



## President's Letter

It hardly seems possible, but Labor Day is past, summer is a distant memory, and here we are well settled into another school year! This is the first of four PTA newsletters you will receive this year. In this issue, you will find information to guide you through the 2005-2006 school year—another year filled with fun activities that enrich students' lives as well as fundraisers that provide monies to Northwood's teachers and departments. Before you read about these activities, though, I want to take the opportunity to thank the volunteers whose work will make these events possible.

Let me start by recognizing my fellow Board members: Treasurer, Angela Blackwell; Secretary, Ann Cox; Parliamentarian, Kathy Thomas; and Vice Presidents, Shelley Avant, Joyce Hosseini, Lisa Anderson, and Donna Conn. The Board works very closely with the forty-plus committee Chairs who lead Northwood's 32 committees. Committee Chairs are listed on the last page of the newsletter, alongside the name of their committee. I encourage you to read through this impressive list! Board and committee Chairs have been hard at work already—some throughout the summer—to organize events for this school year. I'm sure you already know many of these folks, and you will get to know others well as the school year progresses.

As soon as school began, another group of volunteers went to work—Northwood's Room Parents. Once again, there are almost 100 Room Parents serving Northwood's room-based teachers this year. This group of volunteers works directly with teachers and students, making sure students' birthdays are recognized and other holidays are observed appropriately. They also ensure that the needs of Northwood's wonderful teachers are met.

As we move into the school year, there will be many opportunities for you to join the volunteer ranks! If you are interested in exploring ways you could lend your time and talents to Northwood, please talk to any Board member or Committee Chair, or visit the PTA website ([www.NorthwoodPTA.com](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com)) to read detailed descriptions of each Northwood committee as well as information about upcoming activities.

Now, if you read through the rest of the newsletter, you will learn about all the wonderful activities on tap for this fall as well as get a flavor for what lies ahead for the spring semester. We hope you will add these events to your calendar and plan to join us.

Finally, a big, "thank you" to those of you who came to our first General PTA meeting of the year. This meeting was held twice, before both Curriculum Nights in late August. During those meetings, the membership voted to approve the PTA budget for this school year—always a critical milestone in the PTA year. I would also like to report that our audit of the 2004-2005 PTA budget was completed successfully in August. I want to thank Grace Pate for conducting this audit for us—very hearty "thanks" as she also performed the PTA audit last year. Northwood's PTA has had its books audited for many years, as it seemed prudent. This year, Georgia PTA mandated a formal audit for all unit PTAs, but luckily this was not new for Northwood. And as with so many things at Northwood, it is most gratifying that a volunteer was willing to step forward to help complete necessary work for us.

Thanks to everyone for helping Northwood get off to a wonderful start! If you have any questions or wish to offer input at any point this year, please do not hesitate to contact me or any PTA Board member.

Katie Mazzuckelli

## Gift Wrap Update

Thank you for participating in our fall fundraiser with Southern School Services (SSS). We had great fun with our weekly raffles (screaming monkeys can still be heard throughout the hallways!), and "count the Sponge Bobs" contest. Though you can still order online (information about how you can do this appears below), now it is time to think about picking up those items you have already ordered.

**Gift wrap pick up is scheduled in the Gym on:**

**October 17: 2:00-7:00 p.m.**

**October 18: 2:00-5:30 p.m.**

Please plan to come by on one of these two days to pick up your orders! *If you choose to pay for your order in full when picking up one of these two days, you will have one more contest surprise—you will be entered into a drawing for a Scooter!!!*

Now, if you didn't get a chance to finish shopping (or some of your family or friends outside of Atlanta would like to shop some more), please visit the SSS website: [www.ezfundraising.com](http://www.ezfundraising.com) and register your child using the "User ID: 4965" and "Password: 843293." Write down the unique user ID and password that will then be generated, and you will be ready to shop yourself or send e-mails to family and friends to let them know how to shop. This fundraiser is the cornerstone of the PTA budget, so thanks again for your support! If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Riley, Michelle Thompson, or Grace Pate, Gift Wrap Committee Co-Chairs.



