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NORTHWOOD SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 5 Soccer Game @ Deerfield
- Oct. 6 Game Club Begins
- Oct. 6 X-Country @ Deerfield
- Oct. 7 Teacher Workshop - No Students
- Oct. 11 Holiday - No School
- Oct. 11 Soccer Game @ Home vs. Barrington
- Oct. 12 PTA Yankee Candle Fundraiser orders due
- Oct. 12 Fun with Fiction Begins
- Oct. 13 Soccer Game @ Home vs. Nottingham
- Oct. 14 Picture Retakes
- Oct. 14 PTA Family Movie Night @ 6:15 pm showing "The Angry Birds Movie"
- Oct. 17 X-Country (SE League Championship @ Coe Brown)
- Oct. 20 Soccer Game @ Epsom
- Oct. 21 6th-8th grade dance from 6:30-8:30pm Cafeteria
- Oct. 22 X-Country (Middle School State Meet @ Coe Brown)
- Oct. 24 PTA Box Tops for Education due
- Oct. 25 Girl Scout Information Session for Girls and their Parents/Caregivers
- Oct. 28 PTA grades K-5 Halloween Dance 6-8 p.m. \$5 admission
- Oct. 29 Northwood Recreation Athletic Fields Trunk-r-Treat 4:00-7:00 pm
- Oct. 31 Town of Northwood Trick-r-Treat 5:00-7:30 pm

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Next week marks the beginning of our intervention block, newly renamed "WIN" (What I Need). You may have previously known this block as RtI (Response to Instruction). Whatever it's called, the idea is to provide a multi-tiered system of supports for students. Students' needs are determined through analysis of assessment data and those requiring more intensive instruction are placed into small groups with a common instructional focus. Students may work with any one of several staff members including their own classroom teacher, another teacher from their grade level, a special educator, a related arts teacher, or one of our three reading interventionists. Our WIN model is intended to personalize learning and close achievement gaps. Students may move in or out of groups periodically as they make progress and their instructional needs change. If you have any questions about your child's WIN experience, please contact the classroom or homeroom teacher.

On a different topic, parents who drive your child(ren) to school, please try to get them here before 7:45 so that they can be to their classrooms and ready to start their day by 7:50. When students arrive after 7:50 we consider them tardy and have to write them a tardy slip. When we have a lot of students arriving late, even by just a minute or two, the process of checking them in through the office takes a while and a child who may have originally only been a minute late could end up waiting in line for their slip for several minutes. One day we had thirty students arrive after 7:50! Yikes! Thank you for your help with getting kids here on time so they don't miss valuable time for learning!

Have a great long weekend!
□ Jocelyn



DRAMA CLUB

All rehearsals in October are Full Cast. Please check our website for specific details:
northwoodelementarydrama.weebly.com



Kindergarten News

We have had a wonderful start to the 2016-2017 school year! We have settled into a routine and are very busy! We are very happy to report that we had 4 beautiful butterflies hatch and we released them. This month we will focus on safety!

Lisa L. Magnusson
Kindergarten teacher



News from the Art Room

Thank you to Chris Nicoll, Kim Veneroni, Dawn Covill, and Torey Portrie-Bethke for volunteering to help set up and take down the Deerfield Fair art display. The display looked great and we appreciate volunteers giving up their time to help.



From the Nurse's office:

"October is ADD and ADHD awareness month and I have a wonderful resource to recommend to you. Below is the link to Dr. Ed. Hallowell's website for great podcasts, articles, workshops and other resources for those who live with attention disorders, whether as an adult or parent of a child with ADD.

<http://www.distractionpodcast.com/category/episodes/>

“G-readings” from the Library

At the library, we have 7 students participating in the Great Stone Face reading challenge. These students aim to read 10 novels between now and the second week of April. If they're able to finish all ten, we will add their name to our plaque that hangs in the library. Currently there are 13 names on the plaque. All students in grades 4 through 6 are eligible to participate. The Great Stone Face books are highly recommended for students in these grades. They represent some of the best in new fiction for students. In the spring, students across NH will vote for their favorite from the Great Stone Face reading list. The winner will be announced in May. Last year, 95 NH schools participated in reading GSF books and a total of 6,685 NH kids voted to choose the winner.

In the Grade 8 Info Tech class, the Quarter 1 students completed their podcasts. These short speeches were persuasive arguments that each student researched. The topics ranged from year round hunting and fishing licenses, a ban on animal testing, and the protection of endangered species. The research for the podcasts was recorded in a persuasion map found at Read Write Think sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English and the voice recordings were captured with the software Audacity.

Submitted by Melissa Moore
Library Media Specialist

News from Social Studies

Grades 6-8 will be competing in school for National Geographic's Geography Bee! The school wide winner moves on to a state competition. The Geography Bee will help students learn geography and the world in a fun and interesting way.

School Volunteers

Northwood School thrives when we have parent and community volunteers helping support our students and staff. If you would like to be a volunteer, please visit the PTA page to view the information and print out forms from the Volunteer tab.



www.BTFE.com

Box Tops For Education

The PTA collects Box Tops for Education for our school. We have several collection dates throughout the year. Our first collection deadline is Monday, October 24. The class from each level (K-4 & 5-8) that has the most Box Tops turned in will win a prize! Use our collection sheets or send them in a plastic bag, but be sure to label your grade and teacher so your class gets credit!

We cannot take expired Box Tops, so be sure the expiration date is prior to 10/31/16. Thanks!

Thank you from 3rd Grade

The 3rd grade would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to Mrs. Carruth for cooking us bison and beef jerky to try. This is part of the culture of the Plains Native Americans and one of the ways they utilize part of the American bison. We will continue to learn about all of the North American tribes throughout the month of September.

END 68 HOURS OF HUNGER

End 68 Hours of Hunger for Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford provides children in our communities an equivalent of 7 meals each Friday, (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 3 dinners) to keep them fed over the weekend. On Sunday, October 9 our volunteers will be at Wal-Mart in Epping collecting donations of food for our kids. Can't make it? We have food drop offs at Northwood School, the SAU, and Halo's Hair Salon. We have donation cans at Heritage True Value Hardware and Cavarretta Gardens.

Fall cleaning? At the end of this month and early November we will be having a clothing/toy donation fundraiser. Savers Thrift Store will be paying End 68 money per pound for our donations. More information about donation drop offs will be coming, so please be on the lookout for further info on this fundraising effort and how you can help.



The PTA's Yankee Candle Fundraiser is our biggest fundraiser for the year. It helps fund numerous activities for the students, including subsidizing field trips!

This year's event is going on through October 12. Please return all completed order forms with payments to school by the due date.

Be sure to utilize the online ordering process or the new application to reach out to friends and family far away! <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/store.htm> School Code: 990043919.

Questions? Contact:

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The PTA has jumped right into the new school year and has several things going on for the month of October:

- Yankee Candle Fundraiser - orders due Oct. 12.
- PTA Family Movie Night - Friday, Oct. 14 at 6:15 p.m. in the Cafe. We are featuring "The Angry Birds Movie". Free Admission. PTA meeting to be held in the Art room at 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome.
- Box Tops for Education - DUE Monday, Oct. 24.
- K-5 Halloween Dance - Friday, Oct. 28 6-8 p.m. \$ 5 admission.

Please visit the PTA web page for more information.

<http://northwoodnh.my-pta.org/>



Dance the Night Away
The 6th, 7th and 8th grade dance will be on Friday, October 21st from 6:30-8:30 pm. All proceeds go to the 8th grade class.

Thank you,
Ms. Tyler & Ms. Hashem

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