



THE NIGHTHAWK

...NEWS ON THE FLY

THANK YOU

Northwest Elementary teachers and staff for all you do every day to help our kids feel safe and make learning fun. E-Learning is not something any of us were ready for but you all rose to the challenge. You always go the extra mile and we appreciate it more than you know!

With great admiration, The PTA

SEPTEMBER 7

LABOR DAY

What does it mean other than no school? Labor Day was invented by Peter J McGuire, a carpenter and labor union leader, was the person who came up with the idea for Labor Day. He thought American Workers should be honored with their own day. He proposed this idea to New York's Central Labor Union in early 1882, and they thought the holiday was a good idea, too.

SEPTEMBER 13

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents are a valuable resource because they have so many stories and experiences from their own lives to share. Oftentimes children will listen to grandparents even when they are not listening to their parents or other adults. Grandparents also offer a link to a child's cultural heritage and family history.

SEPTEMBER 22

AUTUMNAL EQUINOX

Autumnal equinox, two moments in the year when the Sun is exactly above the Equator and day and night are of equal length; also, either of the two points in the sky where the ecliptic (the Sun's annual pathway) and the celestial equator intersect. There are 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness at all points on the earth's surface.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

Welcome to all new and returning Nighthawk families! As we embark on a school year unlike any in Northwest history, PTA remains committed to finding new and innovative ways to serve the school community and continue to advocate for all children's education and well-being. Did you know that historically PTA has played a key role in some of the most instrumental education and safety programs of modern time such as seat belts, Kindergarten, bicycle helmets, child labor laws, creating hot lunch programs in public schools, and bus safety? During such uncertain and divisive times, you may be asking, "why is PTA important now?" PTA impacts change not only at Northwest Elementary, but also at the County, State, and National levels. Our collective voice needs to be at the forefront of education issues as fundamental shifts are occurring that affect our most precious resource: our children. How do we do it? We don't do it alone...we need YOU! PTA's role is vital to help connect parents, teachers, and administrators together and support critical school needs. We want every family in our school to join PTA because we can do more together than apart. Make a commitment to become a PTA member TODAY!

Tracy Johnson | nwepta.president@gmail.com

FALL FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are sure everyone is curious about the Fall Festival this year. Due to current COVID restrictions, it will not be held in October, but we are looking at the possibility for a **Spring Fling** if conditions improve. We will keep you updated.

Translation of this newsletter into another language may be requested in the Northwest office

THERE IS NO WRONG WAY TO PTA

JOIN NOW

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

Henry Ford

HELP US ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS.

There is no wrong or right way to be involved - anything you can give, whether it is time or money, will support your child's potential. We invite every family to participate because we can do more together than apart. How will you PTA? Visit www.northwestpta.org to become a member today. We look forward to meeting you!

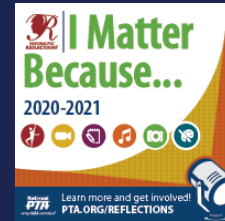
✂GET CLIPPING



The program is going digital! Traditional Box Tops clipping is being phased out! So, what should you do now? Download the app "Box Tops for Education" to your mobile device, designate "Northwest Elementary School" in your profile as the school you are supporting, and you are ready to earn 10 cents per item for the PTA! Snap a photo of your receipts containing Box Tops products in the app within 14 days of purchase and the earnings are automatically applied to our Northwest account. It's that easy! Traditional Box Tops will be collected through their expiration dates, so place them on a collection sheet or in a resealable bag and send them to school.

Reflections Arts Program

The theme for the 2020-2021 school year will spark imagination and creativity in school and at home. October is National Arts & Humanities Month, so imagine, create and celebrate by participating in Reflections. All Northwest students are invited to participate in this national program and submit an original art piece in the following categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual arts. Submissions are judged in the Primary (Preschool-2nd Grade) or Intermediate (3rd-5th Grade) divisions. Winners at the school, county, and state levels will be sent to the final National judging round. Northwest Elementary is proud to have had student submissions advance to the state level in previous years.



NORTHWEST NIGHT OUT! SEPTEMBER 22nd | 4-8 PM

Take a break from making dinner and show your support for Northwest by participating in Night Out at Chipotle Mexican Grill. **33% of all sales will be donated to the PTA.** Order online at Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app and use the Online **Promo Code FV73C8J**. Choose "pickup" from the Chipotle location at 12827 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa 33618. Please do not order delivery or through a separate app - online orders will only count for pickup through the official Chipotle App or on the Chipotle website.

YEARBOOK PICTURES



Have you taken any fun pictures you would like to share showing how you and your Northwest students are rockin' e-learning? Or how you prepare to head out to school in the morning ready to tackle the day? Or just some plain ole fun ones. Send them to nwepta.yearbook@gmail.com. You may see them in the yearbook at the end of the year.

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