

Extra, extra: read all about it!

In addition to regular class activities students are enjoying computer lab, physical education, Spanish, library and music classes. The students are learning new computer skills, games, and exercises in computer lab and PE. The students are learning how to say words and greetings in Spanish class. In library and music classes we are enjoying many stories and songs. Remember, reading everyday

to your child will help to increase attention span and language skills.

Parents can order color birthday posters for \$15.00. Students can bring these posters home as a keepsake to remind them of their wonderful years at NWE. Forms are available at the office.

The Scholastic book fair and first AR nights will be held in October this year. These events are scheduled for the week of October 3-7, 2011. If

you would like to volunteer for book fair, your help would be greatly appreciated!

Interested persons can contact the school librarian by sending an email to gay.bankston@zacharyschools.org or by calling 654-2786. Please help support our school by recycling! We are collecting old cell phones and ink cartridges to be recycled for profit for our school. We also participate in the "Box Tops for Education" and "Community Coffee for Cash" programs. Please save these labels for us. Thank you for your support!

Speech Spotlight

The children enrolled in speech therapy are currently participating in speech and language testing to determine their current levels of functioning. We are delighted to see some of our students from last year return, and we are ready to begin work with our new students.

Listed below are some suggestions for stimulating your child's speech and language skills at home:

- *Talk to your child. Your child learns words by hearing you talk.
- *Read books to your child. Talk about "who" is in the book and "what" they are doing.
- *Be a good example. They need to hear you speak clearly and in complete sentences.
- *Sing and listen to CDs. Children gain many new word meanings through singing songs.
- *Give spoken directions. Start with one direction

When your child is able to understand one direction, add another. (Example: "Go to the table, and get a tissue.")

The speech therapists at NWES want parents to know that talking and listening times should be fun.

-----Christie Aguillard,
and Leah Rettig

Counselor's Corner

The school counselor at Northwestern Elementary is Dana Vicellio. She will see your children twice a month for guidance lessons. This year the students will be learning about the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. The counselor will also do individual and small group counseling and will be using some new interactive software with the children. If you have a concern about your child or would like to sign them up for individual or small group counseling, please contact the counselor at 654-2786.

PE News

Hello Everyone!!

Our P.E. Department is looking forward to another wonderful and fantastic school year! We are so pleased to have your child at our school. Your child will have physical education class every day. Comfortable or running shoes should be worn even on free dress days to ensure they are able to participate in all activities. If your child is sick or hurt and is unable to participate in p.e., a note is needed. We will have 4 major events this year: Wellness Night, The Body Walk, March of Dimes fundraiser, and Field Day. Some volunteers are needed, so please watch for more information to come.

Thank you once again for allowing us to educate your child here at Northwestern Elementary School.

Coach Burrell
Coach Komendo
Coach Simoneaux



Car Riders Very Important!!

Please make sure your child's name is clearly visible in the car window. All car pool riders must be picked up in the afternoon by 3:45 p.m. or the end of

the car pool line. Any students left after this time will be sent to Extended Day and parents will be charged \$5.00 until 4:00 p.m. After 4:00 p.m. parents will be charged the usual fee of \$8.00. Extended Day is over at 5:45 p.m. Parents will be charged \$1.00 per minute for each child remaining after 5:45.

Positive Behavior Support Program

In addition to learning the routines and rules of their classroom, students are busy learning the routines and rules of our school. Students are rewarded weekly for their hard work and positive choices every Friday during lunch. Students, who have an "A" average in conduct for the month of August, will be rewarded on Friday, September 2 with a popsicle party! Talk with your child about making positive choices everyday!



First Grade is Fabulous! We have had a wonderful time in first grade so far. First-Graders have been very busy learning school and classroom rules and getting into routines. We have been learning and practicing our school's

expectations:
Be Respectful,
Be Responsible,
Be Your Best!

In first grade, our days have been filled with lots of learning and fun. We have read many books that connect to lessons in our classrooms.

Chrysanthemum is a book that tied into a lesson about graphing names. We now know how many letters we have in our name! We have been identifying and writing

complete sentences. We have also been making and interpreting graphs. We have also been doing a lot of counting and making sense of numbers.

First-Graders have begun to explore the five senses. We look forward to many more fun-filled days of learning in first grade.

Parents - Each Night Remember to: Look over your child's homework, Check their binders, and **READ.**



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Important Dates

September 1-Papers go home

September 2 – Free Dress

September 5 – Labor Day Holiday

September 6-Star student lunch

September 15-Papers go home

September 19-Chocolate Covered Almonds Sale Begins

September 22-Parent workshop

September 29 –Papers go home, Fall pictures

October 3-7- Book Fair

October 4-K Literacy Night

October 5 & 6-AR Night for 1st grade 4:30-6:30

October 7- Free dress

October 10-Columbus Day Holiday

October 11-Teacher Conference Day-no students attend

October 13-Papers go home

October 14-ZHS Homecoming



FROM THE CHIEF

Thank you to our parents, faculty/staff, community partners, school board staff and students for an awesome opening of the school year. A special thanks to Ms. Melanie Dotson who assisted during lunch time in the cafeteria. We thank our parents who attended our Parent Orientations and Meet and Greet.

Our teachers are working hard to provide your child/children with an outstanding education. The students are quickly learning routines, procedures and school rules. We are implementing our Positive Behavior, Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Program. The students are doing a great job. We are very proud of them. Thank you for sending us such wonderful children.

We encourage you to keep your Students Rights and Responsibilities Handbook and Student/Parent handbook to refer to if you have questions about school policies.

We are planning a parent workshop for September 22nd from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. You will have an opportunity to learn about ways to work with your child at home to help them be successful in school. We encourage you to attend. We are looking forward to a fantastic year with our students!



We welcome you to Northwestern Elementary. Kindergarten is off to a great start. This year we have a total of 16 classes of

kindergarten children. We have been busy learning school rules and our daily classroom procedures. We are making many new friends and having a wonderful time.

If you have not already done so, please be reminded to pay the \$50.00 kindergarten fee as well as the \$11.00

field trip T-shirt fee. We are looking forward to a Community Helpers field trip during September. We know this is going to be a fantastic year for your child. They will grow, learn, and mature so much during this wonderful time of their lives.