office or in front of the PTA room.