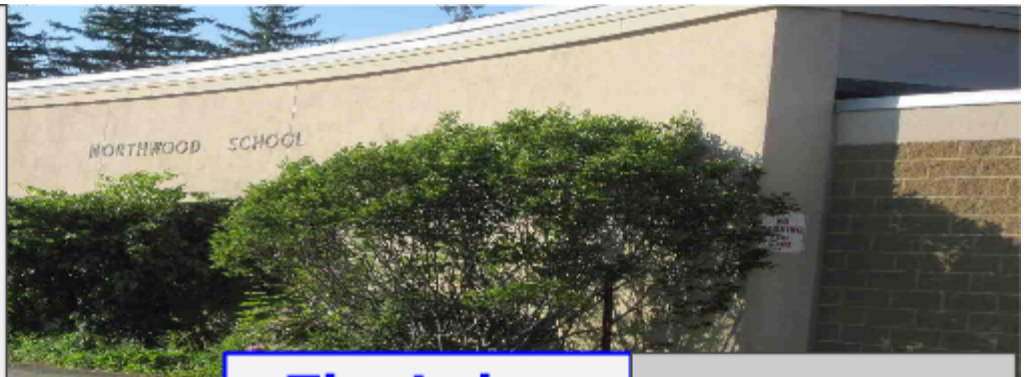


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The Laker

SEPTEMBER 2016

Upcoming Events

Sept. 5 Labor Day - No School

Sept. 6 Instrument Rental Night

Sept. 8 PTA Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Art Room #105

Sept. 9 Fall Picture Day
SBAC results sent Home

Sept. 8 CBNA Open House from 6:00-8:00pm

Sept. 13 Open House & BBQ - 5:30-7:30 pm

Sept. 23 3rd Grade Field Trip - Great Bay Discovery Center

Sept. 30 Teacher Workshop - No School

Oct. 7 Teacher Workshop - No School

Oct. 7 PTA Family Movie Night - 6:00-8:00 pm

Oct. 10 - Columbus Day Holiday - No School

Oct. 28 PTA Halloween Dance - Grades K-5 6:00-8:00 pm

Sports Schedules are located on our website in the "Athletics" tab - click on Athletic Schedule

Principals' Message

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year! You have such great kids! We are really enjoying getting to know the students. We've spent a lot of time this week visiting classrooms and interacting with students on the playground and in the cafeteria. We're thrilled to be working with such a respectful, responsible, and safe community of students and staff.

We have had several new staff members join us in the last two weeks. Please welcome:

- Nichole Billcliff, School Counselor for grades 5-8
- Debbie Clark, Special Education paraprofessional
- Sarah Rothhaus, PE/Health Teacher
- Chelsea Landry, student teacher in grade 3
- Anne Deminoff, Speech/Language Pathologist (filling in for Mrs. Brown who's on maternity leave).

Our building looks great thanks to the hard work of our custodial staff over the summer. Our staff enjoyed two workshop days before students arrived. We did a lot of work around school climate and instructional best practices. Thank you to the School Board, PTA, and support staff for keeping us well fed on those two days!

The new lunch service has been well-received. Students have indicated that they enjoy the selections and the food is tasty! We apologize for the difficulty with putting money into students' accounts. That situation has now been resolved and it should be functioning properly. Please let us know if you continue to have any difficulty.

The new procedure for drop-off has been going smoothly. Thanks for your help in keeping the line moving quickly! Please note that parents wishing to walk their child into the school cannot park in the circle by the back parking lot as the buses are using that to turn around. If you need to come into the building, please park in a designated spot marked by white lines in the back parking lot or on Bow Street.

We held a fire drill and a lockdown drill in the first week of school and both went very well. We will continue to practice safety drills once a month.

We will be sending the Laker home only through email this year. If you'd prefer a hardcopy, please email nwsoffice15@northwood.k12.nh.us and we'll send one home each month. Enjoy the weekend and thanks for sharing your kids with us!

Jocelyn & Adrian

REMINDER FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

Please email: nwsoffice15@northwood.k12.us with any transportation changes for your child(ren) before 1:00 pm. If there is an emergency requiring a change in transportation after 1:00 pm, please call the office at (603) 942-5488.



Please remember that Friday, September 9th is picture day. All students will be photographed regardless of whether or not a portrait package is purchased.

OPEN HOUSE BBQ

Our open house will take place on September 13th, from 5:30 pm to 7:30pm. There will be food, a raffle, games, and other activities.

