



The **BEST** of NORTHWOOD Elementary



September 14, 2007

Please mark your calendars

Tuesday, September 18

Skate Day 3:30-5:15 The Cooler

Wednesday, September 19

Early Release Day

Students dismissed at 11:15 a.m.

September 17 & 19

Reflection Class for Parents 2:30-4:00

Friday, September 21

Signed papers go home

September 24-28

ITBS Testing Grades 3 and 5

Friday, September 28

Progress Skills Checklists

Movie Night—Grades K-3

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.



CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AT www.northwoodelementary.com

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with more information about our overall school attendance. Because 12% of our students missed 15 or more days in the school year, we felt it necessary to create a plan to help all our students strive for better attendance. We will recognize classes as well as individual students that have perfect attendance

I have also asked our teachers to call to see how students are doing when they are absent 2 consecutive days. When one of our students accrues 3 or more unexcused absences, we will send a letter home. Our school system requires a written note within 3 days for any absences. It also requires parents/guardians to submit doctor, dentist, court, or funeral documentation after the child has had ten absences of any kind. When a student accumulates 10 absences, our school social worker, Ms. Michelle Fleming, will be contacting parents to see if she can assist with any issue that may have caused the student to miss so many days.

With the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act, accountability for a student's regular school attendance has increased. Lost instruction (overtime) due to absences and tardies prohibit can prohibit your child from successful completion of Georgia State academic standards. Being in school and on time can be crucial to your child's mastery of certain academic skills which could consequently result in "failure toward academic success."

Each day a child attends school, he or she has an opportunity not only to learn important things, but to make a difference in the lives of others.

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
- Bi-lingual Parent Liaison
Ms. Landazabal, X130
- Cafeteria: Lisa Sutton,
ext 156 or 770-552-6396

CAFETERIA NEWS

Please be advised that due to the large number of students with peanut allergies, the Northwood Cafeteria is **PEANUT FREE**.

NORTHWOOD CARNIVAL MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The annual Northwood Carnival is on **Saturday, October 20th**
11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Please plan on bringing the whole family for a day of fun and games. If you know of anyone who might be interested in being a vendor or corporate sponsor, please contact Michelle Anderson at 678-393-2675 or Jennifer Zanine at 770-410-1317.



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Early Release Day, September 19th 2007

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS

September 19th is the first Early Release Day for this school year. On this day our staff will spend four solid hours in professional learning classes covering many topics including How to Use Portfolios to Guide Instruction, How to enhance "Written Expression" for all Students, Working with ESOL Students, Implementing Georgia Performance Standards, etc. It will be a productive teacher learning time which will benefit the classroom in the coming months.

This week, we sent the Early Release dismissal form for you to tell us how your child will be going home on Sept. 19th. **Please return your form no later than Monday, September 17th.** Due to the compacted schedule on Wednesday, students will eat in their classrooms and will be offered a sack lunch. We will not be able to accommodate lunch visitors on Wednesday. The learning day for children will focus on Language Arts, Reading and Math. Students will dismiss beginning at 11:15 am. Thank you for your support of this initiative and of the professional learning time afforded to our teachers.

I MADE GOOD CHOICES AT NORTHWOOD

August Classroom Representative



Kindergarten

Valeria Cardenas
Wendy Castillo
Barbara Cortes
Gissell Gonzalez
Brian Montero
Edith Poteet
Ricardo Rubio
Elizabeth Szymendera
Jose Varges

1st Grade

Rogelio Avelar-Rivera
Cate Bucci
Juan Pablo Hernandez
Brendan Kennedy
Cameron Mason
Joshua Moore
Isabella Smith
Aaron Weinstein
Justin Wright

2nd Grade

Caitlyn Fuentes
Jack Gilligan
Amber Jones
Clay Rigsby
Hannah Schroeder
Ben Shealy
Jennifer Tyler
Julia Urrea

3rd Grade

Vianey Avila
Colin Calvert
Bryan Curtin
Kyndal Jackson
Noor Khan
Ariel Lee
Deborah Maignan
Ryan Ng
David Vargas

4th Grade

Harleigh Batterson
Santiago Cortes
Jessica Diaz
Skylar Kalb
Crystal Martinez

5th Grade

Charlotte Chlebik
Rachel Erickson
Erika Morales
Maria Silva
Maria Villa
Eleeyus Zarebidaki

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.**