

## *The Northwest Star*

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Dear Parents,

We hope everyone had a fun and restful break. We will begin state testing next week. Third, Fourth and Fifth graders will be taking the FSA assessments. We ask that they go to bed on time, eat a hearty breakfast and are present. The results of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades' assessments are used for instruction and class groupings for the 2018-2019 school year. The results of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade assessments are used for middle school course selection. We want them to show what they know and be proud of all their hard work!

Congratulations to the following 5<sup>th</sup> grade Pride Award winners: Richard Eddy (Math), Sophie Ivanova (Science), Rachael Cortez (Social Studies) and Terryauna Williams (Writing). These students were the highest achievers in their subject area and will be honored at the All County Pride Award ceremonies at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for making Northwest SHINE!

### **Spring Carnival**

This year PTA will be hosting a Spring Carnival, formerly known as the Celebration of Success evening. We have changed the name since the purpose of Celebration of Success was to celebrate the end of state testing for the students, teachers and families. Since testing is spread out through May, and May is hot, we are still bringing our school community together with the Spring Carnival. Please join us April 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm for games, food and fun! More information will be coming out this week, check your child's back pack.

Northwest will NOT be a **Summer Bridge** site this year. Our students are invited to Mt. Vernon Elementary. However, if there is a site that is more convenient, you may register your child at that school. If you need more information please ask your child's teacher or call our front office. We will assist with registering your child if you need assistance.

**School Wide Behavior Incentive:** We are excited to experience our seventh School Wide Behavior Incentive (PBS: Positive Behavior Supports) for all those students making the right choices every day and exhibiting good character traits all the time. March's incentive is bubbles! Way to go students! The Northwest Staff is so proud of the students earning at least 80% daily, every day.

Mrs. Brainard

### **Dates to Remember**

April 3- Pride Award Ceremony

April 6- SWB incentive

April 17- Swim program begins for PreK-2 students

April 20- Spring Carnival

## Title I Tid Bits

If you have a Connect for Success student lap top checked out (grades K-4) please return it for inventory as soon as possible so we can get them back out to you for summer. If you are in grade 5 we will be collecting mid -April to give you those last minutes prior to FSA. A notice will be coming home.

Would you like to be a part of the School Improvement planning for the 2018-2019 school year? SAC (Student Advisory Council) will be meeting April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Media Center at 5:30 pm. Please consider joining us!

## How are we doing?

We base our school initiatives on our students' academic and behavior data. We use the data below to progress monitor toward our school improvement goals and to make adjustments throughout the year. We also use this data to make decisions for the upcoming year.

Prior to Spring break we completed MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this year.

Below is a snapshot of how each grade level is doing as a whole. If you have individual questions regarding your child's progress, please ask their teacher.

% proficient	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
ELA	68%	66%	34%	43%	40%	52%
Math	69%	67%	73%	33%	46%	47%
Science	NA	NA	NA	58%	66%	NA
# referrals	1	8	17	48*	120*	41
# OSS	0	0	2	0	7	0
# ISS	0	0	2	2	5	5

\*Several students came from other schools with multiple referrals into the ESE/EBD program

OSS- out of school suspensions

ISS- In school suspensions

## Communication Corner



Something often overlooked is noise safety. Exposure to sound at or above 85 decibels (such as a lawnmower, motorcycle, ambulance siren, etc.) can cause something called noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL). NIHL impacts the ability to hear higher frequency speech sounds, such as the /ch/, /th/, /sh/, /f/, and /s/ sounds. NIHL can be prevented. One method of prevention is using ear protection (ear plugs or noise reducing headphones) when at loud events, such as races, etc. Perhaps the biggest way to prevent NIHL in our current generation is by making sure children have their headphones set at less than half volume, as well as limiting the amount of time headphones are used each week.

## Cafeteria News

Attention Parents: If your child will be attending any summer programs (YMCA, R'Club, Summer Camps, etc.) you will probably want to get a reduced rate. You can get a reduced rate if your child qualifies for free or reduced lunch. Applications need to be done yearly and applying on line is a much faster process. When we process applications for families online, the parent notification letter will be emailed back to the parent telling them of their child's meal status for this school year. **Parents can apply online now for the lunch program at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com)**

# Northwest Elementary

# April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  8:05-8:25 every morning Free Breakfast Served to all Students	<b>2</b> 2:35-4:15 Good News Club	<b>3</b> 7-8am STEM 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time	<b>4</b> 7-8am STEM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade More Health 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3-4pm STEM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	<b>5</b> 3-4pm STEM 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time Monthly Progress Report	<b>6</b> Commitment to Character Awards during Lunches	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8-8:30 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Breakfast 10:30 Kindergarten Field Trip-Library 2:35-4:15 Good News Club 2:45 Mad Science	<b>10</b> 7-8am STEM 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time	<b>11</b> 7-8am STEM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3-4pm STEM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	<b>12</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade More Health 3-4pm STEM 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time Last Day for Promise Time	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Swimming April 17 - 20 PreK-Second Grade	<b>16</b> 2:35-4:15 Good News Club 2:45 Mad Science	<b>17</b> 7-8am STEM 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<b>18</b> 7-8am STEM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3-4pm STEM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	<b>19</b> 3-4pm STEM 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<b>20</b>  5-8 Spring Carnival	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Swimming April 23 - 26 PreK-Second Grade	<b>23</b> 2:35-4:15 Good News Club 2:45 Mad Science	<b>24</b> 7-8am STEM 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<b>25</b> 7-8am STEM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3-4pm STEM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	<b>26</b> 3-4pm STEM 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<b>27</b> Last Week for STEM	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8-8:30 Kindergarten Breakfast 2:35-4:15 Good News Club 2:45 Mad Science 4-10 Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse					

### April Testing Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	NO TESTING!	3	4	5	6
9	10 3rd Grade FSA ELA Window Paper Based Testing	10 DAY 1 3rd Grade FSA ELA Window Paper Based Testing	11 DAY 2 3rd Grade FSA ELA Window Paper Based Testing	12 MAKE-UPS	13 MAKE-UPS
16		17 DAY 1 4th Grade FSA ELA Window Computer Based Testing	18 DAY 2 4th Grade FSA ELA Window Computer Based Testing	19 DAY 1 MAKE UPS	20 DAY 2 MAKEUPS
23		24 DAY 1 5th Grade FSA ELA Computer Based Testing	25 DAY 2 5th Grade FSA ELA Computer Based Testing	26 DAY 1 4th Grade FSA Math Computer Based Testing	27 DAY 2 4th Grade FSA Math Computer Based Testing
30	5th Grade SSA Science Paper Based Testing				

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7	8 Day 1 5th Grade FSA Math Computer Based Testing	9 Day 2 5th Grade FSA Math Computer Based Testing	10 Day 2 5th Grade FSA Math Computer Based Testing	11	11
14	15	16	17	18	18 FSA Window Closes
21	22	23	24	25	25
28	29	30	31		
	1	2	3	4	
	DAY 1 3rd Grade FSA Math (CBT) 5th Grade SSA Science (PBT)	DAY 2 3rd Grade FSA Math (CBT) 5th Grade SSA Science (PBT)			