

Welcome to the 25/26 School Year at Northwood Elementary!

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NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Pathway to the Future

"We believe that all students at Northwood will be prepared for the future in a safe, nurturing environment that inspires academic and social learning in order to be critical thinkers and active citizens in a global community."

For translation assistance, please call one of our District hotlines below:

Chinese, 408-923-1901
Spanish, 408-923-1902 Español
Vietnamese, 408-923-1903
請利用學區中文熱線電話
1-408-923-1901

會有人與您聯繫,為您翻譯資料上的重要內容

Si desea información en español, por favor llame a la línea de asistencia en español al 1-408-923-1902 y alguien le llamará para darle un resumen de este documento.

Xin gọi số hotline của khu học tại 1-408-923-1903 và sẽ có người giúp quý vị để hiểu những điều cốt yếu của văn kiện.

August 8, 2025

Dear Northwood Families,

Welcome to the 2025/26 school year. My name is Eric Witter, and I am very excited to be your new principal! I have been a school administrator for several years, and I feel very fortunate to be the leader at this wonderful school. I am really looking forward to meeting your students and to working with the excellent Northwood staff to create a great year for our Bears. This year, we are especially looking forward to welcoming our families from Laneview Elementary (welcome to Northwood Elementary!).

I truly believe that close partnerships between families and school staff makes our school a positive place for our students to learn and grow and I invite each of you to help build a strong partnership with us to support your child. There are many ways for parents to be active members of the school such as: being a part of our School Site Council, PTA, volunteering during school events, and attending our school and community events. Please be sure to read our weekly communication for information on how you can participate in one or more of these volunteer opportunities this year.

Wednesday, August 13th, will be our first day of school. We recommend that students bring a backpack to school, and then teachers will share information about supplies soon. Students can bring a snack and a lunch, or they can get a free snack and lunch at school (menu is below). For the first three days of school, students will walk to their classroom for the start of school. Starting Monday, 8/18, students will line up with their classes on the blacktop, and their teachers will walk them to their classroom. Gates will remain closed throughout the school day, and all visitors need to sign in at the office. Parents can walk on campus

for pick up, with the exception of Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten. TK and Kindergarten students will be dismissed through the gate located closest to our front office (starting on Monday, 8/18). For all other grades, please discuss with your child where you will be meeting for after school pick up.

Student Placement

Careful consideration was given to placing each student into classes with input from staff as well as student learning styles. Classrooms have been balanced academically and socially. Our classes are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities.

Thank you so much for being positive with your child and helping him or her understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best friend or teacher. ALL of our staff works hard to make school a positive experience for ALL students. Northwood Elementary is eagerly looking forward to enriching your child's life. Thank you for understanding that it can take a few weeks for a child to acclimate to a new grade, peer group and teacher.

Class assignments will be posted in front of our school office by 4:00pm on Tuesday, August 12th. Our PTA will also be outside the office from 4:00-5:00pm, and can share information on school events and how you can get involved at Northwood Elementary.

Start of School (see the bell schedule for more information)

Our first three days of school, Wednesday to Friday, August 13th-15th will be minimum days. The school day will be as follows:

- TK: 8:15am - 12:45pm
- Kinder: 8:15am -12:50pm
- First - Fifth Grades: 8:15am -1:10pm

Beginning Monday, August 18th, the school day will be as follows:

- TK: 8:15am - 12:45pm
- Kinder: 8:15am -12:50pm (for the first 4 weeks of school, then dismissal at 2:00pm)
- First - Third Grade: 8:15am-2:25pm
- Fourth - Fifth Grades: 8:15am-2:30pm

Please note that **every Thursday, is a minimum day** and our students are dismissed:

- TK: 8:15am - 12:45pm
- Kinder: 8:15am -12:50pm
- First - Fifth Grades: 8:15am -1:10pm

Student Dress Code

We have transitioned to a basic dress code at Northwood Elementary (no common dress). Thank you for ensuring that your student is following the dress code, and please see our [school website](#) for more information.

Northwood Family Resources

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

[Meal Application](#) (please complete - it impacts our school funding)

[Meal Menus](#)

[Bell Schedule](#)

[Northwood Family Handbook](#)

[Northwood School Website](#)

I wish all of our students a wonderful school year!! We look forward to seeing all our Northwood Bears on Wednesday, August 13th, for the first day of school.

Warmest Regards,

Eric Witter

Principal

Northwood Elementary School