

Northwood Press



Summer Edition

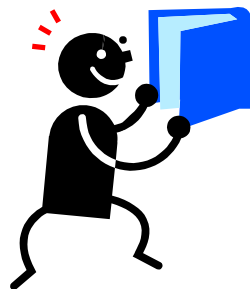


Summer Reading Challenge

All Northwood students are invited to participate in our **Summer Reading Challenge!**

This program begins the first day school gets out. All you need to do to is read, read, read and fill out the Summer Reading Challenge log sheet. Students please make sure to have your parents initial to confirm your minutes read. When school begins in the Fall, return log sheets to the office. They

need to be completely filled in! There are 32 lines on the log sheet. That means students need to read at least 32 days this summer. Those who succeed will enjoy an ice cream party after school begins!



Parent Survey

Help us improve communication by completing an online survey in English or Spanish. It takes approximately 10-15 minutes and can be accessed on your home computer or in the library (see summer hours)

The survey is now available on our school website:

<http://www.northwoodnapa.com/>
or go directly to

Napa Valley Unified School District

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June 9, 2011

Dear parents,

I hope you find this newsletter informative. In addition to the weekly PFC press, I plan to send out a seasonal newsletter like this four times a year to go into more detail about school events & issues. Look for our next newsletters in the Fall (Back-to-School), Winter, and Spring.

☺Mrs. Page

Library Open Every Wednesday 10-12

Beginning June 22nd, the school library will be open from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesdays this summer. You can stop by to check

out a book or relax in a quiet place and read. Consider meeting up with friends for a play-date in the park afterwards. Students need

to come with an adult supervisor. We hope to see you there!



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Get a Head Start:

Summer Games and Ideas to Help You Prepare for Northwood Contests

Next year Northwood PFC will host the following optional activities:

- **Science Fair for K-5**
- **Spelling Bee for 3-5**
- **U.S. Geography Bee for 4/5**
- **Math Contest for 4/5**
- **Essay Contest for 5**

If you want to get a leg up on the competition over summer break, here are some ways to prepare:

Science:

www.sciencebob.com/experiments/index.php

Spelling:

www.surfnetkids.com/spelling_games.htm
www.myspellit.com

Geography websites:

www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography

Math:

www.factmonster.com/math/knowledgebox

Email Debby Bird for sample problems
birds@sonic.net

Writing:

Keep a journal this summer to practice

writing. Write a script, a story, a cartoon, a letter, anything!

Focus on one or try them all. Just doing 15 minutes a day can make a huge difference over a couple of months.

Watch your weekly newsletter next year to sign up for the contests.



Early Back Summer Program

Northwood is happy to be able to provide a few summer classes for those students who need extra help. Due to limited funding we will only be offering summer school to those students who qualify based on assessment. Students who are eligible will receive a letter inviting

them to attend one of the classes. Letters will be mailed home next week. All of the summer classes will be offered in August so students can start school with a little boost! Summer school is not mandatory, but we strongly encourage invited students to attend.

Bilingual Tutor Available This Summer

We will have a tutor available to help students and parents practice basic reading and math skills over the summer. The tutor will be available during the same hours that the library will be open over the summer:

Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (beginning June 22nd)



The tutors are bilingual college students who want to help children succeed in school.

In addition to working with the tutors, student may use the library computers to practice skills with programs like Imagine Learning English and on websites like starfall.com.

Video Games, Television & Internet over the Summer

Did you know that children who play violent video games for extended periods of time

- Tend to be more aggressive
- Have more confrontations with teachers and peers
- Decline in school performance

Prevent Problems

- Set time limits on all media
- Monitor the content of the media. Read the ratings & prevent young children from playing violent games
- Watch & discuss the games your children are playing
- Keep the TV & game systems out of children's rooms
- Read More at <http://www.pamf.org/preteen/parents/videogames.html>

School Beautification Day

Please join us on Wednesday, August 10th from 9:00-12:00 for a morning of painting, planting and cleaning up just in time for the start of school.



Thank you Northwood families for another great school year!



See you in the Fall!

Summer Office Hours

The Northwood Office will be open

8:00-3:00 pm: June 13-17th.

12:00-3:00 pm: August 10th

8:00-3:00 pm: Aug. 11-16th

Northwood Office Telephone

(707) 253-3471

Planning for Next Year

On the back of this newsletter you will notice the school calendar for 2011-12. Please make sure to schedule your vacations on the days that are already non-school days. Next year we lose an additional three instructional days due to furloughs. While it is tempting to extend a three-day weekend by a day or two, there are consequences:

- Lost instructional time
- \$30 loss in funding for each day a child is absent
- A message to our students that school is optional



352 days

\$10, 560

The number of extra vacation days Northwood families took in 10-11 and the cost to the district. (Most were from families that only took one day but it all adds up!)

Back-to-School

Even though we are just starting our summer vacation, it's amazing how fast time flies. The **first day of school** is right around the corner.

August 17 at 8:10 am

Supply lists are going home with report cards. If you can purchase some extra classroom supplies, it really helps our budget go farther.

The **bell schedule** will be basically the same. The only exception is that all early dismissal days (including minimum days will be out at 12:45 1st-5th grades and 12:30 for kindergarten).

We are hoping to post **classlists** by August 13th in the glass case outside room 1 as long as the district's Open Enrollment process is more or less

completed by then.

Consider practicing **walking or riding bikes** to school over the summer and continue the when school starts. It's great exercise and cuts down on traffic jams. If you are driving, please **set a good example** by being courteous to fellow drivers and following the rules at all times.

Napa Valley Unified School District 2011-2012 Student Calendar

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AUGUST				
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SEPTEMBER				
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8/16	Professional Half Day
8/17	First Day of School - Early Release Day EMHS
8/18	Early Release Day EMHS
8/19	Early Release Day EMHS
9/5	Labor Day - Holiday
9/23	Fall Progress Report #1 (HS)
10/3	Minimum Day EIM Conferencing
10/4	Minimum Day EIM Conferencing
10/5	Minimum Day EIM Conferencing
10/6	Minimum Day EIM Conferencing
10/7	Minimum Day EIM Conferencing
10/28	Fall Progress Report #2 (In Danger of Failing) (HS)
11/4	End of First Trimester
11/11	Veterans' Day - Holiday
11/21-11/22	Furlough Days
11/23-11/25	Thanksgiving - Holiday
12/16	End of First Semester
12/19-1/6	Winter Recess EMS
12/19-1/6	Winter Recess HS
1/9	Furlough Day
1/10	EMHS Students Return
1/16	Martin Luther King Day
2/13	Lincoln's Birthday
2/17	Spring Progress Report #1(HS)
2/20	President's Day
2/24	End of Second Trimester
3/2	Non Student/Non Teacher Day
3/23	Furlough Day
3/26-3/30	Spring Recess
4/6	Negotiated Holiday
4/13	Spring Progress Report #2 (In Danger of Failing) (HS)
5/25	Furlough Day
5/28	Memorial Day - Holiday
6/6	End 2nd semester and 3rd trimester
6/6	Last Day of School (Minimum Day)
6/7	Represents Non Instructional Furlough Day
6/8	Represents Non Instructional Furlough Day

- 175 Student Contact Days
-  Minimum Day - EIM Conferencing
-  Holiday
-  Break
-  Furlough Day
-  Represents Non Instructional Furlough Day
-  Early Release Day EMHS

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