



NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
BULLETIN

October 26 – November 6, 2009



The mission of Northwood Elementary School, a special place where students come first, is to provide a quality education necessary for life-long learning, through the commitment and dedication of our staff, families, and community.

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School Lunch \$2.25

Adult Lunch \$3.00

Milk \$ .45

Reduced Lunch \$ .40

Dear Parents,

Once again, Northwood Elementary School along with the North Canton City School District, has received an EXCELLENT rating from the State Board of Education! We, as a school family, can be very proud of our excellent rating for the 2008-09 school year. This rating is the result of a dedicated and caring staff, parents who are supportive and involved in their child's education and children who are interested learners.

Congratulations for a job well done! Check out our new banner in the front hallway!



**We welcome these new families to Northwood School!**

Dominick Michel to Mrs. Ray's first grade class and Anthony Michel to Mrs. Stehura's fifth grade class!  
Noah Drlik to Mr. Holben's fifth grade class!

**V.I.P.'s Week of October 19!**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Julius Mohr, Michael Paulen, Jacob Cureton

Multiage 1/2: Hailey Zackiewicz

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Jamie Goldman, Taylor Logan, Mackenzie Wright

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Amanda Randall, Alex Ledger, Hannah Anderson, A.J. Vega

Multiage 3/4: Spencer Lee

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Wes Smith, Shoni Goodman, Abbey Held

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Alexis Colon-Philabaum, Karina Roknich, Doug Willems, Priyashi Saha



**V.I.P.'s Week of October 26!**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Heidey Held, Victoria Black, Tommy Wengerd

Multiage 1/2: Christian Snyder

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Jacob Wood, Thomas Meyers, Jonah McCartney

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Chloe Burke, Preston Engler, John Paul Kreidler, Macy Rankin

Multiage 3/4: Justin Potvin

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Kalina Beaver, Nicole Roknich, James Huff

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Anthony Fondas, Grace Reider, Jonnie Taylor, Nick Quinn



**Congratulations!**

Mrs. Melert, first grade teacher, was recognized as a Person of Character at the Stark County Persons of Character Awards Program on October 22, 2009 at R.G. Drage Technical Center!

**Student Spotlight!**

Congratulations to these fifth graders who were elected officers in our Student Council for this school year:

**President:** Matt Cochenour

**Treasurer:** Jimmy Jones



**Vice President:** Katelyn Crawford

**Secretary:** Marisa Kroh

- Congratulations to the North B football teams on their outstanding season and winning the league championship. Many thanks to the North Cheerleaders for their spirit and support. We also congratulate the Northwood boys who played on Southwest and East teams.



**Library News!** Many thanks to these students for donating books to our library:

- Preston Engler: Warriors Blue Star's Prophecy
- Sarah Klein: 12 new & gently used books for our Birthday Book Program
- Mrs. Jaclyn Woods (former Northwood parent): Dr. Art's Guide to Planet Earth and Spaceflight
- The Locke Family: 65 new and gently used books to add to our new "Easy Reader" and Title One Collection!
- Mrs. JoAnna Yurjevich (former Northwood parent): a world map, Nutrition & Health & The Olympic Spirit: 100 Years of the Olympic Games
- Congratulations to the 183 students who participated in the **2009 Summer Reading Program, "Ice Cream for Books!"** A new school-wide record was set with reading 413,279 pages! The winning Grade Level Team was Third Grade having read 115,235 pages!

The **Grand Prize Winners per Grade Level:** Hanna Rackov - 5<sup>th</sup>, Christopher Thomas - 4<sup>th</sup>, Tess Cunningham - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sean Link - 2<sup>nd</sup> and Elle Mason - 1<sup>st</sup>

The **Second Place Winners per Grade Level:** Nick Quinn - 5<sup>th</sup>, Natalie Dhyanchand - 4<sup>th</sup>, Ashley Burtscher - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thomas Meyers - 2<sup>nd</sup> and Beau Burtscher - 1<sup>st</sup>

The **Third Place Winners per Grade Level:** Emma Allen - 5<sup>th</sup>, Ellie Plaster - 4<sup>th</sup>, Michael Hall - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Brian Thomas - 2<sup>nd</sup> and Isabella Curet - 1<sup>st</sup>



