

## President's Letter

It hardly seems possible, but there will be less than two months left in the 2005-2006 school year by the time you read this newsletter. Folks will be hard at work through the last day of school (and beyond!). But this will be the last PTA newsletter of the year, so I would like to take this opportunity to offer my thanks to the many volunteers whose dedication has made possible this year's PTA events and activities as well as PTA fundraisers that raise the money that supports Northwood's teachers, departments, and student activities.

First, I must thank my fellow Board members: Angela Blackwell stepped into the Treasurer's position this year; Ann Cox is finishing her second year as Secretary; and Kathy Thomas joined the Board this year as Parliamentarian. Shelley Avant and Joyce Hosseini returned to the Board this year as Vice Presidents; two new Vice Presidents, Lisa Anderson and Donna Conn joined them. I truly could not have carried out my responsibilities as President without the support of this great team.

Next on my list to thank are Northwood's forty-plus Committee Chairs who lead the school's thirty-two committees. These wonderful ladies are listed on the back page of the newsletter. Some have run their committees for several years; some are new to the job this school year. They have done a great service for Northwood Elementary in their diverse roles. Needless to say, many wonderful events and activities would be lost without them!

Of course, Northwood would also be at a loss without Room Parents. There are almost 100 Room Parents at Northwood. Each is listed in the Northwood Directory along with the class she/he supports. These volunteers organize classroom events, ensure the classroom teacher's birthday and other special occasions are recognized, and manage their class's budget. My thanks to this special group of volunteers too!

I must also thank each Northwood parent, grandparent, etc.—all of you who volunteered at a school event this year. Without your help there would not be snacks during ITBS/CRCT test weeks or supplies for the classroom. There wouldn't be weekly readers, help during Book Fair, Carnival, Bingo, or Field Day. We could not run the Accelerated Reader program, and the Media Center would definitely miss you! We simply could not hold the many events and activities at Northwood that make it the special school it is without the support of every family. Thank you all.

There is another important group to thank: during my years on the PTA Board, I've had such wonderful support from Northwood's administrative team and the entire staff—thank you Ann Kingrea and Dawn Giron and everyone on the Northwood team. And, my heartfelt gratitude to Willie Render—his hard work bookends almost every PTA event, and he is endlessly cheerful! The environment the Northwood team engenders invites and engages volunteers, and Northwood's students benefit.

Just as this year has flown by, next year will be here before we know it. The Nominating Committee has identified a strong slate of candidates for open 2006-2007 PTA Board positions. (Their slate will be posted in late April prior to the Board election which will be held at the *May 1<sup>st</sup> General PTA meeting at 6:45 p.m.*, immediately before the spring Band Concert.) But, there are still open Committee Chair positions. Specific opportunities are listed on page 2. You can visit the PTA website ([www.NorthwoodPTA.com](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com)) to read the details about these committees and/or talk to a current Board member or Committee Chair to learn more. Whether you find a Committee Chair that is a perfect match or just learn about a committee you are interested in assisting next year—I invite you to become involved at Northwood. I thank you for allowing me to serve as PTA President these past two years. From my vantage point, I can assure you the rewards of volunteering are many!

Katie Mazzuckelli

## Field Days—May 11/12

Northwood's Field Days are fast approaching! This year, Field Days are scheduled on **May 11<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and May 12<sup>th</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades.** As always, students look forward to a wonderful day of outside activities with their classmates and teachers. This year there will be new stations and old favorites. New host, Velocity Sports Training will host a station; and, just as they did last year, Storey Residential Properties has generously donated a Jump and Slide Obstacle Course for students to enjoy. At the water station, there will be face painting, and students will be able to cool off under a sprinkler.

In order to provide two days of safe, fun activities, we will need a lot of parent volunteers to run activities or game stations. Please circle one or both of these days on your calendar now, and then look for the volunteer sign up sheets that will be coming home soon. Send in your volunteer form and join us at Northwood Field Day 2006! Questions? Contact Jenny Storey, Field Day Committee Chair.

