



The BEST of NORTHWOOD Elementary



August 17, 2007

Please mark your calendars

Friday, August 17

Brusters Scoop Night 3:30-5:30

Wednesday, August 22

Sally Foster Gift Wrap Goes Home

Monday, August 27th

Curriculum Night

Grades K, 2 & 4 6:30-7:45 Parents Only

Wednesday, August 29th

Curriculum Night

Grades 1,3, & 5 6:30-7:45 Parents Only

All Curriculum night presentations begin in
the classroom

Thursday, August 30th

Domino's Pizza Night

Tuesday, September 4

NORTHWOOD SPIRIT DAY



CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AT www.northwoodelementary.com

Dear Northwood Elementary Families,

We have had a wonderful beginning of school. Students and teachers have been getting acquainted, reviewing classroom and school expectations, and developing routines for the first time. The first week of school is very important for everyone, including you as a parent. I would like to remind you of some very important routines:

Arrive on time: Sounds simple, yet challenging on an occasional day. Riding the bus helps. Please do not drop off the children before 7:15. Children enter their classrooms between 7:15 and 7:45 A.M. There is no supervision of children before 7:15 A.M.

Tardiness: If your child arrives at Northwood after 7:45 (when school begins), you need to come into the building and sign him/her in at the front desk. Your child will be marked tardy.

Early dismissal: If your child has an appointment or you need to pick him/her up earlier than the dismissal time, please send a note to the teacher. Please allow plenty of time to have the office call for your child to come to the office for dismissal.

Sign in whenever you are at Northwood: Everyone who enters the building must sign in at the front desk and get a name tag. This procedure ensures safety and security for our students. If you do not have on a nametag, you will be asked to go to the front office and sign in.

Forgotten deliveries: Occasionally, your child might forget his lunchbox, instrument etc. Please bring the item to the front office area with proper identification on the item. We will let your child know that it is in the front office.

On Monday, your child brought home the First Day Packet which was in a brown envelope. This packet contains important forms and information for your review and completion. We ask that you return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Organization is an important factor to success. Our teachers are working hard to help you and your child establish good organizational skills. So when you ask your child what s/he did at school and s/he replies "not much," it is most likely that the teacher was working to establish routines.

Sheila Michael

Principal

Can We Help?

Please call us at 770-552-6390

- Curriculum: Ms. Evangelista, ext 141
- Guidance Counselors
Ms. Allen, ext 133
Ms. Roberts, ext 131
- Media Center:
Ms. Corrigan, ext 149
- IST: Ms. Thompson, ext 132
- Cafeteria: Lisa Sutton,
ext 156 or 770-552-6396



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WHO'S NEW AT NORTHWOOD

We are very lucky to have the following join
the Northwood Team

Jill McCabe : Kindergarten Teacher
Laura Morrison: Kindergarten Teacher
Valerie Hinkle: 3rd Grade Teacher
Gretchen Thamann: 3rd Grade Teacher
Kris McConnell: PE Teacher
Lori Ros: Tag Teacher
Francis Geiger: Assistant

Abby Schooler: Kindergarten Teacher
Amy Finkelman: 1st Grade Teacher
Lance Schnaus: 4th Grade Teacher
Ivelisse Echaz: ESOL Teacher
Diane Gustafson: TAG Teacher
Silveria Robles: Clinic Assistant

Who's Who at Northwood

For your convenience, below is a list of school personnel and their area(s) of expertise. Please feel free to contact them with any questions or concerns.

Laura Williams & Phyllis Newhall—Front Desk: Homework requests, Transportation changes, Student checkout, School correspondences (newsletters, calendars, menus, messages for staff, general school information).

Nan Hermann—Records Coordinator: Student Records, Enrollment and Withdrawals, Attendance, Change of Student Information (address/ phone changes).

