

# *The Northwest Star*

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Northwest Families,

We have several events this month, please consider joining in the fun with your Northwest School family: Red Ribbon Week, Bully Free Week, Literacy Festival, and the Book Fair. Students may dress up as their favorite Storybook character on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> for school and the Literacy Festival. We ask no blood, gore or weapons.

Wednesday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> is National Walk to School Day. Please join us at the Northwest Recreation Center Parking lot to walk together as a school to Northwest. We will gather at 7:45 and start walking at about 8:00 am.

As you know safety is a priority of ours. Please adhere to the morning drop off times. **NO CHILDREN are to be on campus before 8:05 unless they are enrolled in the YMCA program.** We do not have adult supervision until 8:05. Thank you for assisting us with this.

Our **STEM program** for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students begins the week of Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding 4 sessions this year on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Students are being challenged in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

**Attendance:** Being at school every day on time is imperative to your child's success in school- "Attendance Counts!" Research shows a positive correlation between attendance and student success in school. Have your child here each day, on time.

**MAP Assessments:** We will be completing assessing this week. This assessment will direct and guide teacher instruction. The MAP assessment is a very good indicator of end of year proficiency and FSA proficiency. Ask your child's teacher for a conference to review your child's results.

**Restorative Practices:** On Safety Night, we provided an overview of what Restorative Practices is about. A handout and survey were sent out Oct 2 for your input. We would appreciate your feedback for future training and communication.

Shine brightly,  
Mrs. Brainard

## Dates to Remember

October 4- National Walk to School Day  
October 6- PTA Movie Night- SING  
October 9- SAC meeting 5:30  
October 13- End of report period 1  
October 23-27- Book Fair  
October 26- Harvest Literacy Festival  
October 27- Report cards distributed



## Title 1 Tid Bits

We will continue with the Connect for Success laptop initiative for students in all grades. Computers will be distributed by Ms. Waldo and Mr. Miller. If you would like more information please feel free to contact me at 893-2147.

Our Parent Involvement Plan for Title 1 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 Know, missed meeting, Title I Annual Meeting power point, flyers, parent tool kit, etc...

## October's Commitment to Character trait of the month is Cooperation

Cooperation is getting along with others and working together to accomplish a goal. October 23<sup>rd</sup>-October 27<sup>th</sup> Northwest elementary will be celebrating Red Ribbon and Bullying Preventions Week so that students and teachers have the opportunity to unite and take a stand against substance abuse and bullying. Students and staff show their commitment to a healthy lifestyle and remaining bully free. Northwest Elementary will have themed days to show our support.

### 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. During the month of September, we celebrated the character trait **RESPONSIBILITY**



**Congratulations to** the following students nominated for Citizen of the Month: **PreK-Lincoln S.**, Ryker H. **Kindergarten-** Josefina B., Hanley M., Natalie G, Abigail F., Shay J. **1<sup>st</sup> Grade-** Ellory F., Molly M., Sreenidhi V., Brandon L., Olivia N., Angelina K. **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-** River J., Iyanna C., Eva N., Joaquin M., Jase L., Brian V., **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-** Lucy E., Tyanna E., Mariskah L., Sam H., Shaileigh O. **4<sup>th</sup> grade-** Leo S., Andy T., Haley W., Lauren C., Nicholas L. **5<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Calabrese V., Angelo A., Sayhoba R., Parker T. Austin B. and Siuming L.

### Pinellas County Schools announces important dates for District Application Programs

Learn how to apply for **magnet, fundamental and career programs** at Parent Information Sessions. All sessions will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. in school auditoriums:

- Nov. 1 at Countryside High, 3000 SR 580, Clearwater
- Nov. 2 at Boca Ciega High, 924 58th St. S, Gulfport
- Nov. 6 at Pinellas Park High, 6305 118th Ave. N, Largo

### Meet and greet with representatives from all application programs at the Information Fairs:

Thursday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-9:00pm- Boca Ciega High, 924 58th St. S, Gulfport  
Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-12:00pm- Pinellas Park High, 6305 118th Ave. N, Largo



