

~From the Desk of Mrs. Ferri~
Principal at Northwood Elementary School
****Be Safe* Be Kind* Be Ready to Learn****

August/September 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back! On behalf of the staff at Northwood Elementary School, I am excited to welcome you and your child/children to the 2022-2023 school year. As our shining stars fill the hallways, our focus will be on providing an enriching school experience both socially, emotionally, and academically. School attendance is a top priority. Please help your child/children maintain daily routines by ensuring they attend school on-time each and every day. Also, having your child/children follow a consistent schedule will help to create healthy habits and a smooth transition to school.

We will continue to support our students through our PBIS model of instruction (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) to encourage prosocial behaviors. This includes acknowledging students and classrooms on a regular basis who are caught by staff members for following our Northwood Code (being safe, kind, and/or ready to learn).

Save the Date:

Our **Back to School Open House/Supply Drop-Off, K-5**, will take place on Wednesday, August 31st from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM. During this time, you and your child may drop off supplies to the classroom, meet the teacher, and take a walk around the building. Also, we will have a school bus parked in the lot for your child to practice getting on and off the bus safely.

Feel free to stop by during the times below:

- Students K-5, 4-6 PM
- Students attending UPK at Northwood will participate in small group orientations. You will receive a separate correspondence with this information.

Breakfast/Lunch Programming:

We are pleased to inform you that all students at Northwood Elementary will receive a free breakfast and lunch each day should they wish to participate. Please contact Sue Whalen, our food service manager, at (716) 677-3810 if you have any questions.

Safety Protocols:

Safety and security is a top priority at Northwood Elementary School. To ensure the well-being of our students, staff, and visitors, the following protocols will be enforced:

1. You will be asked to show your ID to the outside camera and will need to state your reason for requesting entry into the building.
2. A staff member will buzz you into the main vestibule through the first set of glass doors. At this time, you will need to present your identification to a staff member at the sliding window.

If you are dropping off your child, you will “sign-in” your child at the window. After you sign-in your child, he or she will be permitted through the second set of doors to enter the building.

3. Parents, visitors, and guardians who need to enter the building will be buzzed through the second set of glass doors. Otherwise, we kindly ask that you wait patiently in the vestibule.

4. We will continue to require building visitors to sign-in and wear a “visitor’s pass” which must be worn and visible.

Transportation, Arrival, and Dismissal Procedures:

TRANSPORTATION:

All children are encouraged to ride the school bus to and from school each day to promote independence and to ease separation anxiety.

ARRIVAL (grades K-5): SEE ATTACHED LETTER AND MAP

Arrival time is from 8:30 - 8:35 AM. Grab-and-Go Breakfast will begin at 8:30 AM.

Students must be in their classrooms by 8:40 AM.

Use the designated car lane near the main entrance to drop off your child. Please remain in your car when you drop off your child. You may not park in the fire lane. Students arriving after 8:40 AM must have a parent/guardian with them to check-in with the Main Office. Your ID must be presented to the camera before entering the building.

DISMISSAL (grades K-5): SEE ATTACHED LETTER AND MAP

Afternoon pick-up will begin at 2:50 PM. Parents/Guardians will utilize our car lane system.

Car tags will be distributed at our Open House/Supply Drop-Off on August 31st from 4-6 PM.

Bus Dismissal begins at 3:00 PM.

Buses are called in the order in which they arrive.

Notes are also required if you are allowing your child to walk home from school. All notes are kept on file in the Main Office.

HEALTH OFFICE & ABSENCES:

If calling in an absence, please call the Attendance Office at (716) 677-3642. If you have questions regarding your child’s illness or health records/forms, call Nurse Pisto at (716) 677-3644.

TRANSPORTATION:

If you have questions regarding your child’s busing, call (716) 677-3820. Please be patient with transportation services during the first two weeks of school as drivers are learning their routes.

Thank you for your continued support. Please reach out to our school community if you need any help or assistance. We are looking forward to another fabulous year at Northwood!

Kindly,

Mrs. Ferri