

# *The Northwest Star*

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Northwest Families,

Thank you for your patience as we implemented a new car line. We are becoming quicker each day.

We had our first SAC meeting and had our School Improvement Plan voted upon. Once the School Board approves we will upload it to our website.

On September 9<sup>th</sup> we had our first PTA meeting and movie night. Thank you to the families that came out to support our school. The PTA fundraiser is up and running. The last day is Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Please support our school. All proceeds go back to the teacher's and the students.

Our 3-5 swim program was a great success! I know the K-2 students are anxious for their turn in the spring!

**Visitors:** All adults must have a dated VISITOR sticker or a PCSB ID badge in order to enter our campus. This is to ensure your child's safety.

**Conferences:** Please be sure you are setting up conferences with your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns. The teacher is the first line of communication.

**Progress reports:** the first monthly progress report went home the week of Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Your next progress report will be going out October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Attendance:** Attendance matters! If students are not here learning they will not make the necessary learning gains required for each year of school. Please have them here learning every day!

**Breakfast Cart:** We are now operating a breakfast cart for late car riders and walkers in the courtyard daily. It is open from 8:25-8:55. We need students ready to learn.

## **A few reminders.....**

- ✓ **There is no supervision before 8:05**
- ✓ **Breakfast is served for bus riders as soon as their bus arrives on campus.**

## **Dates To Remember**

September 29 - Safety Family Night  
October 7- Monthly progress reports  
October 14- Picture Day

## **Family and Community Corner**

Welcome to a new, exciting year at Northwest. We are currently registering volunteers and would love to have you as part of our volunteer team. We have various volunteer opportunities available. If you plan to chaperone a field trip or want to volunteer this year, please submit your volunteer application now. Applications are available in the front office or you can contact me and I will send one home with your student.

We are also looking for individuals to be Mentors. To be a Mentor, you would attend a 2-hour workshop and be prepared to make a regular commitment to meet with a student. Please let me know if this is of interest to you.

Join us for **National Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 5**. More detailed information will be coming home soon.



**A huge thank you to Paradise Printing for making our car signs to help our car line move along swiftly.**



We are continuing our contest collecting Box Tops for Education. **It's an easy way to help raise funds for our school.** Please submit your Box Tops to your child's teacher. Twice this year, the class with the most Box Tops submitted will win a prize.

**Save the Date: Great American Teach-In, Wednesday, November 16**

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### Counselor Connection

"What does Guidance Counseling look like, sound like, and who's it for, you ask?"

What a fabulous experience meeting all of the teachers and students during my classroom visits in the first week of school! I look forward to many more visits throughout the year which brings me to the topic at hand, "Guidance?" Guidance counseling could wear several different hats. However, if a time was to be scheduled for a classroom visit or if students were referred for a small group, someone would see the students engaged in activities like games, art, trivia, readings, etc. These activities would be in relation to what the student(s) are in need of. Someone would hear the students verbally responding about themselves, family, academics, and/ or friends or sharing within groups about their personal experiences. Guidance counseling could be and is for any student who could benefit from some extra engagement or maybe a student who needs a specialized atmosphere to share about his/ her personal experiences with others who might be going through the same thing. All in all, Guidance Counseling works as a positive contributor.

Feel free to contact me for more information! Ms. Spaight



### Northwest Cafeteria News

Every enrolled student may have breakfast at no charge daily. This great opportunity is available at all Pinellas County Schools. We now 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.

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 2016-2017 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,  
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