

The Northwest Star

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Northwest Families,

We appreciate everyone's attention to the health and safety protocols. Let's continue to stay healthy by wearing our masks and washing our hands!

As we come to the close of the 9 weeks (Oct. 7) we will be having our 3-5 Report Card Ceremonies on Oct 16th, specific information will come out closer to the date. Each ceremony will be app. 15-20 minutes starting at 9:00 am.

We are highly encouraging all families to schedule conferences with your child's teacher. We want to be able to share your child's academic progress with you and share ideas and materials for home support. We are in this together!

Invitations to Promise Time/ELP went out to students in grades 3-5 who scored a level 1 or 2 on FSA or who were retained. ELP morning tutoring invitations for grades 1-5 will be coming out to selected students within the first week of Oct. These groups will change in January in order to provide supports to as many as we can. We ask that you please consider the additional support for your child.

Y Reads has been in full swing for several weeks now. If your child receives an invitation, please consider. It is a great program and has a high success rate for struggling readers K-5.

We have completed our first round of MAP testing (Measures of Academic Progress). This assessment is a great indicator for areas of strengths and weaknesses in student learning. MAP results guide the teacher with tailoring their instruction to specific student needs. This assessment is also directly aligned to FSA. Below is a table of our overall grade level results. Our results for FALL 2021 show an increase from last year's % at this time last year. Please help us by assisting your child during homework sessions, allowing your child to participate in Promise Time/ELP tutoring, checking their grades in FOCUS, and communicating with your child's teacher.

	Mathematics				ELA (Reading)		
	# students	# proficient	%		# students	# proficient	%
K	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA	NA
1 st *	84	60	71		86	64	74
2 nd *	76	33	47		76	44	58
3 rd *	66	34	52		68	40	59
4 th	83	50	60		83	42	51
5 th	84	56	67		81	42	52

Shine brightly,
Mrs. Brainard

Dates to Remember

October 1 -School Wide Behavior (SWB) incentive: Dress Up Day
October 6- National Walk to School Day
October 7 -End of grading period
October 8- No school for students
October 19- Report cards go out/Report Card Ceremonies
October 25-30- Red Ribbon Week
October 26-Literacy Festival 5:30-7:30
October 27- Picture retake day



Walk to School Day

In efforts to promote pedestrian safety, we invite our walkers, bike riders and car riders to join us as we "Walk & Roll" to school. We will meet at JW Cate at 7:45am on Wednesday, October 6th.

Title I Tid Bits

Our Parent Involvement Plan for Title I will be uploaded this month on the school's website. The District LEA Parent Involvement Plan will be available in our Title I Parent Station binder as well. Located in the front office, you can preview our "Title I Parent Station". This is a binder with all Title I documents: Parents Right to Now, Missed Meeting, Title I Annual Meeting power point, flyers, parent tool kit, etc...

Red Ribbon Week is October 23-October 30th

Did you know that Red Ribbon Week is the oldest drug free prevention campaign? It started in 1985 and reaches over 80 million people in the United States each year. Northwest will celebrate Red Ribbon Week with daily spirit days. Be on the lookout for information coming home.



Citizen of the Month

The Citizen of the Month award is presented each month to a student nominated by classroom teacher. To be selected, each nominee must demonstrate outstanding qualities related to the Commitment to Character value of the month. See Counselor's Corner for more information.



Restorative Practices

Restorative practices cultivate a culture in which everyone feels they belong. They build a sense of community in which every member feels they are seen, heard, and respected. The circles we have been implementing in the classrooms and throughout the campus have been helping students learn how to communicate, problem solve and build better relationships with not only students but teachers and staff.

PTA NEWS

Happy Fall from the PTA!

It was great seeing families back during the schools Safety night we hope you enjoyed the pizza and raffles. PTA has already celebrated July- September birthdays and had an epic kick off of our first fundraiser that will continue until October 5th! Thanks to all the families that participated we cant wait to help the school purchase STEAM supplies for our classrooms. **WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!** We currently have only 60 parent members and would love to have more participation. We will be announcing our first general meeting very soon and our members will see an email/link for the meeting so sign up now! Simply use the QR code here and it takes you to the school store to purchase a membership or spirt wear as well. You can also request a paper form from your kiddos teacher.

Thanks again for your support! NWES PTA