The Annual Northwood Carnival is coming on **Saturday, October 22, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Save this date for a full day of fun. Just like last year, **one admission fee will let children play all day.** There will be obstacle courses, slides, jousting, boxing, games, food, and more! A flyer will come home soon telling you how to reserve your admission pass. We hope to see you there! If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Lisa Anderson or Angela Blackwell, Carnival Committee Co-Chairs.

## Your Northwood PTA at Work For You!

**Hands on Atlanta—2005:** Hands-On Atlanta (HOA) Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Won't you join us from 9:00 a.m.-noon to help with a variety of projects planned around the Northwood grounds? This is a wonderful opportunity for those who are looking for a chance to volunteer at the school but can't get away during the week—or for those who like to work outside! Bring your whole family, neighbors, and friends! If you can't join us that morning, please consider donating food or beverages for those who are working and/or making a monetary contribution to offset HOA day expenses. A volunteer form describing all these options is posted on the PTA website ([www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Forms&Flyers](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Forms&Flyers)). Questions? Contact Liz Barton, Landscaping Committee Chair.



**The Incredibles is Coming to Northwood!** Northwood's Kindergarteners-3<sup>rd</sup> graders are invited to join us on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> for Movie Night. Meet in the cafeteria for pizza, popcorn and a movie from 6:45 until 9:00 p.m. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call Kathleen DeBuys or Darina Yankey, Movie Night Committee Co-Chairs.



**Let's Dance!** 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, Music Night is right around the corner! Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:45 p.m., join us in the cafeteria for a night of music, games, and more led by one of Atlanta's top DJs. Questions? Contact Cathy Rowe, Music Night Committee Chair.

**Have You Joined Yet?!** There is still time to join the PTA and receive a directory with certain memberships. Forms are available at the front desk in the office or on the PTA website ([www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Forms&Flyers](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Forms&Flyers)). Remember, the best deal on this year's yearbook is available through the one-stop shopping on the PTA membership form! Added PTA membership benefits include:

- ◆ Discounts at the Atlanta History Center
- ◆ Discounts at Atlanta Hawks, Atlanta Thrasher, and some Phillips Arena events
- ◆ Discounts at Honey Baked Ham stores
- ◆ Discounted Chattahoochee Nature Center memberships
- ◆ Discounted Fernbank memberships
- ◆ Discounts at Barnesandnoble.com and FedEx/Kinko's

Let's reach 100% PTA membership **again** this year! Questions? Contact Ann Cox, Membership Committee Chair.

**Please Log Those Volunteer Hours!** Now that the new school year has begun and you are busy volunteering for Northwood, please remember to record your volunteer hours. When you are in school, be sure to log on (and—before you leave—off!) the computer in the front office. If you do anything for Northwood outside the school, just keep track of your hours and log them on a VIPS ("Volunteers in Public Schools") card in the file near the computer in the lobby—those hours get added into the system by hand. Not only does volunteering benefit students and teachers (and you!), but Northwood earns funding credit for the hours we capture. Questions? Contact Dana Dowdy, VIPS Committee Chair.

**Are You an Artist?!** Once again, Northwood's yearbook will have a cover crafted by one of its own students! The annual yearbook cover contest was launched last month, and *entries are due by Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>*. Special instructions this year incorporate the school's celebration theme: "all drawings should focus around the 10-year anniversary of Northwood." Drawings can be either an 8.5 by 11-inch cover or a 17 by 11-inch, wrap-around cover. (Remember, if drawing a wraparound cover, the front cover will be on the right-hand side, and the back will be on the left-hand side.) Give completed artwork to your teacher. The winner will be announced when the yearbooks arrive. Good luck, and have fun! Questions? Contact Amy Chandler or Allison Smith, Yearbook Committee Co-Chairs.

