

The Northwest Star

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Dear Northwest Families,

We completed the first round of state testing in 4th and 5th grades today, March 6th! The students took a writing assessment. The score from this assessment is combined with the ELA tests they will take in April and May. It is important for students to take both assessments in order to have a score. The scores from all state assessments are used for next year's instructional decisions. The outgoing 5th grade scores will be used for courses in middle school. Our Third graders will be taking the ELA (English Language Arts) FSA the 2nd week in April. This assessment is important for promotion to Fourth grade. Please have them completing all FSA practice items the teachers are sending home. This will help them with test taking strategies.

Title I Connect for Success laptops

Title I student laptops for students in grade K - 4 need to be returned to school for an update March 5th. They will be re-distributed for summer checkout for returning Northwest students in grades K-4. All 5th grade student laptops will be collected at the end of April.

Summer Bridge

Northwest is NOT a Summer Bridge site. Our families are invited to attend Mt. Vernon Elementary. However, you have an option of attending any of the elementary sites on the list. Invitations will be going home this week. If you need assistance registering, ask our front office staff.

Parking

Parents, we have had multiple complaints of parents trespassing, parking and blocking driveways of the homes on 57th St. The Northwest School community is asking that you respect our neighbors on 57th St. by not parking on their property, blocking their driveways or walking on their property. Please consider using the car line. It does move quickly. Thank you for being respectful and responsible families.

Attendance: Parents, please remember to report an absence for your child. You can use the web site link, e-mail a teacher, write a note in the agenda planner or call in. We want to be sure we have accurate information when reviewing student absences.

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

Dates to Remember

March 1- Progress reports
March 2- School Wide Behavior incentive for February
March 6- FSA Writing assessment for 4th and 5th grades
March 9- Report period 3 ends
March 10- All County Chorus
March 19- Science Family Night with the Arts
March 23- Report card award ceremonies
March 23- Report cards distributed
March 26 - March 30 Spring Break
April 2 - Students return back to school

Title 1 Tid Bits

All student laptops grades k - 4 need to be returned by Monday, March 5th. Please send them in as soon as possible to get them back by Spring Break.

Is that too small?

Do you have clothes that are too small for your child? If they are in good shape, please consider donating to our clinic for emergencies. Every once in a while students have accidents, spill milk on their clothes or get a rip. We could use shorts in a variety of sizes. Thanks for donating!

Parents of Special Needs Students: Make Your Voice Heard

Take the ESE Parent Survey at www.esesurvey.com.

It is time for the Florida Department of Education's annual ESE Parent Survey. The survey helps determine how well your child's school is partnering with you and promoting your involvement in your child's education.

The survey is for parents of students who receive special education services. Your feedback helps the state and the school district improve special education services for students and their families.

The survey is confidential, but PCS receives overall results and makes changes based on your feedback. As a result of feedback, the district has developed a new support group for parents of students who receive special education services, an ESE parent guide to help parents advocate for their children, and a new ESE department position that helps students and families plan for life after high school.

Complete the survey at www.esesurvey.com starting Feb. 1. Paper surveys are also being distributed. If you need a paper survey or want more information, please contact Tracy McMannus at 727-588-6062 or MCMANNUST@pcsb.org.

Family and Community Corner



Northwest will be supporting the Annual Pasta for Pennies Program for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society from March 5 thru March 23. We are encouraging students and their families to collect spare change to support LLS's mission. Change "banks" went home with each student and are also available in each classroom and in the front office. The class that collects the most "change" wins lunch from Olive Garden.



Huge Thank You to Tijuana Flats on 66th Street for their support of Math Night.



National School Breakfast Week - March 5-9

We are encouraging all of our students to start their school day with breakfast at school. Pinellas County Schools offers free breakfast to all students. **Northwest serves breakfast each school day from 8:05-8:25.** If your child has not tried breakfast at school, now is the perfect opportunity for your child to get a healthy start to each school day.







Science Night

On Monday, March 19th we will host an exciting night of Science. We will have students performing in the courtyard, a school-wide Art Show, a Mad Science Program, and presentations brought to you by each grade level. A flyer letting you know about all the events as well as an RSVP for a hot dog dinner will be coming home with your child this week.

Northwest Elementary



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 DR. SEUSS WEEK	 8:05-8:25 every morning Free Breakfast Served to all Students			1 3-4pm STEM 5 th Grade Promise Time Monthly Progress Report	2 February SWB Dr. Seuss Day Commitment to Character Awards during Lunches 2:35-3:45 Modern Band	3
4 Pasta for Pennies March 5-23	5 2:35-4:15 Good News Club Return Title 1 Laptops K-4 only	6 7-8am STEM 4 th Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time	7 7-8am STEM 2 nd Grade 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3-4pm STEM 3 rd Grade 3-4 Arts Club 3-4pm Crazy 8s	8 3-4pm STEM 5 th Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time	9 2:35-3:45 Modern Band End of Report Period	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12 8-8:30 3 rd Grade Breakfast Hurricane Make-up Day School in Session 2:10 March Birthdays 2:35-4:15 Good News Club	13 7-8am STEM 4 th Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time	14 7-8am STEM 2 nd Grade 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3-4pm STEM 3 rd Grade 3-4 Arts Club 3-4pm Crazy 8s	15 3-4pm STEM 5 th Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time 2-9pm School Spirit Night at Rubio's	16 2:35-3:45 Modern Band	17 
18	19 2:35-4:15 Good News Club 5:30-7:15 Science Night	20 7-8am STEM 4 th Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time	21 7-8am STEM 2 nd Grade 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3-4pm STEM 3 rd Grade 3-4pm Crazy 8s	22 3-4pm STEM 5 th Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time	23 2:35-3:45 Modern Band Report Cards go home 	24
25	26 Spring Break	27 Spring Break	28 Spring Break	29 Spring Break	30 Spring Break	31