



The **BEST** of NORTHWOOD Elementary



October, 5, 2007

Please mark your calendars

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

Progress Skills Checklists

Friday, October 12

Teacher Work Day
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Thursday, October 18

Fall Picture Retakes

Saturday, October 20

Northwood Carnival 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AT www.northwoodelementary.com

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our Fall Gift Wrap Fundraiser raised over \$21,000 for our school. Thank you for your participation and support. We couldn't have done it without you!

Congratulations to the following winners:

Teacher of Highest Selling Class—5th Grade Mrs. Suma

Ice Cream Party—Highest Selling/Grade

Kindergarten	Cleveland
1st	Strauss
2nd	Lynch
3rd	Armistead
4th	Rosso
5th	Suma

Grand Prize—Top Seller (ESPN ZONE)

Bailey Calvert—5th Grade Ms. Suma

2nd prize—2nd Highest Seller (DVD Player)

Sommer Lemcoe—1st Grade Ms. Strauss

3rd Prize—3rd Highest Seller (2-way Radios)

Cameron Ussery—1st Grade Ms. Donaldson

10 Items—Drawing for \$20 Gift Card (142 children)

Arian Khadivi	3rd Grade Honeycutt
Garrett Schroeder	2nd Grade Lane
Itzamar Jaimes-Pineda	3rd Grade Struletz
George Alex	Kindergarten Morrison
Nyrique Cantey	2nd Grade Lynch

20 Items—Drawing for \$50 Gift Card (66 children)

Miller Thomason	1st Grade/House
Gage Lignugaris	5th Grade/Trow

Reminder: It is not too late to place a Sally Foster order. Our school will continue to earn 50% from online sales through Spring '08. With the Holiday Season fast approaching, remember to use www.SallyFoster.com (School number 0507221) for quick and easy gift shopping.

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, ext 130
- Cafeteria: Lisa Sutton,
ext 156 or 770-552-6396



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Upcoming Teacher Conferences

Parents, research has demonstrated that there is a positive relationship between family engagement and improved academic achievement. Your teacher has already scheduled your parent conference with you. During your conference the teacher will discuss your child's Progress Skills Checklist (PSC) and a Three-Way Conference Sheet. The PSC lists all the curriculum standards your child has been exposed to during the past nine weeks and his grasp of each standard. Since it is the first (PSC) of the year there may be several standards your child may not have been exposed to. Teachers work on PSC's throughout the year and you will be receiving regular updates. A Three-Way Conference is a conversation that your child has had with his/her homeroom teacher. The purpose of this conference is to self-reflect on progress and set goals for the upcoming year. Your child and his/her teacher have spent quality time on reflecting and setting goals. Please make every effort to meet and discuss your child's performance.

Unscheduled Classroom Visits

Parents, we try to minimize classroom interruptions and protect teacher planning time and student learning time. You can help immensely with that effort by limiting your classroom visits to those times that are approved beforehand by the teacher. There are occasions when we will invite you to experience something special in the classroom (student presentation, reading a book, performing an experiment and so on). An unscheduled mini-conference which only takes 15 minutes of the teacher's time may not seem significant; however, 15 minutes is a third of the teacher's planning period and more than half of a lunch period. Thank you for your support!

Thanks are in order for the Northwood Community

ITBS Testing

Grade 3 and 5 testing went very smoothly-thank you for all your assistance. Normal routines will resume from the week of October 1st.

Reflections contests

Thank you for encouraging your child to participate in the Reflections contest! We are proud of the creative and thought provoking entries.

Northwood Elementary Food Drive

Our halls were double and triple-lined with canned food. Thank you to all the kids who brought their canned donations to school. Thank you to all the parents who encouraged their children to participate. Please let them know what a difference they are making for families in their own community.

Art Department

Thank you for your kindness in sending in helpful items to keep us creative! You have been more than generous, and we appreciate it very much.

GPS and Investigations Math Parent Meetings

Do you have questions about the new GPS math standards? Do you want to know more about our new math series, Investigations? Are you wondering how you can help your child at home?

All of these questions and more will be answered at Northwood's Family Math Meetings in October.

Danielle Evangelista, CST, and a grade level representative will be available on the mornings below to discuss the new math standards, new series and ways to help your child at home. Each meeting will be grade level specific so that you may see exactly what your child is doing in math class. You will be able to go through an actual math lesson with Ms. Evangelista and see some of the things your child is doing in the classroom.

We hope you can join us on the following dates:

- Kindergarten – Friday, October 19th 8:00-9:00 am
- 1st grade – Monday, October 22nd 9:00-10:00 am
- 2nd grade – Wednesday, October 17th 8:00-9:00 am
- 3rd grade – Tuesday, October 23rd 9:00-10:00 am
- 4th grade – Tuesday, October 16th 8:00-9:00 am
- 5th grade – Thursday, October 11th 8:00-9:00 am