

President's Letter

It hardly seems possible, but there will be less than a month left in the 2006-07 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: Susan Harper stepped into the Secretary's position this year; Angela Blackwell is finishing her second year as Treasurer; and Sandy Andrews joined the Board this year as Parliamentarian. Joyce Hosseini returned to the Board this year as Vice President; three new Vice Presidents, Kathy Thomas, Stephanie Duffy and Tara Osborne joined her. 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 people 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 our 100 Room Parents. 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 A/R 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 Sheila Michael 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 2007-08 PTA Board positions. (Their slate will be posted in late April prior to the Board election which will be held at the *May 7th General PTA meeting*, immediately before the spring Band Concert.) But, there are still open Committee Chair positions. Specific opportunities are listed on page 3. You can visit the PTA website (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 this past year.—*Lisa Anderson*

Camille Sudderth Retires!

Camille has worked at Northwood from the 1st day the school opened, 11 years ago!! This year, she retired from Northwood to spend more time with her husband Jimmy, her 2 children, Cindy and Tommy, and her 5 granddaughters: Kate, Anna, Molly, Maggie and Emily. She is officially the principal's secretary but she takes care of so much more. She is responsible for the Northwood Website, the "Best of Northwood" weekly newsletter, the bulletins boards and candid school pictures. You rarely see Camille without her camera! She is one of the main reasons that Northwood is a school of excellence.

Walk-A-Thon

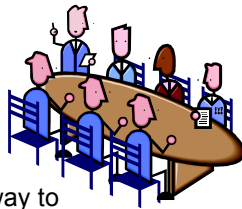
Put on your sneakers and mark your calendar for the 4th Annual Northwood Family Walk-A-Thon! This fun-filled, family event will be held on *Monday, April 30th from 4:00–7:00 p.m.* on the Roswell Big Creek Greenway located right behind Northwood. The Northwood Foundation, in partnership with Northwood PTA, sponsors this annual event. After your walk through the Greenway, you will be able to join your family and friends in the Northwood cafeteria for a catered dinner. Monies raised through this event will be used to purchase more interactive white boards. This year our goal is to raise at least \$15,000 so come out and help us achieve this goal! Questions? Contact Sherrie Board, Walk-A-Thon Committee Chair at 678-366-2254.

Field Day

Northwood's Field Day is rapidly approaching! This year, Field Day will only be ONE DAY with all grades participating! 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. Returning 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 Ultimate Challenge 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 a day of safe, fun activities, we will need a lot of parent volunteers to run activities or game stations. Please circle May 11th 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 2007! Questions? Contact Jenny Storey, Field Day Committee Chair at 770-232-9004 or iekstorey@aol.com.

Your Northwood PTA at Work For You!



Yearbooks for Sale Now! It's time to purchase your 2006-2007 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 mid-May. Questions? Contact Amy Chandler or Jennifer Pugh, Yearbook Committee Co-Chairs.

Sneak Preview—August 9th: The 2007-2008 school year starts on Monday, August 13th. To kick the year off right, you won't want to miss Sneak Preview, so be sure to circle it on your calendar now:

Thursday, August 9th

- 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!



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.

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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 Jamie John, 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 KrogerPlus 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). 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!

Accelerated Reader: Northwood students have earned 291 Accelerated Reader ribbons as of February 28, 2007. Three students, **Katie Myers, Eleanor Cash, and Mitchell Lee**, reached the outstanding A/R Achievement level of 150 points for grades 1-2, 300 points for grades 3-5. These students receive individual plaques on Explorvision, and their names will be recorded on a permanent plaque in the Media Center. The total number of ribbons awarded so far this year is as follows:

Ribbon	Point Level (Grade 1-2/3-5)	Total
Gold	125/250	7
Silver	100/200	12
Bronze	75/150	25
Blue	50/100	67
Red	25/50	180

Northwood students may continue to earn points for A/R awards through Tuesday, May 1st. All students reaching the Silver ribbon level by May 1st will receive an Accelerated Reader t-shirt in addition to their ribbons.

Thanks to all Northwood students who participated in A/R this year. Special thanks go to Darina Yankey for volunteering her time to help with the A/R bulletin board this year. Mary Beth Bierbaum and Susan Harper, A/R Committee Co-Chairs

Save Box Tops this Summer! It has been another successful year for the Big G Box Tops program at Northwood! For the second collection period of the year, Ms. Vetter's 5th grade class won first-place for submitting the most box tops. Nearly 200 goodie bags were given to students who completed a Box Tops collection sheet.

Our last Box Tops collection date for this school year is Friday, April 27th. Please continue to clip the Box Tops coupons from your favorite General Mills products over the summer so you can turn them this fall! You can learn more about Box Tops and also select Northwood as the school you support by visiting www.boxtops4education.com. Questions? Contact Kim Tolle-son, Big G Box Tops Chair, at 678-566-1562.

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.org/School Store. And as always, the School Store will be open during Sneak Preview on August 9th if you need to pick up any back-to-school items to kick off the 2007-2008 school year! Questions? Contact Kim Dean, School Store Committee Chair.

Committee Chair Openings for the 2007-2008 School Year: The following Committee Chair positions are currently available for the 2007-2008 school year:

Reflections • Pizza Night • Carnival
Co-Chair Yearbook • Box Tops

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), or talk to the current Committee Chair or any PTA Board member.

