

8/22/25 Northwood Elementary 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."

Hello Northwood families,

We are at the end of our first full week of the 25/26 school year! A focus to start the year has been training our students on what it means to be a Northwood Bear in all areas of the school. The model we use is that our students follow the BEARS expectations at all times: Be kind, Exceptional, Accepting, Responsible, and Safe. A big thank you goes out to our Northwood staff for teaching our students what it means to be a Northwood Bear! We also had our enrichment starting this week with Art for Kindergarten and 1st grade, Music for 2nd and 3rd grade, and Strings/Band assemblies to recruit 4th and 5th grade students.

Two of the best ways for parents to get involved at Northwood Elementary is with the PTA and the School Site Council. I will highlight the School Site Council next week, as I think it's one of the best ways to learn about our school and give input, in a short amount of time. Our PTA does a lot for our students, and they have many ways that you can volunteer and support our school. I know we are all busy, but there are few things better than getting involved in your kid's school (this time will be gone before you know it!). We are hoping that all parents will sign up for the PTA at Northwood: [PTA Membership Flier](#), and we are hoping many parents will consider being board members: [PTA Board Members Recruitment Flier](#). Our amazing PTA is hosting an Otter Pop Day tomorrow where all students will receive Otter Pops at dismissal!

Our families are adjusting to the drop off and pick up procedures at Northwood. Please review and follow these reminders:

- We recommend that 1st through 5th grade families use the drive through lane on Lakewood Drive.
- There should be only one lane in the drive through lane.
- Please turn right only out of the drive through lane.
- Morning drop off should be on the blacktop only, and the front gate will be closed.
- There is no drop off or parking in the staff parking lot (three classes do walk in that gate: Rooms 201, 402, and 501).

Please see this informational flier on when you should keep a sick student home from school: [School Nurse Guidelines](#).

Please see this flier on [Literacy Resources from the San Jose Library](#).

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

Northwood Family Handbook

Northwood School Website

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

Chinese, 408-923-1901

Spanish, 408-923-1902 Español

Vietnamese, 408-923-1903

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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.