**Spirit Wear—Celebrating 10 Years!** The 2005-2006 Spirit Wear line complements Northwood's 10-year anniversary. Besides t-shirts and shorts, the line has expanded to include two types of sweatshirts, polo shirts, water bottles, and hats! (Did you know hats can be worn on Good Choices and Team Meeting Days?!) Our first order of the year has already been submitted, but a fall order is now being collected. Order forms are available on-line ([www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Forms&Flyers](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Forms&Flyers)). If you have questions, please contact Barbara Drexler, Spirit Wear Committee Chair.

**I Wonder Why . . .** "I Wonder Why" is the theme of Reflections, 2005, and you still have time to submit an entry for this National Arts Recognition Program. Entry forms and official rules are available in homeroom classes or on the PTA website ([www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Forms&Flyers](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Forms&Flyers)). Entry categories include Visual Arts, Photography, Literature, and Photography. All entries must be submitted by *October 1, 2005*. There is a collection box in the front office. If you have any questions, please contact Carmen Evers, Reflections Committee Chair.

**Bruster's Coupon Books Available!** Bruster's Ice Cream Coupon books will be available for purchase during gift wrap pick up (October 17, 2:00-7:00 p.m. and October 18, 2:00-5:30 p.m.), during the Carnival (October 22, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.), and at the School Store, while supplies last! Coupon books are \$10/each, and each book contains ten "buy one cone or dish—single, double, or triple—and get a second FREE" coupons. Buy some for your own family and shop ahead for holiday gifts!



**Pizza Anyone?!** Domino's Pizza Night is a PTA-sponsored event that is held on the last Thursday of every month that school is in session. The day of the event, each child will bring home a flyer and a sticker as a reminder. Your pizza purchase on that night will help the PTA. In addition, the classroom with the most participation will earn a free pizza party, and the teacher in that class will be given a School Box gift certificate. Thanks for your participation, and if you have any questions, please contact Karen Brown, Pizza Night Committee Chair.

**[www.NorthwoodPTA.com](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com):** Have you visited the Northwood PTA website yet?! This website was launched last year, and it has quickly become a valuable resource for the Northwood community. You can get PTA Board and committee Chair contact information there as well as dates of school events. You can also learn about what individual committees do, pull up any/all forms that may have been "lost" somewhere between school and home, and more! We hope you will become familiar with this source of information. And, this site continues to grow. If you have any feedback about the site, please contact Shelley Avant, Website Committee Chair.

## School Store—Open for Business and Offering New Items!

The PTA-sponsored "School Store" is open for business again this year. Most Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 7:15 to 7:40 a.m. in the cafeteria, children can purchase basic school supply items such as pencils, erasers, markers, pens, and folders at competitive prices. New items coming this fall are pencil cap erasers (three for 25¢) and Scripto brand erasable pens (75¢). We can deliver two sheets of poster board (75¢/each) to the art teachers' rooms for your child's portfolio as described in the memo sent home by Northwood's art instructors. This portfolio will protect your child's artwork throughout the school year. Please send extra change with your child for all purchases, as we do not want them using lunch money. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Dean, School Store Committee Chair.

## Clip and Shop to Earn Cash For Northwood Elementary!

We are launching the 2005-2006 Box Tops for Education fundraising drive for Northwood. With your help, we can earn more cash for our school than ever before! **CLIP!** Simply clip the Box Tops coupons from hundreds of your favorite General Mills products. Send them to school with your child or drop them in the collection bin in front of the Media Center (in a baggie or envelope with your child's teacher indicated). The class with the most box tops wins a pizza party each period and Northwood could earn up to \$20,000! **SHOP!** Did you know you can also earn cash for Northwood when you shop online? Start every online shopping trip at the Box Tops Marketplace at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). You can shop at over 200 stores and our school earns up to 8% of every qualifying purchase!

**NEW IN 2005:** You can join the "Box Tops Booster Club" and select Northwood as the school you support. It's completely free and easy to join! You will receive many benefits including meal-time solutions, and online coupons for products that earn money for our school. Northwood receives bonus box tops for every new Booster Club member. To join the Box Tops Booster Club, visit: [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Thanks for making a difference for Northwood! If you have any questions, please contact Kim Tolleson, Big G Box Tops Committee Chair.