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END 68 HOURS OF HUNGER-NORTHWOOD SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

End 68 Hours of Hunger is a private, not-for-profit, effort to confront the approximately 68 hours of hunger that some school children experience between the free lunch they receive in school on Friday afternoon and the free breakfast they receive in school on Monday morning. Northwood School has been providing food to children for four years. Nottingham School has been part of our program and this year CBNA and Strafford School are joining, so all area children do not have to be hungry over the weekends, during vacations and in the summer. The program is run by a group of volunteers and we count on donations and fundraising. Right now we are in need of snacks (individual packs) , pizza kit boxes (non refrigerated), pasta sauce (in plastic or cans) , snack puddings, tortillas, canned chicken and tuna, and mayo (plastic). At the Northwood School Open House on Sept 13, a table will be set up in the lobby to collect food donations.***BONUS Families who donate food at Open House will be given extra raffle tickets.

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy Open House

Open House is being held this Thursday, September 8th from 6:00-8:00 pm. All families are welcome to visit and see what is happening at Coe-Brown. We are having an activity fair and will be sharing information regarding what is happening within the curriculums as well.

Deerfield Fair Student Work

In continuing our tradition of showcasing student works, we are encouraging any student who has art work or projects they would like entered in the Deerfield Fair to bring them into their teacher by September 26. The Deerfield fair runs Thursday, September 29 to Sunday, October 2.

Library Media Center

Students in Grades K-6 have a regular library book borrowing time. Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Leas have met with all classes and books of many different genres are circulating. We want to remind students in grades 4, 5, and 6 of the 3rd Annual Great Stone Face Reader's Challenge. Every year, a committee of NH Librarians nominate 20 titles to compete for the Great Stone Face Award. Here in Northwood, when a student in grade 4,5, or 6 reads at least ten of these novels, their name is recorded on our special "Northwood Readers Hall of Fame" perennial plaque. Since the start of this Northwood program in 2015, we have had a total of 13 students complete the requirements. These nominated titles are great stories for upper elementary and middle school readers to enjoy.

The Middle School students enrolled in Quarter 1 Info Tech are learning the features of Google Classroom, Google Drawings, Google Slides, and Google Docs. Frequently, these students are reviewing citation guides to give credit for images and facts downloaded from the Internet. Our goal is to be good digital citizens.

To celebrate Constitution Day, observed Sept. 16th, Middle School Info Tech students will be completing activities offered in the app titled Docsteach - developed by the National Archives. This summer, Mrs. Moore participated in a webinar offered by the National Archives. She is excited to use their educational materials with Northwood School students. Submitted by Melissa Moore Library Media Specialist

Kindergarten Laker News

The kindergarten kids have settled into a nice routine! We are happy that we have met many new friends and school personnel! We have been "bug hunting" and looked for the monarch caterpillar to learn how it transforms into a beautiful butterfly! Thanks to everyone for completing forms and returning them to school!

-Lisa Magnusson



Welcome Back!

The Northwood PTA is gearing up for the new school year and we need YOU!

Please consider joining the PTA to see how you can help support our students and plan student and family events. We meet once a month and run events throughout the year. You don't have to come to every meeting, just help as much as your schedule allows. Membership forms are on our website listed below. We usually meet on the second Thursday of the month, the first meeting is on September 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Art Room. We will be at the Open House taking membership forms. Our first event will be Family Movie Night on Friday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the cafe.

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Volunteer in our School

Support Northwood School by volunteering your time. Volunteer opportunities include helping in a classroom, copying and laminating materials, assisting with office tasks, helping with events, and chaperoning field trips. All volunteers working in the school need to fill out a volunteer form and have an approved background check from the SAU office. This takes several weeks to be completed so please plan ahead if you are considering chaperoning a field trip. Please visit the PTA website to access this year's volunteer forms, northwoodnh.my-pta.org/

Drama Club

AUDITIONS FOR THE JUNGLE BOOK

Auditions are being held as follows:
Grades 3-5: Wed., September 14 Grades
6-8: Thurs., September 15 @
2:20 - 4:00 pm in Mrs. Plourde's Room #109

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

"Reminder to parents of 6th graders: State law requires documentation of a TDaP booster shot for your child after they turn 11 in order to remain enrolled in school. If your child turned 11 since the start of the previous school year (2015-16), they must have this on file with the school nurse before the end of September. Letters to this regard went come with 5th graders at the end of the year. Thank you."