

1/30/26 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,

Our staff had a very productive professional development day on Wednesday. In the morning, staff were able to select from a variety of professional development workshops, a number of which were led by Northwood staff. In the afternoon, Kindergarten to 2nd grade teachers were trained on the Reading Difficulties Screener that they will administer in February. TK and 3rd to 5th grade teachers reviewed and planned with Math data, and then focused on the English Language Arts data. I know the childcare for the day can be challenging, but I appreciate that our staff has this time to further develop their craft. Here are some notes from the week:

Northwood San Jose Beautify Dumpster Day - Tomorrow, 1/31

We have partnered with Beautify San Jose this year. The organization did assemblies for all grade levels, and led trash pick up activities throughout the school. On Saturday, 1/31, they will be doing a Dumpster Day for our community on Lakewood Drive. See the [Dumpster Day flier](#) for more information.

Multicultural Night Volunteers Wanted

Our PTA is planning a Multicultural Night! There is a volunteer flier on Parent Square, and a paper flier your student will bring home. We are looking for performers, country stations, and food donations. We hope many of you can volunteer, and it should be a great event!

Free Programs for 5th Grade Students at King Library

King Library is proud to present several free, upcoming programs happening throughout the month of February for students in Grades 5-8. Registration is required. The events are posted in English, Spanish & Vietnamese at the links provided.

- From the non-profit Policy Rewired for students who want to know more about bill US HR369, we are offering an interactive workshop on Tuesday, February 10th from 4-6pm in the Children's Exploration Room entitled Who is Running Your School? Here is the link to learn more about this event & to register for this program: <https://sjpl.bibliocommons.com/events/697006de7d180d0d4830e33f>

- And, from STEM 4 Change we have 4 programs for Grades 5-8 offered every Saturday from 12-1pm in the Children's Exploration Room at King. These are both interactive and educational programs on a variety of topics.
 - Feb. 7th - Powering the Future: Clean Energy from Everyday Materials <https://sjpl.bibliocommons.com/events/697006a97074813837074208>
 - Feb. 14th - Pump it Up: The Anatomy of Your Heart <https://sjpl.bibliocommons.com/events/697006eb4c27102b489c1271>
 - Feb. 21st - Shaking & Quaking: Decoding California's Earthquakes <https://sjpl.bibliocommons.com/events/697007001f01fb76cec640a9>
 - Feb. 28th - STEM 4 Change: Solid or Liquid? The Physics of Oobleck <https://sjpl.bibliocommons.com/events/697006f64c27102b489c1277>

Reminder: Assemblymember Alex Lee's Art Contest

Assemblymember Alex Lee's Office 24th District Art Contest is open to grades K-12 for students who reside in or attend school in [Assembly District 24](#). The submission deadline is Friday, February 27th, 2026, at 5 p.m. For further details, students can visit the [submission page](#).

Yours respectfully,

Eric Witter
Principal
Northwood Elementary School

Northwood Family Resources

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

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

[Meal Menus](#)

[Bell Schedule](#)

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Spanish, 408-923-1902 Español

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