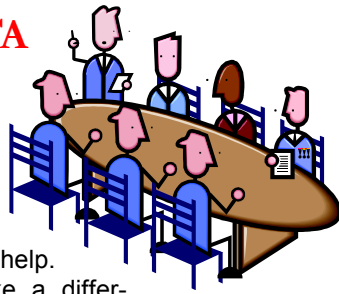
## 3rd Annual Walk-A-Thon

Put on your sneakers and mark your calendar for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Northwood Family Walk-A-Thon! This fun-filled, family event will be held on *Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00–7:00 p.m.* on the new Roswell Big Creek Greenway located right behind Northwood. The Northwood Foundation, in partnership with Northwood PTA, sponsors this annual event; and this year, the Walk-A-Thon will be held in conjunction with the City of Roswell's Environmental Festival. Over the course of the festival, students and their families will be able to participate in a variety of fun and educational activities as they learn about this wetlands area. During the Walk-A-Thon there will be a visit from the official Big Creek Wetlands mascot—a beaver Northwood students will name in a contest sponsored by the City of Roswell. After your walk through the Greenway, you will be able to join your family and friends in the Northwood cafeteria for a catered Mexican dinner. Monies raised through this event support Northwood Foundation objectives. This year, the Foundation's primary goal is putting interactive white boards in each Northwood classroom—please help us achieve this goal! Look for information packets to come home after Spring Break so you can join us. Questions? Contact Sherrie Board, Walk-A-Thon Committee Chair.

## Your Northwood PTA at Work For You!

### Northwood Backpack/Duffle Bag Drive:

In Georgia, there are between 4,000 and 5,000 foster children this year. Foster Care Support Foundation needs our help. Northwood Elementary can make a difference in these children's lives by providing them with new or like-new backpacks and duffle bags—needed since many of the children move from one home to another. Donations can be dropped off in the large boxes located in the school lobby between *May 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>*. Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support and generous donations you've made throughout the year! We have had the opportunity to meet some of the recipients of these Caring and Sharing drives and know that your contributions are greatly appreciated. Questions? Please contact Andrea Bourgeois or Christy Pincheon, Caring and Sharing Committee Co-Chairs.



**Teacher Appreciation Day a Great Success!** A big thanks to our outstanding group of teachers and staff at Northwood Elementary School! Teacher Appreciation Day, March 30, 2006, was again a special day at Northwood. The PTA sponsored a luncheon to honor all of the teachers and staff, and many parents volunteered their time to host the event. Everyone enjoyed Sweet Tomatoes salads as well as fruit and sweets provided by several of our Room Parents—attendees dipped these in the scrumptious chocolate fountain donated by Anna and Don Holtz. Teachers and staff also enjoyed cards, flowers, and other small tokens of appreciation they received from students. Beth Litterer, Room Parent Committee Chair.



***We are thankful for our school family every day at Northwood Elementary!***

**Save Box Tops this Summer!** It has been another successful year for the Big G Box Tops program at Northwood Elementary School! For the second collection period of the year, Mrs. Wareham's Kindergarten class won the first-place class pizza party for submitting almost 500 box tops. And, Ms. Warner's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class won the second-place cupcake party by submitting almost 450 box tops.

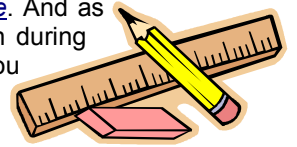
Our last Big G Box Tops collection date for this school year is scheduled for *April 14<sup>th</sup>*. Then, please continue to clip the Box Tops coupons from your favorite General Mills products over the summer so you can turn them this fall! Questions? Contact Kim Tolleson, Big G Box Tops Committee Chair.

**Yearbooks for Sale Now!** It's time to purchase your 2005-2006 Northwood Yearbook! The Yearbook is a wonderful way to help your child remember his or her special school year at Northwood Elementary. Yearbooks are \$25 each. Many were pre-ordered as part of the "one-stop shopping" available on the PTA membership form; check your records to see if you took advantage of that deal. If not, hurry to order your yearbook now, while supplies last! (Order forms are available on the PTA Website.) Yearbooks will be delivered in April. Questions? Contact Amy Chandler or Allison Smith, Yearbook Committee Co-Chairs.

### Committee Chair Openings for the 2006-2007 School Year:

The following Committee Chair/Co-Chair positions are currently available for the 2006-2007 school year: Gift Wrap (Co-Chair) Publicity and Staff Recognition (both Chair positions). If you are interested in getting more involved at Northwood, please investigate one of these opportunities further. Read about these committees on the Northwood PTA website ([www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Committees](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Committees)), or talk to the current Committee Chair or any PTA Board member.