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 29, 2007, 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 hostess the event. Everyone enjoyed sandwiches and salads from Nirvana Café & Grille as well as fruit and amazing desserts provided by several of our Room Parents. Teachers and staff also enjoyed cards, flowers, and other small tokens of appreciation they received from the students. Kit Connick, Room Parent Committee Chair.

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 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.

Bingo Night "Thanks!" We would like to thank the following who generously donated food or prizes to support Bingo Night:

Abbadabba's	1580 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Accurate Title	1040 Northpointe Trace
Aldey's Barber Shop	2500 Old Alabama Rd.
Alessio's	3005 Old Alabama Rd.
All Star Cheerleading/Gymnastics	4680 Morton Rd.
Allstate Insurance/Deborah Burger	3000 Old Alabama Rd.
American Wing Company	3005 Old Alabama Rd.
Andretti's	11000 Alpharetta Hwy.
Arby's	10601 Alpharetta Hwy.
At Home America/Beth Lehmann	AHA_Beth@yahoo.com
Atlanta Diamond Design	3000 Old Alabama Rd.
B & D Nest Egg	1580 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
BellSouth/AT&T	Corporate Headquarters
Brunswick Zone	785 Old Roswell Rd.
Bruster's	3000 Old Alabama Rd.
Buffalo Wild Wings	2375 Mansell Rd.

Carter House Gallery & Framing	3000 Old Alabama Rd.
Cheesecake Factory	2075 Northpoint Pkwy.
Chick-Fil-A	5180 Windward Pkwy.
Chuck E Cheese	925 Northpoint Pkwy.
Cookies by Design	900 Mansell Rd.
Courtyard by Marriott	1425 Market Blvd.
Curves	1580 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Dance Fashions Superstore	10400 Alpharetta St.
DoJo	3000 Old Alabama Rd.
Doubles Pizza	9850 Nesbitt Ferry Rd.
Dr. Parsa, D.D.S.	9925 Haynes Bridge Rd.
Dream Dinners Session	900 Mansell Rd.
East Roswell Park	9000 Fouts Rd.
European Skin Care	770 Old Roswell Place
Fancy Pantry	10595 Old Alabama Conn
Foot Solutions	3000 Old Alabama Rd.
Fuddruckers	6360 Northpoint Pkwy.
Funny Farm Comedy Club	608 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Golden Corral	915 Northpoint Pkwy.
Hair 3	10595 Old Alabama Conn
Hampton Inn	10740 Westside Pkwy.
Harp's Irish Pub	1425 Market Blvd.
Hilton Garden Inn	10975 Georgia Lane
Home Depot	1580 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Instant Imprints	3000 Old Alabama Rd.
Jeronimo's	1570 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Julie Glasser Handcrafted jewelry	Julie@galending.com
JumpZone	3080 Northfield Place
Karen Burpo	Handcrafted note cards
Kroger	3000 Old Alabama Rd.
Liberty Fitness	3000 Old Alabama Rd.
Mama Fu's	10779 Alpharetta Hwy.
McAlister's Deli	1425 Market Blvd.
Miller's Ale House	10750 Davis Dr.
Mona Lisa Pizzeria	8520 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Monkey Joes	700 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Monterrey Restaurant	2300 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Newtown Recreation	3000 Old Alabama Rd.
Northpoint Nails	10595 Old Alabama Conn
NTI Computers	2500 Old Alabama Rd.
Olive Garden	905 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Pampered Chef/Jodi Strauss	pamperedchef.biz/jodistrauss
Planet Smoothie	1055 Mansell Rd.
Residence Inn by Marriott	1325 Northpoint Dr.
Robeks	10779 Alpharetta Hwy.
Salon 1580	1580 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
School Box	7591 Northpoint Pkwy.
Score!	3000 Old Alabama Rd.
Selection of Pens	www.myinkpen.com
"Send Out Cards"	Anita Hampl
Sherry's Beauty Salon	1475 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Skin Science	880 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Smokey Bones	7900 Northpoint Pkwy.
Spa Belle	9810 Medlock Bridge Rd.
Startime	608 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Staybridge Suites	3980 Northpoint Pkwy.
Summerfields Florals	3000 Old Alabama Rd.
Sunrise Cafe	1580 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
SunTrust	6499 North Point Pkwy.
The Cooler	10800 Davis Drive
The Dog Spot	3005 Old Alabama Rd.
Trader Joes	635 W. Crossville Rd.
Walmart	970 Mansell Rd.
Wings Air/Charlie Mintz	www.flywingsair.com
Young Chefs Academy	11060 Alpharetta Hwy.

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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:

Bruster's

3000 Old Alabama Road, Suite 100

Domino's Pizza

Haynes Bridge and Old Alabama

Kroger

Haynes Bridge and Old Alabama

Publix

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1425 Market Boulevard, Roswell

Storey Residential Properties

2800 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Duluth

Velocity Sports Training

608 Holcomb Bridge Road

Wal-Mart SuperCenter

970 Mansell Road

Brookwood Grill

880 Holcomb Bridge Road

Again, we thank these retailers for their support of Northwood Elementary School. 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 (www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Sponsors) to learn how money you already spend at retailers like Office Depot, Pike's Nursery, Target and Staples, 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.

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