**Looking Toward Spring:** Fall is packed with activities, but spring will be here before we know it! Highlights will include: *Skate Day at the Cooler* on January 12 and *Movie Night* on January 20. February 27 will be the *Kindergarten Musical*, preceded by the third General PTA meeting of the year. Bingo is held just once a year—it will be on March 3. The second *Music Night* of the school year will be on March 24. The *Foundation's Third Annual Walk-a-Thon* will also be in March. May 1 will be the final *Band Concert* of the year, preceded by the last General PTA meeting of the year. Finally, we'll wrap up the year with *Field Days* May 11 and 12. Of course, there will also be Team Meetings, Pizza Nights, and more! Check the *Best of Northwood* as well as the Northwood and PTA websites for dates, and be sure to put all these fun-filled family events on your calendar now!



## Kroger and Publix Scan Card Updates:

Here is how your weekly trip to the grocery store can benefit Northwood:

- ◆ At **Publix** (both the store at Haynes Bridge and Old Alabama in Alpharetta as well as the new store at 1425 Market Boulevard in Roswell)—you simply use your Publix Scan card every time you check out. Both wallet and key ring versions of the Publix Scan card are available by the volunteer computer in the front office if you need one or more!
- ◆ **Kroger** has changed their system this year. They no longer have a separate scan card. Instead, you need to take the Northwood "bar code" into the store to be scanned along with your Kroger *Plus* card when making a purchase. Once you have done this once, every time you use your Kroger *Plus* card, four percent of your purchase will be credited toward Kroger's "Earning Plus Learning Fund." Northwood will then be eligible to earn a share of that fund dependent upon total earned contributions attributable to Northwood. If you need a copy of the flyer with the Northwood's bar code, please pick one up at the front office by the volunteer computer or get one on the PTA website ([www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Forms&Flyers](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Forms&Flyers)). We hope everyone will enroll in this program this year!

The monies earned by the PTA through these "Scan Card" programs each year are significant. The change in the Kroger program may have a significant impact on Northwood, and we won't know until next fall. Please help us by enrolling early!

## Important Dates to Remember

### October

- Sat, 1—Hands-on-Atlanta Day, 9 am-noon
- Mon, 3—Spirit Day
- Fri, 7— Good Choices Day Meeting, 8 am; Music Night, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades, 6:30-8:30 pm, Cafeteria
- Mon, 10—No School, Conference Day
- Mon, 17—Gift Wrap Pick-Up, 2:00-7:00 pm, Gym
- Tues, 18—Gift Wrap Pick-Up, 2:00-5:30 pm, Gym
- Sat, 22—Northwood Carnival, 11:00 am-4:00 pm
- Thurs, 27— Domino's Pizza Night

See [www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Calendar](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Calendar), for a full calendar!

## The Media Center Needs Your Help!

Northwood's Media Center is run by Cheryl Corrigan, Media Specialist, and Claudia Tillison, Media Para Professional. They work daily with classroom teachers to instruct students in media skills, research skills, and literature appreciation. Their goal is for everyone who comes to the Media Center—student, teacher, and parent—to find what they needs and to leave with a smile!!! Because their schedules are so busy, they are in constant need of *volunteers*. These volunteers assist students in checking books in and out, shelving books, and repairing books, just to name a few tasks. Any amount of time you can volunteer—small or large—is of value. If you are interested in volunteering in the Media Center, please contact Donna Conn, Media Center Committee Chair.

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#### **The Cooler**

10800 Davis Drive

#### **Domino's Pizza**

Haynes Bridge and Old Alabama

#### **Kroger**

Haynes Bridge and Old Alabama

#### **Publix**

Haynes Bridge and Old Alabama

#### **Publix**

1425 Market Boulevard, Roswell

#### **Wal-Mart SuperCenter**

970 Mansell 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.

## Remember Northwood When You Shop!

Visit the Northwood PTA website ([www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Sponsors](http://www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Sponsors)) to learn how money you already spend at retailers like Office Depot, Pike's Nursery, Target, Staples, and ShapeXpress 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 re-search them and add them to our list.

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