

9/26/25 Northwood Weekly Update

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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."

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Hello Northwood Families,

Staff had a professional development day on Wednesday, and it was a very productive day. For the first half of the day, staff had trainings on specific interest areas, such as AI in the classroom, positive behavior techniques, nature journaling, and much more. For the second half of the day, we analyzed and planned from our most recent literacy assessments, and there was a training on our online adaptive programs. I know professional development days can be an inconvenience with child care, but it is a very important learning time for our staff. Here are some notes from the week:

Minimum Day, 10/3/25, and Fall Break, 10/6/25 - 10/10/25

In a week, we will be having a minimum day on Friday, 10/3. We will then have our Fall break from 10/6 to 10/10.

Safety Drills

At our Thursday Flag Assembly, we reviewed the types of safety drills that students will participate in. We have evacuation drills once a month. We have earthquake drills four times a year. We have lockdown drills twice a year. The rationale that I give students for lockdown drills is that we need a procedure for when there may be something unsafe on campus: an unknown person, an animal etc. I will share more information on safety drills this year, but wanted to give this overview now.

Reminder: No Toys at School

Please help us to make sure that your students are not bringing toys to school. This includes stuffed animals and playing cards.

Picture Day: 10/13

Picture Day is coming on Monday, 10/13. We will be sending you reminders, because that is the Monday right after the Fall Break.

Reminder: Lost and Found

At pick up, please stop by the lost and found in the MPR if your child has lost any items at school (water bottles, jackets, etc.).

Free Virtual Tutoring Available for Grades 2-5

Our district is partnering with Step Up Tutoring to offer students in grades 2-5 with free 1:1 virtual tutoring in either reading or math. Step Up is prepared to take on 300 BUSD students, however registration is on a first come/first serve basis. Please see this [flier to register for Step Up Tutoring](#).

Yours respectfully,

Eric Witter
Principal
Northwood Elementary School

Northwood Family Resources

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

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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.

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