

# Northwood News

## Winter Edition

Home of the Shining Stars

### Northwood's Library Rocks!

Our shining stars have been busy in the library this year. Fifth grade students have completed a book challenge in September. Second grade students are incorporating STEAM challenges into traditional read aloud activities. AND most exciting of all...the library now has virtual and augmented reality. Students of all grade levels will take virtual field trips right from the library.



### Have you heard the buzz about the Impossible Shot?

New to the Northwood gym this year, we have a fun challenge called the Impossible Shot! During each physical education class, we look for two students who are being safe, being kind, and being ready to learn. Those students are given three chances to toss a tennis ball into the tube target. If the "almost" Impossible Shot is made, the student gets their picture up on our Wall of Fame. It has been a great start to the year seeing our students work so hard to follow the Northwood Code in the gym!



### PBIS Shout-out! Be Safe. Be Kind. Be Ready to Learn.

Northwood Classrooms have been working hard to earn tickets for our new schoolwide PBIS initiative. Any adult in the building can recognize a class or student for following the Northwood Code by giving them one (or multiple) STAR tickets (Students That Are Remarkable). At the end of each month, the class and teacher with the most tickets in each grade are honored with a classroom reward and a school wide parade!

We recently celebrated our first set of winning classes. Our winners this month had the opportunity to walk the halls as their friends cheered them on with congratulations. The students were so proud and motivated to start earning tickets again to see who the next classroom winners will be. Special recognition goes out to students and staff in the following classes:

**Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Giglio, Mrs. Dubel, Mrs. Steele, and Mr. Page.**

## Important Dates

- **Picture Retake Day - December 6th**
  - December 2nd and 9th - Half Day - 11AM Bus Dismissal; 10:45 Car Lane Dismissal
  - NO School December 8th
  - Winter Break, December 26th - January 2nd
  - NO School January 16th, MLK Day
  - February 8 - Half Day -11:45 AM Bus Dismissal; 11:30 AM Car Lane Dismissal
  - Mid-Winter Recess, NO School, February 20th - 24th
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## Reminders

- Safety is a top priority. ID is always required when entering the building.
  - Pets are not permitted on the property during school hours.
  - A note is required if you are allowing your child to walk home from school. All notes are kept in the main office.
  - Please keep an eye on the weather. In the event it's thunder or lightening, and you do not see staff outside, please use your discretion when releasing your child/children from your vehicle.
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## 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](mailto:mpisto@wscschools.org). As always, wash your hands, wear a mask, and socially distance to stay safe.

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).

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## 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.**



