

## *The Northwest Star*

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Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a restful, fun and WARM winter break! We have quite a bit happening this month. Report cards go home Jan, 19<sup>th</sup>. On January 19<sup>th</sup> we will be having an awards ceremony for grades 3-5. We want to recognize those students making Principal's list, Honor Roll, and great improvements (4<sup>th</sup>-8:50-9:20, 5<sup>th</sup> 9:25-9:55, 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00-10:30 in the cafeteria).

Students in grades 3-5 will be preparing for FSA. The Writing portion will be assessed the week of March 5<sup>th</sup> for grades four and five. This writing assessment is part 1 of the ELA assessment. Part 2 will be the reading portion given in April/May. In order for your child to have an ELA score they need to take both parts. Consider accessing the following link to take practice tests (ELA/Math): <http://www.fsassessments.org>. Go to students and families and then practice tests. This will help students prepare for the stamina required and lessen their anxiety. This will also help parents see what is being assessed and the rigor of the questions.

### **Make Pinellas County and Northwest your choice for Kindergarten!**

We will be hosting a Ready Set Kindergarten information session on January 10<sup>th</sup> for interested incoming Kindergartners to Pinellas County Schools (PCS). We will meet at 5:30 pm in the Media Center. During this session, you will receive information about what to expect in the average PCS kindergarten class, you will be able to meet the Northwest Kindergarten team of teachers and visit a few classrooms. In May we will be holding a specific orientation for the families registered for Northwest Kindergarten. More information to come soon.

### **AdvancED accreditation survey**

Parents, to continue making school based improvements, we have another survey we are asking you to participate in - AdvancED. The survey you took in December was the Title I Annual Survey. This is NOT the same survey. This survey is a requirement to continue with our national accreditation. We are asking for your input, that's input to improve **YOUR** child's learning environment. Your child will have a label in their agendas with the link, it will be on our website, on your child's report card, and it is included below. If you need access to a computer, please stop in the school and we will get you set up on a computer. We also have paper copies upon request.

<http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/2490689>

### **Choice Program Registration**

If you are interested in a magnet or fundamental program for your child, the application period opens January 10<sup>th</sup> on the District website.

### **Family Involvement**

Mark your calendar!!! Please plan on attending our Title I Math Family Night on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Attendance:** Thank you for having your children at school every day on time! YOU VALUE your child's educational success!

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

### Dates to Remember

January 8<sup>th</sup> - Welcome back!

January 10<sup>th</sup> - Ready Set Kindergarten: 5:30 pm

January 19<sup>th</sup> - Report card distribution; Award ceremonies for grades 3-5

January 30<sup>th</sup> - 100<sup>th</sup> day of school

February 1<sup>st</sup> - SWB incentive: Great Explorations assembly

### Title 1 Tid Bits

Please join us February 5<sup>th</sup> for the SAC meeting to give input into the Title I Compact and Parent Involvement Plan for 2018- 2019.



### Northwest Cafeteria News

Every Northwest student may have breakfast at no charge daily. This great opportunity is available at all Pinellas County Schools. We also have a breakfast cart offering "Grab & Go" breakfast to all students who are running late to school. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and we want our students to have full tummies so they can focus on learning.

**Lunch Selection:** I wanted to take a moment to let you know we have some wonderful food items that are offered to your children daily. Every day there is a fresh entrée salad made with all the components to make a yummy meal. Sandwiches such as Turkey & Cheese Hoagie, Chicken Caesar Wrap or an Italian Sub are made daily. Students also have an assortment of fruits and vegetables to choose from. Our menu is on line at <https://www.pcsb.org/> The link to menus is located on the left side of the page.

Please Remember:

Parents can apply online now for the lunch program at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com) 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 2017-2018 school year. These applications need to be renewed to be prepared for summer camps and other programs. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Debbie Alter  
Cafeteria Manager  
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**Pinellas County Schools announces important dates for  
District Application Programs**

**Application Period for District Application Programs  
(Magnet, Fundamental and Career programs)**

**How to Apply:**

**Step 1: Get a Parent I.D. and Password**

\*If you do not already have a User ID and password for your family, go to a nearby school and ask for one. Bring a photo ID with you.

**Step 2: Apply Online Jan. 10-19, 2018**

<https://reservation.pcsb.org>

**Step 3: Accept Invitations Feb. 14-21, 2018**

**Questions? Contact PCS Student Assignment, 727-588-6210**

Peace,  
Ms. Spaight

**Homework Helpline 727-547-7223**

Pinellas County Schools offers a free Homework Helpline for students in Grades 1-12. Certified teachers in math, science, ELA and social studies. 5 to 8 pm Monday - Thursday.



*Are you a grandparent, aunt or uncle, cousin, adult 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 for support groups, please call 727-785-2762 x2128

For monthly updates: Intake and Referral line 1-888-920-8761

# Northwest Elementary

# January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7</p>  <p>8:05-8:25 every morning</p> <p>Free Breakfast Served to all Students</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Hurricane Make-up Day #2</p> <p>School in Session</p> <p>2:35-4:15 Good News Club</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00-8:00am STEM 4<sup>th</sup> Grade</p> <p>3:00-4:15 Promise Time</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00-8:00am STEM 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</p> <p>Character Awards during Lunches</p> <p>3-4 STEM 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</p> <p>3-4 Arts Club</p> <p>3-4 Crazy 8s</p> <p>5:30 Ready, Set Kindergarten</p>	<p>11</p> <p>3:00-4:15 Promise Time</p> <p>3:00-4:00pm STEM 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</p> <p>2-9 Spirit Night at Rubios</p> <p>Monthly Progress Report</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00-8:00am STEM 4<sup>th</sup> Grade</p> <p>3:00-4:15 Promise Time</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00-8:00am STEM 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</p> <p>2:35-3:15 Drumming</p> <p>3-4 STEM 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</p> <p>3-4 Arts Club</p> <p>3-4 Crazy 8s</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade More Health</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3:00-4:15 Promise Time</p> <p>3:00-4:00pm STEM 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Report Card Assemblies</p> <p>8:50 4<sup>th</sup> Grade</p> <p>9:25 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</p> <p>10:00 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</p> <p>2:35-3:45 Modern Band</p> <p>Report Cards Go Home</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>2:35-4:15 Good News Club</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00-8:00am STEM 4<sup>th</sup> Grade</p> <p>3:00-4:15 Promise Time</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00-8:00am STEM 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</p> <p>2:35-3:15 Drumming</p> <p>3-4 STEM 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</p> <p>3-4 Arts Club</p> <p>3-4 Crazy 8s</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3:00-4:15 Promise Time</p> <p>3:00-4:00pm STEM 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2:35-3:45 Modern Band</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>2:35-4:15 Good News Club</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00-8:00am STEM 4<sup>th</sup> Grade</p> <p>3:00-4:15 Promise Time</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00-8:00am STEM 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</p> <p>2:35-3:15 Drumming</p> <p>3-4 STEM 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</p> <p>3-4 Arts Club</p> <p>3-4 Crazy 8s</p>			