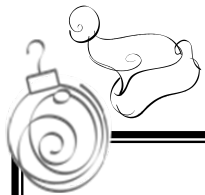


NORTHWEST STARS PTO

Parents, Teachers, Staff and Students
Together We Shine!



November/December 2008 Newsletter

Important Dates

- ★ Monday 11/17, Staff Development – Student Holiday **NO SCHOOL**
- ★ Wednesday 11/19, 6:30 PM – Paint T-shirts for 5th Grade Music Program, Cafeteria **NEED VOLUNTEERS**
- ★ Wednesday 11/19, Teacher Appreciation Lunch sponsored by 2nd and 3rd grades **NEED VOLUNTEERS**
- ★ Friday 11/21, Individual Picture Retakes
- ★ Friday 11/21, 2nd Grade Field Trip to DinoLand, Zilker Park & Texas Memorial Museum
- ★ Wednesday – Friday, 11/26-28 Thanksgiving Break, **NO SCHOOL**
- ★ Tuesday 12/2 Pet Vaccination Clinic, 5:00 to 7:00 PM **NEED VOLUNTEERS**
- ★ Tuesday 12/2, 3rd grade field trip to Planetarium & Zilker Gardens
- ★ Wednesday 12/3, 6:30 PM – Paint T-shirts for 3rd Grade Music Program, Cafeteria
- ★ Thursday 12/4, PTO Meeting 6:00 PM in the Library
- ★ Thursday 12/4, 5th Grade Music Program 2 and 7 PM
- ★ Friday 12/5, Saturday 12/6 and Monday through Wednesday 12/8-10, School Holiday Store Open
- ★ Saturday 12/6, Holidays Around the World, 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon **NEED VOLUNTEERS**
- ★ Thursday 12/16, 3rd Grade Music Program, 2 and 7 PM
Friday 12/19, Classroom Holiday Parties, **District Early Release 12:00 Noon**
- ★ Monday 12/22 - Monday 1/5, Winter Break, **NO SCHOOL**
- ★ Tuesday 1/6, Classes Resume

Please Join Us

The next monthly PTO meeting will be Thursday, 12/4 at 6:00 PM in the library. Mrs. Wakefield will provide a school update and all parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

PTO Actions & News

PTO highlights for October include:

- 1) Funding approval to purchase:
 - \$1,100 for recorders for 4th and 5th grades
 - \$1,200 for storage for new Envision & Math Investigations games/activities
 - \$900 for tinting classroom windows (November meeting)
- 2) Over 3,000 Box Tops collected (thanks to Nancy Loomis for coordinating and counting these single handedly!)

Pet Vaccination Clinic

Northwest will host a Pet Vaccination Clinic for dogs and cats on Tues., Dec. 2 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM in front of the school. \$20 will cover all vaccinations for one animal; the cost of a rabies vaccine for one animal is only \$5.00. Pet medications are also available at a discounted price. For more information, please call Lana @ 238-1093. Profits from this fundraiser will be used to purchase literacy station activities for Northwest Elementary classrooms, so encourage your friends, family and neighbors to bring their pets.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

The October Teacher Appreciation Luncheon was a spectacular success. Thanks to the 1st and 4th Grade classes for all the great food, the teachers and staff really enjoyed it!

Holidays Around the World Saturday 12/6 8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Mark your calendars – the ‘Holidays Around the World’ event will be held **Saturday December 6th**. As always, there will be lots of fun things to do, including a pancake breakfast, holiday craft activities, holiday store, karaoke and a visit from Santa.

We still need volunteers for before, during and after this event—it’s a lot of fun, you don’t want to miss it!

Help is needed for:

Set-up –

- ★ Friday 12/5, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- ★ Saturday 12/6, 7:00 am - 8:15 am

During the event –

- ★ Saturday 12/6, 8:15 am - 12 noon
 - Crafts – help children with craft activities
 - Santa photos – take and print pictures of children with Santa
 - Holiday Store – help children with their holiday shopping
 - Attention Dad’s, Grandpa’s, Uncle’s – we need pancake chefs, two shifts, Saturday 8:15 – 10:00 and 10:00 - Noon!

Clean up after the event –

- ★ 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM

Volunteer Corner

Congratulations to our October Volunteers of the Month, Win Bliss and Tressi Breecher!

Win Bliss, mother to Joe, in 1st grade and little brother Ben, does a wonderful job of planning and organizing to make sure the Teacher Appreciation Lunches are a big success each month!

Tressi Breecher, mother to Bryan, 2nd grade, is new to Northwest this year and has been helping Mrs. Evans in the library. She has also been helping out in the classroom at least twice a week since day one!

Congratulations to our November Volunteer of the Month Debbie Shulze, mother to Daniel, 3rd grade; Anna, 2nd grade; Rachel, 1st grade and Sarah at home helping mommy! Debbie not only generously volunteers her time to help out at the school regularly, she also bakes delicious treats for many school events!

Thanks Debbie, Win and Tressi, we are lucky to have such a great volunteers!

Important Note to Volunteers

Pflugerville ISD requires that all district volunteers complete an application and consent to a background check prior to volunteering. In order to be eligible to volunteer in school-sponsored or school-related activities, volunteers must complete the application annually. To complete the application, go to: <https://jobs.pflugervilleisd.net/WINOCULAR/apply/> and follow the steps.

Library Helpers Needed

Mrs. Evans would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time in the Northwest library. Those of you who’ve been there, have certainly seen what a busy place the library can be! It helps so much having an extra adult or two in the library.

If you’d like to volunteer in the library, go to www.mysignup.com/northwestlibrary and fill out the time slots you're available. If you’ve completed the background check form but haven't heard anything from the district, let Mrs. Evans know and she'll find out for you. The busiest time of the day is first thing in the morning - about 8:00 - 9:30 or 10:00. It stays pretty steady after that, but it can get pretty crazy first thing in the morning. If you'd like to stay for a little while after dropping off your student, feel free to come on up! Your help is always welcome at any time - early or later in the day.

Classroom Holiday Parties

On Friday 12/19 students will celebrate with classroom holiday parties. Please check with your child’s teacher to find out how you can help.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				PTO Meeting 6:30		1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veteran's Day Program 2:00 PM	12 Family Spirit Skate Night	13 Spring Fling Planning Meeting 6:30 PM at School	14	15
16	17 Staff Development Student Holiday	18	19 Paint t-shirts for 5 th grade program 6:30 PM	20	21 Picture Retakes 2nd Grade Field Trip to DinoLand, Zilker Park & Texas Memorial Museum	22
23 30	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Break	27 Thanksgiving Break	28 Thanksgiving Break	29



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	1	2 Pet Clinic 5 - 7:00 PM, at school 3rd Grade Field Trip to Planetarium & Zilker Gardens	3 Paint t-shirts for 3 rd grade program 6:30 PM Cafeteria	4 5 th Grade Music Program 2:00 & 7:00 PM PTO Mtng 6:00 PM	5 Holiday Store Open	6 Holiday's Around the World 8:30 AM to 12 Noon
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14	15	16 3 rd Grade Music Program 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM	17	18	19 Classroom Holiday Parties District Early Release 12 Noon	20
21	22 Winter Break	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27
28 1/4/09	29 Winter Break Winter Break 1/5/09	30 Winter Break Classes Resume 1/6/09	31 Winter Break	1/1/09 Winter Break	1/2/09 Winter Break	1/3/09