**Visit the School Store During Sneak Preview!** The PTA-sponsored School Store will be open through the rest of the school year (most Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:15-7:45 a.m. in the Cafeteria). Visit the Northwood PTA website for a current listing of supplies and prices: [www.NorthwoodPTA.com/School\\_Store](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com/School_Store). And as always, the School Store will be open during Sneak Preview on *August 10<sup>th</sup>* if you need to pick up any back-to-school items to kick off the 2006-2007 school year! Questions? Contact Kim Dean, School Store Committee Chair.



**Please Record VIPS Hours This Summer!** Please record the volunteer hours that are sure to accrue quickly through the end of this busy school year when you volunteer for all the end-of-school activities at Northwood. Either check in (and out!) on the computer in the front office when you are at school, or use/return a VIPS card (located in the file by the computer) to record the volunteer hours you log outside the school. But also remember to record any hours you log this summer. Just take a VIPS card with you before you leave in May and return it with total volunteer hours recorded when school starts again in August. Questions? Contact Dana Dowdy, VIPS Committee Chair.



**Publix and Kroger Scan Card Programs:** Thank you for your support of the Publix and Kroger Scan Card programs this year. They offer valuable funding support for Northwood PTA. Just because the school year is over, this funding source does not end! Please continue to use your Publix Commitment Card when shopping at Publix stores. (You can pick up either wallet and/or key ring-size cards by the volunteer sign-in computer in the front office of the school before you leave for summer break.) And, if you have not registered for Kroger's new program, please join! You don't need to use a separate commitment card at Kroger now, you need to have the Northwood barcode scanned against your Kroger *Plus* card. After you do this, Northwood will get credit every time you present this card. This Northwood barcode is printed on a flyer available by the volunteer computer or you can access it on the Northwood PTA website ([www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Forms&Flyers](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Forms&Flyers)). Remember, not only you, but also family, friends, and neighbors can participate if you supply Northwood materials to them. Thanks for helping us leverage these programs to Northwood's benefit—now and throughout the summer!

**Thanks for Supporting Domino's Pizza Night:** Thanks for supporting Domino's Pizza Night, sponsored by Northwood PTA on the last Thursday of each month school was in session this year. Your monthly orders helped support Northwood PTA, and we're sure you all enjoyed these evenings too. We'll continue this wonderful partnership with Domino's during the 2006-2007 school year, so get ready to eat more pizza! Karen Brown, Pizza Night Committee Chair.

**Sneak Preview—August 10<sup>th</sup>:** The 2006-07 school year starts on Monday, *August 14<sup>th</sup>*. To kick the year off you won't want to miss Sneak Preview, so be sure to mark it on your calendar:

**Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30-4:00 & 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

Meet your child's teacher in the classroom ■ Study the bus schedule ■ Purchase meal cards ■ Join the PTA and volunteer for next year's activities ■ Shop for spirit wear ■ Buy school supplies at the School Store ■ Examine the fundraising partner display ■ Visit with representatives from Girl and Boy Scouts as well as other after-school programs

Look for a letter to arrive at your home in late July with more details about this exciting day. We'll see you there!

**PTA Website Fun Fact:** Have you visited the Northwood PTA website yet? If you haven't, then you're missing out on a way to make your life easier. Did you know that you can access all the PTA forms and flyers that may have been "lost" somewhere between school and home? Just go to [www.NorthwoodPTA.com](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com) and click on "Forms and Flyers." If you don't see what you're looking for on-line, you can E-mail the Vice President over the committee in charge of the event or activity you are interested in, and she will be able to E-mail a copy to you! Questions? Contact Shelley Avant, Website Committee Chair.

