



# The **BEST** of NORTHWOOD Elementary



September 7, 2007

Please mark your calendars

CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AT [www.northwoodelementary.com](http://www.northwoodelementary.com)

**August 22—September 11**

Sally Foster Fall Fundraiser

**Wednesday, September 12**

Board Member Julia Bernath

Community Meeting

9:30 am at Esther Jackson ES

**Friday, September 14**

Red/Blue Team Meeting

8:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, September 19**

Early Release Day

Students dismissed at 11:15 a.m.

**September 24-28**

ITBS Testing Grades 3 and 5

**Friday, September 28**

Progress Skills Checklists

Movie Night—Grades K-3



### GPS at Northwood

The Georgia Performance Standards, (GPS) are the result of research and hard work by teachers, state and national education experts. The Georgia Performance Standards are replacing the previous state curriculum called the Georgia Quality Core Curriculum (QCC). The GPS is designed to be more rigorous and more relevant for our students. They are meant to guide instruction and go into much greater depth than the standards used in our previous curriculum. Last year, Fulton County implemented the math standards in Kindergarten through second grade and science standards in third through fifth grade.

Over the past few years, our teachers have written and revised units and lessons which guide instruction and assessment in reading, language arts, math and science. With GPS the focus is on what students will learn and what they will be able to do. Teachers are able to continually assess, make adjustments and focus on the individual needs of the students.

This year, in addition to reading, language arts, K-2 math and 3-5 science, we will be introducing and implementing math standards in third through fifth grade and science standards in Kindergarten through second grade.

Our teachers are looking forward to implementing these new standards in the classroom. The students will be actively participating, questioning, problem solving and investigating. In addition, they will create products that allow them to apply what they have learned. The teachers and staff at Northwood are dedicated to your children. If you have any questions about GPS, please don't hesitate to contact us. Georgia Performance Standards information can also be found at [www.georgiastandards.org](http://www.georgiastandards.org).

GPS Implementation for Fulton County:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Subject</u>
2005-2006	K-5	Reading/Language Arts
2006-2007	K-2	Math
2006-2007	3-5	Science
2007-2008	K-2	Science
2007-2008	3-5	Math
2008-2009	K-5	Social Studies

### 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,  
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## SALLY FOSTER FUNDRAISER

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Our Sally Foster fundraiser is in full swing! Be sure to complete and turn in a raffle ticket for every 5 items your children sell (parent-signed note is acceptable if you ran out of the tickets). There will be more raffles before **packets are due on September 11th**. E-mail is a great way to reach those out-of-town friends and relatives — See the "A WINNER EVERY HOUR" flyer inside your packet. Lots of great prizes to win— ESPN Zone, Limo lunch at Joe's Crab Shack, Personal DVD Player and 2-way Radios! This is the PTA's primary fundraiser—we earn 50% profit on everything in the Sally Foster catalog. Help fund activities and events hosted by Northwood's PTA. We appreciate your support!

**Be safe—never sell to strangers!**

### Car Pool Procedures

- Allow yourself enough time in the morning.
- Please have your child ready to exit the car when you pull up. This will allow the line to move at a steady pace. Seat your child on the right side seat of your vehicle. This way you will not have to walk around the car to help them exit.
- When in line try to pull in as close as you can to the vehicle in front of you while maintaining a safe distance.
- Please wait in line until the car in front of you moves. **Overtaking** and creating a second line within the car pool creates a hazardous situation for children exiting from the cars.
- If you are carpooling, please go through the entire car pool. Do not let your children out of the car before the unloading zones (i.e. areas which are manned by the car pool staff).
- By law vehicles **without the “handicapped” stickers are not allowed to park in the handicapped spaces**. Roswell PD/Fire Marshall will issue a ticket to vehicles without “handicapped” stickers.
- If you are not driving through the car pool lane, you are **required to park** in the parking lot and then escort your child into the school building.
- Please follow the procedures that are being reiterated by our car pool staff. These procedures ensure the safety of all our students, parents, and staff.
- *Finally, try the services of our Yellow Limousines/School Buses. Students who ride them are never tardy.*

### ITBS TESTING SEPTEMBER 24-28

- On September 24-28, we will be administering the Iowa Test of Basic Skills to our 3rd and 5th grade students.
- The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) is a norm-referenced test (NRT).
- Scores from the NRT are used to compare the performance of Fulton County students with the performance of students in a national sample who are in the same grade and who took the test at the same point in the school year. These scores provide important information so teachers can plan for instruction.
- We want to make sure our students perform their best. You can help by making sure your child gets plenty of rest that week and has a good breakfast every morning.
- **Since a quiet and distraction free testing environment is so important for a good score, parents/volunteers will not be allowed in the building from 8:00 to 11:00. This includes parent volunteers, readers, and visitors in all grades. If you are coming to assist in a classroom, please come after 11:00. Thank you in advance for your support as we prepare for this very important testing session.**

### Safety Patrol Notice

Thank you for supporting the “Safety Patrol” program at Northwood Elementary School. Your children are an invaluable resource for the school. They help us keep our hallways in order and at the same time develop leadership skills. Safety patrol students are required to be on duty between 7:15 am and 7:45 am. If you are driving your “patrollers” to school, then they need to remain in the car with you until the time the school bell rings. Students are not allowed in the building without adult/parent supervision before 7:15 am. These measures are in place for the safety of all children.



### Notification of Bus Changes

Parents you can now view school bus change information and school bus delay messages via the Internet.

- Go on Fulton county homepage <http://www.fultonschools.org/index.asp>
- Click the “School Bus Information: button on the left navigation bar
- Click the “School Bus Delays/Changes button on the bottom right of the page
- Select the school of interest from the drop-down box, and click the submit button
- Any messages that have been entered for the selected school will be displayed.

