

The Northwest Star

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Dear Northwest Families,

We have been in school for over 100 days! Wow, the time has flown by.

Have you seen our new marquee! What a dynamite addition to our school communications.

On February 6th, we will be having our Math Game Night with a promise of ice cream sundaes...yum yum, come join the fun! Meet us at 6:00 pm in the café for a bit of information before heading off to your sessions.

All students have completed the 2nd cycle of the MAP assessment and science assessment (1st-5th), check out your child's progress with his/her teacher.

Students in grades 4 and 5 are continuing to prepare for FSA. Grades 4 and 5 take the writing assessment on Feb. 28th.

Congratulations to Ms. Jennifer Trombly, 4th grade teacher, for being Northwest's nominated Teacher of the Year!

Dental Sealant Program

We will be having the dental sealant program coming to us February 9th thru the 21st. If you haven't received information, call and ask Michele Mollard for the paperwork.

Parent Focus Night

Wednesday, Feb. 15th, we will be having a Parent Focus Night, starting with dinner at 5:30. The topic will be "Closing the Achievement Gap". Child care will be provided.

Attendance:

We only had 211 students with Perfect attendance for January. This is 34% of our student population and a 10% decrease from 44% during December. Let's go for 50% for February. Thank you for having your children at school every day on time! YOU ROCK!!

Thank you for all your support of the Northwest Staff,
Mrs. Brainard

Dates to Remember

February 1- SWB incentive: Great Explorations assemblies
February 2- Monthly Progress Reports go home to Parents
February 6- Math Game Night
February 7- Fifth grade trip to Enterprise Village
February 9/10- PE/PTA Walk-a-thon
February 13-17- Book Fair
February 13- PTA/SAC Meeting (Science lab)
February 15- Parent Focus Night with dinner
February 16 - Classroom Group Picture Day
February 24 - PTA Movie Night

Title 1 Tid Bits

Please join us February 13th for the SAC meeting to give input into the Title I compact and Parent Involvement Plan for 2017- 2018 school year.

Family and Community Corner



A HUGE Thank You to Raytheon, Central Christian Church Sunday School Class, the Ginn Family, and Miss Nina from Pet Pal for making the holidays extra special for our families.

Northwest will be supporting the Annual Pasta for Pennies Program for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society from February 6 thru February 24. We are encouraging students and their families to collect spare change to support LLS's mission. Change "banks" will be going home with each student as well as be available in each classroom and in the front office. The class that collects the most "change" wins lunch from Olive Garden.

The **Box Tops** have been cut and counted and the winner for the first semester contest is **Mrs. Bryan's kindergarten class**. Thank you to everyone for bringing in Box Tops. Our school collected over 1,500 Box Tops which equals \$150. We are starting a new contest that will end the first week of May. Keep bringing Box Tops in to your class.

Dr. Seuss' birthday is on March 2nd. To honor him, we will be celebrating the week of February 27-March 3 by reading his books and dressing up in a special way each day. More detailed information will be coming home closer to this celebration.



Sixth Grade Orientation Night: Week of March 6-10, 2017

Sixth grade Orientation Night is for current fifth grade students who plan to attend a Pinellas County Middle School next year. Contact the PCS Middle School Office at 727 588-6453 should you have questions.

- Take a tour if you are new to middle school
- Meet school administrators and faculty
- Learn about school programs and activities
- Find out about parent involvement opportunities
- Learn about next year's schedule

Pinellas County Middle Schools offer the opportunity to accelerate by enrolling in advanced Math courses for 5th grade students that score a Level 3, 4 or 5 on the 4th grade FSA Math Assessment. Please return Acceleration Options for Grade 6 form to the school.

Enrollment for Pinellas Virtual School (Grade 6 Math Advanced) is February 13-24

www.pcsb.org/virtualschool

Family Information Nights for 6th Grade Advanced Math (Accelerated)

Tuesday, February 7 @ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 8 @ 8:00 pm

Thursday, February 9 @ 6:00 pm

Family Orientation Nights for 6th Grade Advanced Math (Accelerated)

Attend this orientation after acceptance into the course

Wednesday, February 22 @ 4:00 pm

Wednesday, February 22 @ 8:00 pm

Thursday, February 23 @ 6:00 pm

Tuesday, February 28 @ 4:00 pm

Tuesday, February 28 @ 8:00 pm

Community Resources:



The **Homework Helpline** offers free homework help for students in grades 1 through 12. The Helpline is staffed by Pinellas County Schools teachers who are certified in math, science, language arts and social studies. Helpline teachers have access to textbooks commonly used in the district and can assist students with homework in most subjects. Homework help is available from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call 727-547-7223

Are you a grandparent, aunt or uncle, cousin, sister or brother raising a relative's child?

- **Kinship Services Network** — The Children's Home, Inc. sponsors support groups for grandparents and other relatives raising children. For more information about support groups, please call 727-785-2762 x2128. Referral line 1-888-920-8761
- **Bethel Community Foundations, Inc.** - Provides the following services: anger management, life skills for young women and young men, mentoring in schools, parent coaching, truancy intervention, mental health assessments and counseling by licensed therapists. For more information contact 727-866-2747.


**MATH
ROCKS**

Family Math Night 2017 is Monday, February 6th.
I will be at the Guidance Table. Come see me if you need assistance with online registration for Virtual School or completing the Acceleration Option for Grade 6 Math form.



Northwest Elementary

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>8:05-8:25 every morning Free Breakfast Served to all Students</p>			<p>1 7:00-8:00am STEM 2nd and 3rd Grades January SWB Great Explorations 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3:00-4:00pm STEM 5th Grade</p>	<p>2  3:00-4:15 Promise Time Monthly Progress Report</p>		
5	<p>6 Pasta for Pennies Begins 2:35-4:15 Good News Club 6-7:30 Title 1 Math Night</p>	<p>7 7:00-8:00am STEM 4th Grade 5th Grade Field Trip to Enterprise Village 3:00-4:15 Promise Time</p>	<p>8 7:00-8:00am STEM 2nd and 3rd Grades 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3:00-4:00pm STEM 5th Grade</p>	<p>9 3:00-4:15 Promise Time</p>	10	11
12	<p>13  9-2:30 Book Fair 2:35-4:15 Good News Club 5:00 SAC</p>	<p>14 7:00-8:00am STEM 4th Grade 9-2:30 Book Fair 3:00-4:15 Promise Time</p>	<p>15 7:00-8:00am STEM 2nd and 3rd Grades 9-2:30 Book Fair 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3:00-4:00pm STEM 5th Grade 5:30 Parent Focus Night</p>	<p>16 Class Picture Day  9-2:30 Book Fair 3:00-4:15 Promise Time</p>	<p>17 9-2:30 Book Fair</p>	18
19	<p>20 No School for Students</p>	<p>21 7:00-8:00am STEM 4th Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time</p>	<p>22 7:00-8:00am STEM 2nd and 3rd Grades 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3:00-4:00pm STEM 5th Grade</p>	<p>23 3:00-4:15 Promise Time</p>	<p>24 Pasta for Pennies Ends 6:00 PTA Movie Night</p>	25
<p>26 Dr. Seuss Week</p>	<p>27 2:35-4:15 Good News Club</p>	<p>28 7:00-8:00am STEM 4th Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time</p>				