## Important Dates to Remember

### APRIL

- **Mon, 3-Fri, 7**—No School, Spring Break
- **Mon, 10**—Spirit Day
- **Mon, 17-Fri, 21**—CRCT Testing, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades
- **Mon, 17**—Bruster's Scoop Day, 3:30-5:30 pm
- **Thurs, 27**—Domino's Pizza Night

### MAY

- **Mon, 1**—Spirit Day; Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon; PTA Meeting and Band Concert, 6:45 pm and 7 pm, Cafeteria
- **Mon, 1-Fri, 5**—Northwood Backpack/Duffel Bag Drive
- **Tues, 2**—Kindergarten Registration for families needing interpreters, 1:00-6:00 pm
- **Wed, 3**—Kindergarten Registration, 7:30 am-3:00 pm
- **Thurs, 4**—Kindergarten Registration, 11:00 am-6:00 pm
- **Fri, 5**—3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Northwood Foundation Walk-A-Thon, 4:00-7:00 pm, Big Creek Greenway
- **Mon, 8**—Kindergarten Parent Coffee, (Parents Only), 9:00-10:00 am, Media Center; Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, Cafeteria
- **Wed, 10**—Kindergarten Round-Up, (Parents and Children), 3:15-4:15 pm, Cafeteria
- **Thurs, 11**—Field Day, K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades (rain date: May 15)
- **Fri, 12**—Field Day, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades (rain date: May 16)
- **Fri, 19**—Team Meetings, 8 am, Cafeteria and Gym
- **Mon, 23**—Class End-of-Year Party, 1-2 pm, Kindergarten
- **Tues, 23**—Class End-of-Year Parties, 1-2 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades
- **Wed, 24**—Class End-of-Year Parties, 1-2 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- **Thurs, 25**—Class End-of-Year Party, 1-2 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Domino's Pizza Night
- **Fri, 26**—5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, 8-9 am, Cafeteria; Last Day of School!

## Counselor's Corner

*We all think about how we can simplify our lives and set more realistic priorities. As parents, we need to help our children do this too. Following is a story that some of you may have seen before. We find it a wonderful way to think about setting priorities—certainly in explaining this concept in a way that our children can understand. Whether it is familiar to you or new, we hope you will enjoy reading it.*

A Professor stood before his philosophy class holding some items. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large, empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The Professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly, and the pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He asked the students again if the jar was full, and they agreed it was. The Professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up all the remaining space in the jar. The Professor asked once more if the jar was full; the students responded with a unanimous, "yes."

"Now," said the Professor, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—faith, your family, your children, your health, your friends—the things that, if everything else were lost and only they remained, would still fill your life. The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, your house, and your car. The sand represents everything else—the small stuff. The secret to a happy and full life is setting priorities. If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you."

*Betsy Allen and Tracey Roberts, Northwood Counselors*

## Accelerated Reader Program Update

Northwood students earned 315 Accelerated Reader (A/R) ribbons as of February 28, 2006. Two students, Roy Martin and Alec Mazzuckelli, reached the highest A/R Achievement level (150 points for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades/300 points for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades) and will be presented plaques for their achievement on Explorevision soon. The total number of A/R ribbons awarded so far this year, by category, is as follows:

Ribbon	Point Level (Grades 1-2/3-5)	Total
Gold	125/250	8
Silver	100/200	17
Bronze	75/150	31
Blue	50/100	70
Red	25/50	189

Northwood students may continue to earn points for A/R awards through *Friday, April 28*. All students reaching the Silver ribbon level by April 28 will receive an Accelerated Reader t-shirt besides their earned ribbons.

Thanks to all Northwood students who participated in the A/R program this year. And, special thanks to Darina Yankey, Susan Polizzi, and Jamie John for volunteering their time to help with the A/R bulletin board this year. Mary Beth Bierbaum and Susan Harper, A/R Committee Co-Chairs.

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*We would like to extend our thanks to the retailers listed below who have made contributions to our school through Northwood's PTA since the last PTA newsletter was published:*

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Haynes Bridge and Old Alabama

**Publix**  
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**Storey Residential Properties, Inc.**  
2800 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.,  
Suite G, Duluth

**Velocity Sports Training**  
608 Holcomb Bridge Road

**Wal-Mart SuperCenter**  
970 Mansell Road

*We thank these retailers for their support of Northwood. And, we encourage Northwood families to support these businesses that have so generously shown their support for their community through their contributions to our school.*

## How Can Shopping Benefit Northwood?

Visit the Northwood PTA website to learn how money you already spend at retailers like Office Depot, Pike's Nursery, Staples, and Target can benefit Northwood! As always, if you know of any other retailers who offer arrangements such as these, please let us know. We would be happy to research them and add them to our list.

### PTA Explorer

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