**Thanks Parents!** Parent volunteers are the “HEART” of our school. Many thanks to:

- Mrs. Cronin, Mrs. Mosholder, Mrs. Slesnick and Mrs. Dhyanchand for their work on the Northwood Fall Festival. A special thanks to Mrs. Ray, our Mystery Guest Reader, Mrs. Ritter who was the Face Painter, and Mr. Keirn, the Chalk Artist. Despite the chilly weather, a good time was had by the children. Be sure to visit the smiling scarecrow in the herb garden and see if he looks like someone you have met at Northwood. Check out the display of pictures in the hallway from a fun afternoon.
- Mrs. Dhyanchand for introducing each first grade class to our Herb Garden and all that it offers.
- The many parents and families who donated or volunteered to help with the First Grade Apple Day!
- Mr. Curet for being a Mystery Guest Reader in Mrs. Melert’s first grade. The children love the book, Goodnight Goon that you donated to the class!
- Mrs. Dhyanchand for being Mystery Guest Reader in Mrs. Ray’s first grade.

**School and Community News!**

- Thank you to Mr. Ed Bender, a community member, for donating tablets of paper to our school.
- **Our Veterans’ Day Breakfast and Assembly** will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2009. The Veterans (adults only) are invited for breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by a program at 9:15 a.m. in the gym. Please turn in your blue reservation form by **Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**!
- **Picture Retake Day!** Picture retake day will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2009. If you were not satisfied with your child’s pictures, please return the entire package to school (except the class picture) on retake day. If you were absent, bring in the envelope with payment!
- **Thanksgiving Food Drive!**



Our student Council is sponsoring a Thanksgiving food drive from November 2-16. Please have your child bring in non-perishable canned or boxed food items. The collection will be given to the “Helping Hands” program at St. Paul’s church. There is great need for food by families in our community!

- **Collecting Old Holiday Cards!** Brownie Troop #544 is collecting old Christmas cards from now until Nov. 10. They are making recycled card ornaments for a tree they are decorating for the Akron Children’s Hospital Holiday Tree Festival. There is a donation box in the main hall at Northwood.



**PTA News!**

- **Northwood PTA Fundraiser – Entertainment Books 2009!** The sale is over and we did really well! With your support, we sold 230 books to date! Thank you to the Northwood staff and families! **Please return all unsold books or a write a check to the Northwood PTA, for \$30... ASAP.** The prize drawing will occur at the close of the sale and all winners will be notified.
- Thank you to the many families who participated in the **Marco’s Pizza Night Fundraiser.** The PTA was able to raise \$316.72. Congratulations to Mrs. Burtscher’s 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class who won the Pizza Party!
- **Library Volunteers Needed!** We are still in need of more volunteers that can assist in the library in the afternoon on Mondays (Grade 4), Wednesday (Grade 2) or Thursday (Multi 1/2). Mrs. Mohler, the librarian, is wonderful to work with and it’s a fun way to interact with the children. If you are interested, please contact Mary Westerman @ 330-494-0597 or [handmwesterman@att.net](mailto:handmwesterman@att.net).



- **Outdoor Learning Lab Annual Fall Work Day!** Saturday, November 7, 2009 - 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Join in the fun and don’t forget to bring your work gloves to help us prepare the gardens and pond for the winter. We will plant bulbs and eat donuts and cider too!

**Calendar of Events**

October	26-30	Fifth grade district wide Standardized Testing.
	29	PTA makes and sells popcorn during lunch (10¢ a bag) 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Cafeteria, Chess Team practice
	30	Report Cards and end of nine-week awards sent home, grades 1-5
November	1	Turn clocks back one (1) hour
	2-16	Thanksgiving food collection in all classrooms
	3	<b>Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. PTA meeting in the cafeteria</b>
	3	<b>Election Day – VOTE!</b>
	5	5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Cafeteria, Chess Team practice
	6	Vision & Hearing Screening
	11	Veteran’s Day – All students & staff wear red, white & blue! 8:30 a.m. Breakfast for Veterans with a program to follow in the gym at 9:15 a.m.
	12	9:15 a.m. Cafeteria – Picture Retake Day! 5:00 – 6:30 Cafeteria, Chess Team practice
	13	Vision & Hearing Screening



