



THE NORTHWOOD PTA EXPLORER

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President's Letter

Have you ever thought about running for the Board? How about chairing a committee?! Well now is your chance.

Though the next school year seems far away, we are currently beginning to lay the groundwork for the 2009-2010 Northwood Elementary School PTA Board and Committee Chair structure.

Electing the PTA Board

A Nominating Committee (three people and an alternate) will be formally elected at the February 2nd 3rd General PTA meetings. (This meeting will be held immediately before the academic nights.) The Nominating Committee is an ad hoc committee that will meet for just a couple of months this spring and is charged with putting together a slate of officers for the 2009-2010 Board. The Nominating Committee will present this slate (one person for each of the positions on the Northwood PTA Board) to the general membership at the May 4th meeting. Once the general membership votes on this slate, the new officers will also be installed; then, the Nominating Committee will be disbanded.

Establishing PTA Committee Chairs

As you know, the Northwood PTA utilizes a committee structure. Besides recruiting Board members, it is vital that strong Committee Chairs are in place to run Northwood PTA's committees. Currently, there are over 30 committees that are run by over 40 Chairs, as some committees have co-Chairs. Current PTA Board members are actively securing committee Chairs for the next school year. Sometimes a current Chair graciously agrees to serve another year; but when a committee is vacated, we start looking for new volunteers. All committees are described in detail on Northwood PTA's website, www.NorthwoodPTA.com.

Besides reading about committees on the website, you can talk to a current Chair, someone else you know who is active in that committee's activities, or to any Board member to learn more.

Hopefully we've sparked your interest. If so, please talk to a current Board member, a member of the Nominating Committee (when elected, the names of these committee members will be posted on the website), or a current Committee Chair. We'll help you find the right match for the time/talents you have to offer!

Stephanie Duffy and Lorrie de la Mata

Yearbooks are on order!

You don't want to miss the 2008- 2009 Northwood Yearbook! It is 128 pages of FULL COLOR memories! School events, groups, projects, and field trips are featured throughout the book. Every child is included with their class and in candid! Yearbooks are \$30 and can be pre-ordered today. Order forms are available at the front desk and will also be sent home in February. Questions? Contact Jennifer Pugh at Jennpugh@yahoo.com or (770) 667 – 0956.

Important Dates to Remember

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| April 6-10: | Spring Break |
| April 16-17: | CRCT |
| April 21-23: | CRCT |
| April 23: | Domino's Pizza Night |
| April 24: | Bruster's Scoop Day |
| May 1: | Field Day |
| May 4: | Field Day |
| May 8: | Family Night |
| May 11: | Orchestra Concert |
| May 22: | 5 th Grade Recognition/Last day of school |

A Reminder About Logging Volunteer Hours

Did you know that Northwood Elementary earns funding credit for hours we capture in the VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools) system? It's true! We know that volunteers spend countless hours doing work for Northwood - we just hope we are capturing that time - will you help us? It's simple. When you are in the school, 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 card in the file near the computer in the lobby. Those hours get added into the system by hand. Questions? Contact Jamie John, VIPS Committee Chair.

Domino's Pizza Night

*No Time to Cook?
Call Domino's on Pizza Night!*

Domino's Pizza Night: Domino's Pizza Night offers a great way to help Northwood and have fun at home too. Order pizza from Domino's the last Thursday of the month that school is in session (see "Important Dates to Remember"), and use the time you save in the kitchen to play a board game or catch up on some other fun activity! The day of the event, each Northwood student will bring home a flyer and a sticker as a reminder. Remember to send this flyer in with the Domino's driver—if you don't have the flyer, a simple note will do. Include: "Northwood Elementary," the day/date, your child/ children's homeroom teacher/s (include all teachers' names— credit can be "split!"), your name, and the total dollar amount of the order. 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. One more note—the flyer can only be used to benefit Northwood the Thursday our fundraiser is scheduled. Questions? Contact Allison Smith, Pizza Night Committee Chair 770-667-0884

Caring and Sharing Updates

Canned Food Drive. Northwood's halls were lined with all kinds of canned food items in November for our annual food collection benefiting North Fulton Community Charities. Thanks to all of your contributions, cans stretched from classroom to classroom. A special congratulations goes to Ms. Cope's class, who brought in over 300 cans of food!

Counselor's Fund. A big "thank you" to all of those who helped raise money for the Counselor's Fun in December. Your generous donations were used to help families in need.

Giving Tree. Once again Northwood families brightened the holiday season for so many. You may have noticed our huge Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with toys, books, games, candy, socks, slippers, handbags, crayons, clothes, gift cards and so much more. We were thrilled at the generous giving to North Fulton Community Charities and the Foster Children Program this year as many North Fulton families have faced some tough economic times. The outpouring of love and service to unknown individuals was greatly appreciated by many local families who need a boost and bit of holiday cheer.

Thank you, thank you! We are so fortunate to have such caring families in our school community

Kroger & Publix Scan Card Reminder!

Do you do your grocery shopping at Publix or Kroger? At Publix, do you use your scan card every time? At Kroger, have you scanned the Northwood bar code against your Kroger Plus card? Please visit

<http://www.northwoodpta.com/PDF/Kroger.pdf> to read details about scanning your Kroger Plus card, and thanks for helping us leverage these programs to benefit Northwood!

Northwood Elementary School PTA

2008-2009 Officers and Committee Chairs by Vice President

Co-Presidents

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- o Walk-a-thon - Sherrie Board
- o Field Day - Lorrie de la Mata

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Carnival - Michelle Anderson & Jennifer Zanine
Room Parents - Kit Connick
Membership - Laura Mayville
Directory - Kathy Thomas
Media Center - Lyn Shealy
Publicity - Jennifer Zanine
Fifth Grade Graduation Committee - Lisa Anderson
Wellness - Jessica Burns

Second Vice President - Julie Human 770/740-1977

Music Night - Amy Chandler
Business Partner Liaison - Amy Poteet
Spanish Liaison - Christine Obijeski
Bingo Night - Erin Walker & Lisa Winokur
Reflections- Allison Nolen
VIPs - Jamie John
School Store - Kim Dean
Book Fair - Beth Litterer
Accelerated Reader - Susan Harper & Ellen Rickles

Third Vice President - Michele Mobley 770/837-0890

Hearing and Vision - Tara Osborne
Caring & Sharing - Becky Erickson
Hospitality - Andrea Bourgeois & Christy Pincheon
Movie Night - Alyson Bieber
New Initiatives & Family Portraits - Joyce Hosseini
Spirit Wear - Annie Wehr
Pizza Night - Allison Smith
Hands-On Atlanta - Jud Shumway
Yearbook - Jennifer Pugh

Fourth Vice President - Denise Healy 770/754-9005

Original Art - Jessica Burns & Lee Fritz
Legislative - Kathleen De Buys
Staff Recognition - Semmes Calvert
Family Dinner - Sandy Andrews & Amy Poteet
Big G Box Tops & Scan Cards - Kim Dickie
Family Fun - Kathy Kitzmiller
Gift Wrap - Karen Brown, Cathy Dougherty, & Stephanie Summers
Reader Board - Stephanie Summers