



Northwood News Fall/Winter Newsletter 2022

Fall Fest Carnival

Our Fall Fest Carnival was a huge success. Thank you to the PTA and our Northwood Literacy Team for co-organizing a fun-filled evening of food, games, and activities. Thanks to our WS Police Department and The Union Fire Hall for volunteering their time as well. **Save the Date: Our Halloween Event/ Book Fair will be held on Tuesday, October 25th.**



PBIS Kick-Off Assembly

Mrs. Steel and Mrs. Giglio ran our first PBIS assembly to review our PBIS expectations and introduced our NEW COOL PRIZES & INCENTIVES. We look forward to rewarding our "Stars" for being safe, kind, and ready to learn.
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Gary Gaiser Run 2022

Congratulations to all of our 4th and 5th Grade students who participated in the annual Gary Gaiser X-Country Run at Sunshine Park. Fourth grade students ran a 1/2 mile and our 5th grade students ran 3/4 of a mile. Everyone did a great job and should be very proud of themselves!

Library News and FAQ: Do students have access to e-books?

Yes! We have a wonderful selection of eBooks available on SORA. Students can log into SORA using their school email address. Once they are logged in and they connect their account, they will also have access to the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library children's eBooks. They don't even need to have a library card! If students are unable to check out library books during their scheduled library time, because they forgot to bring their previous books back, they will always have the option to check out books on SORA. Books checked out this way are an addition to the physical library collection. Please check their Library Google Classroom for videos showing how to login and connect to the public library so you and your child can access this wonderful resource at home. You may also use the QR code below to see a video on how to use SORA. Books can be read on their Chromebooks and any tablet or phone that can connect to an e-reader app. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Mrs. LaFever and she will be happy to help you set up your account.



Be Safe.

Be Kind.

Be Ready to Learn.

Dates to Remember:

NO School: Oct. 10th

NO School: Nov. 8th

NO School: Nov. 11th

Thanksgiving Recess:

Nov. 23th - Nov. 25th

Half-Day: Oct. 5th,
11:45AM Dismissal

NO School: Dec. 8th

Half-Day: Dec. 2nd,
9th, & 11AM Dismissal

Winter Recess:

Dec. 26th - Jan.2nd

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

Picture Re-take Day:
December 6th

New Year, New You! Establish Healthy Habits and Routines....

*Establish consistent routines for morning wake-up, after school, and bedtime.

*Attendance Matters! Regular school attendance is crucial in helping to determine your child's success in school.

*Sleep is important! Children ages 5 to 12 should sleep between 10-11 hours per day. Poor or inadequate sleep can lead to irritability, mood swings and behavioral problems which can significantly impact a child's ability to learn and perform successfully in school.

*Encourage exercise & a healthy diet! Be active and make sure you are eating a healthy diet and drinking enough water.

*Get involved! Join the PTA and attend school functions.

*Communication is the key! Maintain ongoing communication with your child's teacher and school staff.

*Do not wait to reach out if your child is struggling, support is available.

From Our School Nurse....

If you have questions related to COVID, or any health related concerns, please feel free to contact the school nurse, Mrs. Pisto, at 677-3644 or via email at mpisto@wscschools.org. As always, wash your hands, wear a mask, and socially distance to stay safe.

Don't Forget Your Physical!

NYS mandates that we have physical exams on file for all children in UPK/Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade. New York State also requires all students that are new to the district to have a physical on file. The physicals must be less than a year old. They can be mailed, dropped off, or faxed to our office (674-3505).

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Consider joining the Northwood PTA and come to all the events for free! Cost is \$10 per family. It's a great way to meet people and be involved in your child's school and community. Please follow the "Northwood Elementary School PTA" Facebook page to become familiar with the PTA sponsored events during the year.

Transportation APP

The West Seneca Central School District has apps to allow parents the availability to track their child's bus.

**Bus 1-23 will use the First Student App – Firstview

Bus 60 and higher will use the district App, Here Comes The Bus (HCTB)

**Firstview parents will need their student's ID which is found on the parent portal. HCTB parents will need their student ID from the parent portal and our district code, 86979. All of this information is available on our website.

Car Lane Service

Please keep a watch on the weather! In the event it's thunder and lightening, and you do not see staff outside, please use your discretion when releasing your child/children from your vehicle.