### COMMUNITY Info



The University of Florida/IFAS extension program are sponsoring 6 Free Cooking classes (6:00-8:00pm)

You will learn how to: Prepare delicious, new recipes in a fun setting, get your family excited about healthy eating, buy healthy food on a budget

**RECEIVE . . .** A guided tour of the grocery store and a \$10 gift card to buy a healthy meal for 4

Contact: Nan Jensen, UF/IFAS Extension [njensen@pinellascounty.org](mailto:njensen@pinellascounty.org) or 727-582-2104

*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

*Peace, Ms. Spaight*



## Northwest Cafeteria News

Breakfast is so important for our children to get a good start to their day. Students need full tummies so they can focus on learning. I wanted to let our Northwest Parents know that the cafeteria offers a hot breakfast at no charge every day. We offer an assortment of cereals as well as Pop Tarts for our students to choose from. Sometimes it is hustle bustle getting your child to school, so why not let them have breakfast with us. We also have a *breakfast cart* offering "Grab & Go" breakfast to all students who are running late to school.

**Please Remember: Breakfast is served from 8:05-8:25 for walkers and car riders.**

\*\*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 the 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.

Thank you,  
Debbie Alter  
Cafeteria Manager  
Northwest Elementary  
727 893-1236

## Family and Community Corner

You are invited to be a part of the **Great American Teach-In on Wednesday, November 15**. Come share your profession or hobby with our students. This is a day that our students look forward to each year and they would love for you to be a part of it. Please contact me or your child's teacher if you are interested in participating or have any questions.



A huge *thank you* to St. Pete Police, St. Pete Fire Department (Station 9), St. Pete Aquatics, Florida Masonic, Miss Penny and Pet Pal for making our Safety Night informative and fun.

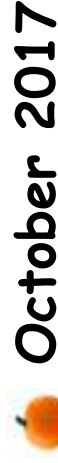
Thank you to Raytheon and Palm Lake Christian Church for their generous donation of school supplies!



## Book Fair

The Northwest Elementary Fall Book Fair will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> - October 27<sup>th</sup>. Hours are 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Monday through Thursday and 9:00 am - Noon on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The Book Fair will also be open during the Literacy Festival on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Students come shop with their classmates during the day. Parents can come Thursday night with their child. Choosing their own book is a great way to foster a child's love of reading.

# Northwest Elementary



# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:05-8:25 every morning Free Breakfast Served to all Students	2 September SWB Popcorn Party 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Swim 3:00-4:15 Promise Time	3 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Swim 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3:00-4:00 Arts Club	4 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Swim 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3:00-4:00 Arts Club	5 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Swim 3:00-4:15 Promise Time Monthly Progress Report	6 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Swim 2:45-3:45 Modern Band 5:30 PTA Movie Night	7
8	9 5:30 SAC Meeting	10 7:00-8:00am STEM 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time	11 7:00-8:00am STEM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3:00-4:00 Graphic Arts Club 3:00-4:00 STEM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	12 3:00-4:15 Promise Time 3:00-4:00pm STEM 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	13 2:45-3:45 Modern Band	14
15	16 Hurricane Make-up Day #1 School in Session	17 7:00-8:00am STEM 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time	18 7:00-8:00am STEM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Kindergarten Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3:00-4:00 Arts Club 3:00-4:00 STEM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	19 3:00-4:15 Promise Time 3:00-4:00pm STEM 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	20 2:45-3:45 Modern Band	21
22 RED RIBBON WEEK	23 Book Fair Begins 9:00-3:00	24 7:00-8:00am STEM 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Book Fair 9:00-3:00 3:00-4:15 Promise Time	25 7:00-8:00am STEM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Book Fair 9:00-3:00 2:35-3:15 Drumming 3:00-4:00 Arts Club 3:00-4:00 STEM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	26 Book Fair 9:00-3:00 3:00-4:15 Promise Time 3:00-4:00pm STEM 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Literacy Festival 5:30-7:30	27 Book Fair 9:00-12:00 2:45-3:45 Modern Band	28
29	30 3:00 Mad Science	31 7:00-8:00am STEM 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 3:00-4:15 Promise Time Halloween			Report Cards	