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NORTHWOOD SCHOOL

The Laker

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Upcoming Events

Feb. 3 PTA Movie Night in Cafeteria featuring "The Secret Life of Pets" rated PG. Free admission and popcorn 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Feb. 3 PTA Meeting in Art Room 6:30pm-8:00pm

Feb. 6 School Board Deliberative Session in Gymnasium at 6:30pm (snow date Feb. 9) - childcare provided!

Feb. 7 Kindergarten Nursery Rhyme show 9:00 & 1:00

Feb. 7 Boys' Basketball Home games: B team 3:45pm, A team 4:45pm

Feb. 8 8th Grade Parent Fundraising Meeting 6:00-7:30pm in the cafeteria

Feb. 10 8th grade fundraiser 6-8 grade dance 6:30-8:30pm in the cafeteria - snow date Friday, Feb. 17th

Feb. 16 School Board Meeting in Library at 6:30pm

Feb. 20 Jump Rope for Heart Fundraising packet sent home

Feb. 23 Winter Sports Awards Night in the cafeteria 6:30pm-7:30pm

Feb. 24 3rd Grade Field Trip to Christa McAuliffe Planetarium

Feb. 27- Mar. 3 No School - Winter Break

Mar. 2 School Board Meeting in Library at 6:30pm

March 8 Staff vs. 8th grade Basketball Game at 3:00pm in the Gymnasium

Mar. 14 School and Town Election Day

Principals' Message

Dear Families,

Are people born with innate intelligence and talent or can intelligence and talent be developed? It turns out that how a person stands on this question can have a profound influence on their learning.

Stanford University psychologist Caroline Dweck's 2006 book, *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success*, and her many subsequent articles and presentation are influencing education, parenting, and business. Dweck's years of research led her to a fundamental insight: People with a fixed mindset--those who believe a person is born with smarts or innate talent and that intelligence is "fixed"--inhibit their own and others' learning and success. In contrast, those with a growth mindset--people who believe that hard work and practice make for success and that intelligence can be developed--tend to develop and grow their talents and skills over a lifetime.

Dweck's website, mindsetonline.com, describes the two mindsets as follows: "In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success--without effort. They're wrong. In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work--brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great people have had these qualities."

It's easy to imagine how a growth mindset improves learning in school. Students who believe that effort helps them learn and succeed stick with learning and grow. Just about all parents want their child's teachers to believe in the child's potential to succeed. Teachers want students who believe they can learn new things if they work hard. It's a good idea for parents and teachers to check their own mindsets. It's not uncommon for a person to have a growth mindset in one area--athletics, for example, or learning to cook--but believe that some people either have or don't have the ability to learn math.

We invite you to examine your own mindset and consider how fostering a growth mindset can help your child succeed in school and in all life's endeavours.

Enjoy your weekend!

Jocelyn & Adrian

News from the Library:

Grade 4 students in their library/world language class are using the digital storytelling tool Educreations to "show what they know" about marine life. Each student chose one marine animal, plant, or landform to research with print reference books. Part of this research lesson included how to write a proper citation to give credit for the source of their facts. While researching, the students recorded "meaty facts". A "meaty fact" is not common knowledge, includes details, and answers the student's guiding research question. Sometimes these research questions had to be modified, but a good question leads to finding the right research source.

With iPad in hand, the students are creating multimedia storyboards with written facts, images, and recorded sound. The students are showing good aptitude using all the features of Educreations. To date, they have entered text and images. Next week we will add the recordings. The Apple TV will allow us to share our work by turning on the mirror iPad function.



