



The **BEST** of NORTHWOOD Elementary



December 7, 2007

Please mark your calendars



CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AT www.northwoodelementary.com

December 10-14

Holiday Giving Tree

Monday, December 10

Chorus & Orchestra Concert

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 13

Domino's Pizza Night

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

HOLIDAY PARTIES

Monday, December 17

K 9:30-10:30/1st Grade 12:45-1:45

Tuesday, December 18

4th 10:30-11:30/2nd 12:45-1:45

Wednesday, December 19

5th 10:45-11:45/3rd 12:45-1:45

December 20-January 3

WINTER BREAK—SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday, January 4

Teacher Work Day

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Monday, January 7

First Day of Second Semester



Congratulations To Our Latest National Board Certified Teacher

Ms. Jill McCabe, one of our Kindergarten teachers, received her National Board Certification (NBC). National Board Certification (NBC) is a voluntary, advanced teaching credential that goes beyond state licensure. (NBC) has national standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. The National Board certifies teachers who successfully complete its rigorous certification process. Northwood Elementary is home to two more Nationally Board Certified teachers - Ms. Gayle Struletz (Grade 3) and Ms. Lisa Cleveland (Kindergarten).

Absences And Tardies

Students are required to maintain an attendance record that includes minimal absences and tardies. We are already experiencing an exceedingly high number of absences and tardies. **Schools with 15% or more of the student body absent 15 or more days are placed on the state's 'Needs to Improve' list.** Some parents have received letters regarding this matter. Once your child has acquired three absences and/or tardies, you will receive a letter via US mail indicating that your child's attendance record is now being closely monitored. Students who continue to be absent and/or tardy after receiving these letters will be referred to our school social worker, Ms. Michelle Fleming. She will contact you to further discuss the situation.

When your child is absent, he/she misses three-hundred ninety minutes of direct instruction. When he/she is tardy, the teacher and the other students lose instructional time as well. Students should be in their seats and ready to learn at 7:45 AM. At 7:46 AM, he/she is counted tardy. **Absences are excused only for medical or extreme emergency related issues. A note must be sent to the teacher within three days of the student's return to school. Otherwise, the absences will be unexcused. Family vacations during instructional time are not excusable.** High numbers of absences/tardies generally occur on Mondays and Fridays. Every day is a 'great day of teaching and learning' at Northwood. Though we understand the students will experience illness, we expect parents to make sure that students attend school regularly and promptly. If you have any questions or would like to discuss school attendance, please call us at (770) 552-6390. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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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ID Requirement At Front Desk

The safety of our students is very important to us. All parents, visitors, and volunteers in the building **must** report to the office to obtain a visitor badge. **Also, parents and/or designees must provide identification when signing a student out early.** Please **DO NOT** go directly to the classroom. Visitors are to enter the main school door during the day. The cafeteria and all other exterior doors will remain locked throughout the day.





HOLIDAY GIVING TREE

December 10-14

The season of giving will soon be here and Northwood students are invited to help brighten the holidays by giving to others in need. Please help decorate our lobby Giving Tree with new **unwrapped** toys. These items will be donated to a local charity. Thank you for your generosity!

Parent Perception Survey



The Fulton County School System is conducting its annual **Parent Perception Survey** from November 28th through January 14th. Please help us make our school better by taking a few minutes to complete this survey. The survey will be available online at www.fultonschools.org. If you prefer to fill out a paper survey, copies will be available in the front office. Surveys in Spanish and Portuguese are also available at the school. Your answers will be shared with our teachers and principal for school improvement planning. Your identity and that of your child will remain confidential. If you have questions about the survey, please call the Assessment and Evaluation Office at 404-763-5600, ext. 154.



LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found is bursting at its seams. Currently we stock 110 jackets, 6 pairs of gloves, 3 mufflers, one pair of ladies boots and high heeled shoes, one high heeled sandal which fell out of a car during car pool, 5 lunch boxes. On the last day of this semester, December 19th, we will be bagging all items and donating them. Parents, please encourage your children to retrieve their coats and other items as soon as they are lost. Lost and Found is located near our custodial wing. We encourage you to stop by and pick up the lost items. Thank you to Mr. Douglas Barron and Mrs. Heidi Barron for donating several packs of hangers for organizing our jackets. Kudos to safety patrol and Ms. Vetter's fifth grade class for maintaining our "lost and found."

CAFETERIA NEWS

Our weekly lunch menu will be featured in each edition of The Best of Northwood. The monthly menu can be found on our school website: www.northwoodelementary.com.



LUNCH MENU 12/10/07-12/19/07



- 12/10 Ravioli w/Wheat Roll, Chicken Tenders w/Wheat Roll, Veggies, Garden Salad, Fruit, Chicken Salad Plate, Deli Turkey & Cheese Sub, Milk
- 12/11 Roasted Turkey w/Rice & Wheat Roll, Hamburger, Vegetables, Fruit Cocktail, Apple, Chicken Tender Salad Plate, Yogurt & Cheese Pak, Milk
- 12/12 Meatloaf w/Cornbread, Hot Dog, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Tuna Salad Plate, Ham & Cheese Mini Pak, Milk
- 12/13 Hard Shell Taco w/Mexican Rice, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Corn, Tater Tots, Fruit, Oatmeal Cookie, Grilled Chicken Salad Plate, Pizza Pak, Milk
- 12/14 Fish Shapes w/Wheat Roll, Cheese Pizza, Baked Beans, Garden Salad, Fruit, Chef Salad Plate, Turkey Ham & Cheese Wrap, Milk
- 12/17 Asian Chicken Bites w/Fried Rice, Corn Dog, Oriental Veggies, Garden Salad, Fruit, Chicken Salad Plate, Deli Turkey & Cheese Sub Plate, Milk
- 12/18 Beefaroni, Pepperoni & Cheese Pizzas, Vegetables, Cherry Crisp, Apple, Chicken Tender Salad Plate, Yogurt & Cheese Pak, Milk
- 12/19 Vegetable Beef Soup w/Grilled Cheese, Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Tater Tots, Garden Salad, Peach Pop, Fruit, Tuna Salad Plate, Pizza Pak, Milk