



The **BEST** of NORTHWOOD Elementary



September 28, 2007

Please mark your calendars

Friday, September 28

Movie Night—Grades K-3

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

Wed., October 3 & Thurs., October 4

Gift Wrap Pick-Up in Café.

3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 4

Media Center Open 4:00 p.m.-7:00p.m.

Friday, October 5

Music Night—Grades 4 and 5

6:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m.

Saturday, October 6

Hands on Atlanta

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 11 (DATE CHANGE)

Progress Skills Checklist go home



CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AT www.northwoodelementary.com

NORTHWOOD TECHNOLOGY FAIR

January 9, 2008

Calling all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders! You are invited to participate in Northwood's Fourth Annual Technology Fair to be held on Thursday, January 9, 2008 in the Media Center and Computer Lab. The winners of the Northwood Technology Fair will go on to compete against other schools in the Fulton County Technology Fair on February 2nd at Centennial High School and could possibly go on to compete in the State Technology Fair on March 8th.

For additional information please see the Fulton County Technology Fair website at www.fultonschools.org/technology/techfair (this website will be updated soon).

Start planning your technology fair entries now! Registration information will be coming soon.

Categories include:

- Graphic Design--including:
 - * Animated Graphic Design
 - * Non-Animated Graphic Design
 - * 3D Modeling
 - * Digital Photography
- Robotics
- Intranet/Internet
- Digital Video Editing
- Multimedia Applications
- Non-Multimedia Applications

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Chellye Pomeroy at 770-552-6390 or pomeroy@fultonschools.org.

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
- Bilingual Parent Liaison
 - Ms. Landazabal, X130
- Cafeteria: Lisa Sutton,



Sheila Michael, Principal
Ritu Ahuja, Asst. Principal
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Transportation Department Bus Regulations

Students may not ride buses other than the one to which they are assigned, and they must get on and off the bus at their regularly scheduled stop. Parents must request in writing any exception to this rule from the Transportation Department at 770-667-2970. **In case of emergency**, the principal may authorize a student to ride a different bus or change bus stops for childcare purposes only, provided there is room on the bus. Notes requesting bus changes for childcare purposes must be brought to the office by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the request. Please note:

No requests for social activities or projects

No child shall be delivered outside his/her school attendance zone.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences

Research indicates that there is a strong connection between parent involvement and student performance. This is true for all parents across socio-economic level, race and educational backgrounds. Research also shows that students who are involved in academic activities at home do well at school.

Parents, please make every effort to attend your parent conference. If you have not already scheduled a conference to meet and discuss your child's performance, please do so now. When children know that parents are involved they tend to perform much better.

Cooler Weather Is Coming

Every morning there is a nip in the air. Fall has arrived and with fall comes cooler weather. Parents, please send your child to school with a light jacket. This can come in handy if the classroom is cool. Remember to label the jacket with your child's information in case the jacket is misplaced.

Car Pool Procedures

We would like to reiterate the importance of following car pool procedures for making it a safe experience for everyone in the mornings and afternoons.

Allow yourself enough time in the morning.

Please refrain from using the cell phone while going through the car pool as it distracts from sending your child off with a warm goodbye. 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 till 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).

Fulton County's First Early Release Day is a Success for Northwood!

In the Fulton County School System, an Early Release Day allows students to be dismissed three hours early so that teachers can spend the rest of the day in professional development workshops. The initiative gives staff the opportunity to receive needed training throughout the school year rather than waiting until the summer months. It was piloted among 13 schools last year and was so successful that it was expanded system wide in 2007-08. The first of five system wide Early Release Days was Wednesday, September 19th.

At Northwood, teachers met in small groups for various professional development opportunities. Teachers discussed looking at student work so that they may address all needs and abilities, as well as how to include all learners into our curriculum. Teachers met and discussed the use of portfolios as well as the writing process and implementation of the writer's workshop.

Teachers worked from the moment the students left, and, they ended the day feeling great satisfaction with their accomplishments. All appreciated the time given for professional development.

Four additional Early Release Days remain for the 2007-08 school year: October 24, November 28, February 27, and March 26. Teachers are looking forward to expanding the writer's workshop, further discussing student needs, and delving into the Georgia Performance Standards in all subject areas.