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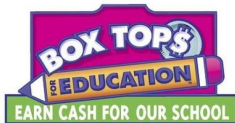


It's time for Jump Rope for Heart! Students in grades K-5 will be bring home their Jump Rope for Heart fundraising packet on February 20th! By partnering with the American Heart Association, your kids will learn about their heart and how to develop healthy habits and have the opportunity to raise funds to assist in research on cardiovascular diseases and illness. Heart disease is the nation's #1 killer. We want our kids in our community to take action to prevent heart disease TODAY!
-Thank you, Mrs. Tyler



- **PTA Family Movie Night - Friday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Cafe. We are featuring "The Secret Life of Pets" Rated (PG) Free admission, free popcorn.
- **PTA Meeting will be on Friday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Art Room. New members always welcome! See how you can participate.
- **Amazon Smile** -When you shop on Amazon a percentage of your purchase goes to the Northwood PTA. Visit this link:
https://smile.amazon.com/?ie=UTF8&pldnNewCustomer=1&ref=_smi_ges_cnf_smi

Contact us via PTA web page or email:
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Box Tops For Education Due February 10

It is time to turn in your Box Tops for Education! Clip Box Tops and send them in a small bag or envelope to your child's teacher. Please put the class name on the bag (i.e. 2G) so their class gets credit! Be sure the expiration date is prior to 03/01/17. The PTA awards a prize to the class with the most Box Tops collected (one upstairs and one downstairs winner).

Print off your own collection sheets here:
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/about/collection-sheets>

Clipping Box Tops helps the PTA earn money that we use to fund programs and buy items for our school! Each Box Top is worth 10 cents, so if each student turned in 10 Box Tops we would earn about \$400!

Thank you for your support!

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

The Northwood yearbook committee is pleased to announce that this year's yearbook, Northwood School, is bursting with photos, student portraits, activities, highlights, and of course, space for special autographs. The smiles and memories of your student's year at Northwood will be remembered forever in a yearbook.

As you make choices about purchases for your student, please consider the long-term value of a yearbook. For the price of a CD or a few music downloads, your student can have a book that captures forever the special events of this year. A yearbook grows more valuable over time. Can you say the same thing about a CD or a music download?

Make sure your student doesn't miss out on this opportunity! To order a yearbook(s) for your student(s), please fill out the form that your student brought home or you can go online at YBPay.lifetouch.com Yearbook ID code: 7941817 price of the book will be \$15.00 for soft cover. Order deadline is April 5, 2017

We all look forward to a wonderful year and an equally wonderful yearbook!

Sincerely,

Northwood Yearbook Advisors
Kimberly Clemons
Jenn Feiden

P.S. Calling all photographers! If you have snapshots of students and school activities that you want to be considered for this year's book, please email them to:
kclemons@northwood.k12.nh.us or
jfeiden@northwood.k12.nh.us "The Yearbook Advisors." Thank you!

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Read Across America will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 22nd. We are in need of guest readers. If you are able to volunteer for this fun event, please email Mrs. Moore at mmoore@northwood.k12.nh.us

8th Grade News

There will be a parent fundraising meeting for the 8th grade trip on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the cafeteria. If you are unable to attend, but are interested in helping with the upcoming raffle calendar fundraiser and future events, please contact Mrs. Tyler (ctyler@northwood.k12.nh.us) or Ms. Hashem (shashem@northwood.k12.nh.us).

We are hosting a dance for 6-8 on Friday, February 10 from 6:30 - 8:30 (with a snow date of Friday, February 17th, in the event of bad weather). This will be a fundraiser for the 8th grade trip. We are looking for people who are willing to be chaperones. We're asking that chaperones be here at 6 pm. This will count as one of your 5 required nights!

Save the Date!
Staff vs 8th Grade Basketball Game is March 8th, 2017 at 3 pm in the gym. Tickets will be on sale Monday, March 6th - Wednesday, March 8th. Tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

4th Grade News

Class 4A has begun a collection and fundraising effort to support Mary's Dogs Rescue and Adoption, a non-profit Northwood, NH based company. Students have actively advertised on Facebook and Twitter, as well as have created posters and visited classrooms to spread the word. Our fundraiser will run through 2/14/17 and all students and faculty are welcome to donate any of the following items: cash, old towels, paper towels, bleach, and/or dog toys. Thank you for helping us support this valuable service in our local community!