Silveria Robles—Clinic Aide: Medical Concerns, Administration of Student Daily Medication

Suzan Dixon - Principal's Secretary: Master Calendar, Bookkeeping, Purchasing, and Scheduling of Appointments with Mrs. Michael

Betsy Allen & Tracey Roberts—Guidance Counselors: Classroom Guidance sessions, Small Group and Individual Student Counseling, Student Support Team, School Testing program support.

Danielle Evangelista - Curriculum Support Teacher: Student Placement, Testing, and School-Wide curriculum.

Ritu Ahuja—Assistant Principal : Student Discipline, Faculty/Staff Concerns, School Procedures and Policies, Testing Coordinator.

Sheila Michael—Principal: Instructional Program, PTA, Local School Advisory Council, Community Relations, Business Partners, Strategic Planning, Student Achievement, School-Related Issues, School Climate, FCBOE issues.

Board Member Julia Bernath Community Meeting

Wednesday, September 12, 2007
at 9:30 am at Esther Jackson
Elementary School



Visitors are welcome to
eat with their child begin-
ning Monday, August
27th.

INTRODUCING.....

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the new TAG teachers. This year we will have two seasoned TAG teachers at Northwood Elementary.

Diane Gustafson holds a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education from Georgia State University and has held TAG certification for the past 18 years. She taught TAG in Fulton County for 12 years. For the past 6 years, she has been teaching 5th grade in Camden, Maine. She and her husband, Bob, have recently moved back to East Cobb and she is thrilled to be teaching TAG at Northwood.

Lori Ros holds a Masters Degree in Gifted Education from William Carey College in Mississippi. She has been teaching gifted education to 2nd through 6th graders for the past 5 years in Gulfport, Mississippi. Before that she taught 1st and 2nd grade for 5 years. She and her husband, Chuck, and their 2 children have recently moved to Alpharetta and she is delighted to be a part of the Northwood family.

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OF THE SCREENING AND REFERRAL PROCESS FOR GIFTED SERVICES

The Fulton County School System screens students for eligibility for gifted services twice a year.

I. **Automatic Screening-** At the beginning of the school year, TAG teachers review previous year's test scores.

Standardized Tests

Students must have a minimum of an 85th percentile and a 90th percentile in two of the three areas: Total Reading, Total Math, and Complete Battery

Criterion-Referenced Competency Test

Students must score in the top 20 percent on the reading or mathematics section when compared to all other students in the system

Grades (high school only)

Students must have an overall cumulative average of 95 or greater

II. **Classroom Screening-** Local schools select a two-week period from January 7 -February 29, 2008, to review **all** students in their school.

Classroom teachers use the *Characteristics Instrument for Screening Students* (CISS) to identify students with superior abilities in five or more of the following areas: motivation, interests, communication skills, problem-solving abilities, memory, inquiry, insight, reasoning, creativity, and humor. Parents may request to view their child's screening results.

Students who meet either the automatic screening OR classroom screening criteria AND who have supporting data gathered from test history, products, and/or advanced content levels are **referred** for gifted placement testing. Once referred to testing:

Parents receive the *Parent Notification for Testing Consent Form*.

Student is tested for the gifted program.

Parents receive test results.

If state eligibility is determined, students are placed in the TAG program.

For more complete information regarding Fulton County Schools Gifted Services, please visit <http://www.fulton.k12.ga.us/DEPT/curriculum/TAG/index.htm>, contact the teacher of gifted students at your school, or call 404-763-6811.



MEDIA CENTER

September 7th, 10:00-11:00 PLEASE JOIN THE MEDIA CENTER STAFF - MRS. CORRIGAN, MEDIA SPECIALIST AND MRS TILLISON, ASSISTANT - FOR TRAINING TO BE A MEDIA CENTER VOLUNTEER. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US IN THE MEDIA CENTER. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT US!! FOR MORE INFO. CONTACT MRS. CORRIGAN

**HAS YOUR CHILD TURNED IN HIS SUMMER READING CERTIFICATE?
THE SUPER SUMMER READING CELEBRATION IS AUG. 29 FOR ALL OF OUR 1ST-5TH GRADE SUMMER READERS.**