



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 3 newsletters to be published on our website this year. In this issue, you will find information to guide you through the 2008-2009 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, we want to take the opportunity to thank the volunteers whose work makes these events possible.

Let us start by recognizing our fellow Board members: Treasurer, Darina Yankey; Secretary, Servann Dougherty; Parliamentarian, Katie Drew; and Vice Presidents, Angela Blackwell, Julie Human, Michele Mobley and Denise Healy. The Board works very closely with the 40-plus committee Chairs who lead Northwood's 35 committees. Committee Chairs are listed on the last page of the newsletter alongside the name of their committee. We encourage you to read through this impressive list! Board and committee Chairs have been hard at work already - some through the summer - to organize events for the school year. I'm sure you already know many of these folks, and 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 approximately 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 how you could lend your time and talents to Northwood, please talk to any Board member or Committee Chair, or visit the www.NorthwoodPTA.com) to read descriptions of each Northwood committee and information about upcoming activities.

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 each Curriculum Night 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. We would also like to report that our audit of the 2007-2008 PTA budget was completed successfully in August. We would like to thank Wendy Player for conducting this audit for us - a 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. 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 us or any PTA Board member.

Stephanie Duffy and Lorrie de la Mata

Northwood Carnival!

Mark your calendars! The annual Northwood Carnival will be on Saturday, October 18th from 11am to 4pm. One admission price will provide a day of fun for the entire family! There will be obstacle courses, slides, moonwalks, bungee jumps, games, prizes, food, and a few new surprises. Look for a flyer to 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 Michelle Anderson or Jennifer Zanine, Carnival Committee Co-Chairs.

Important Dates to Remember

Oct 18	School carnival
Oct 19	Carnival rain date
Oct 23	Dominos Pizza Night
Nov 5	Start of book fair preview
Nov 10	Family Dinner and book fair
Nov 19	Early release day
Nov 20	Dominos Pizza Night
Nov 26-28	No school (Thanksgiving)
Dec 1, 7 pm	Band performance
Dec 8, 7 pm	Chorus & orchestra performance
Dec 17-19	Class holiday parties
Dec 18	Dominos pizza night
Dec 22	Winter break starts

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.

Northwood Beautification Day

On October 4th we got together from 9:00 until 1:00 p.m. to paint shiny, new blue stars on the walks and to trim and mulch the bushes around the front of the school. Northwood families were joined by our business partner in this effort - Nokia, whose employees lent a hand in helping make Northwood an even better place to learn.

Movie Night

Movie night was a great success. On Friday September 26, our Kindergarten through third graders watched the movie Snow Buddies. The kids had a lot of fun hanging out with their friends, eating pizza, popcorn and candy and watching the movie. Be on the lookout for our next movie night in early 2009.

Dominos Pizza Night

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

Once a month, you can buy dinner from Domino's instead of cooking! Domino's Pizza Night is the last Thursday of every month that school is in session. The day of the event, each child will bring home a flyer and sticker as a reminder.

Remember to send in the bottom portion of the flyer when you get your pizza and your order will be recorded and your child's class gets credit. 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. Questions? Contact Allison Smith, Domino's Pizza Night Committee Chair

Keep on Clipping

Please keep clipping those boxtops, Campbell's labels for education, and Nestle Pure Life water bottle labels. Also, please remember to use your Northwood Publix card and your Kroger cards when shopping. These are easy ways for us to earn free money and classroom and P.E. equipment for our school.

Don't Forget Your Spirit Wear!

Don't forget your Spirit Wear. Red and blue shirts with the Northwood "N" are still available for sale. Let's have everyone wear them at the Red and Blue Team meetings and on Spirit Days. SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY. Shirts are \$10.00 each and there are Youth sizes and Adult sizes still available. Please call Annie Wehr for information at 770-667-3433.



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

www.NorthwoodPTA.com/Forms&Flyers/Kroger Scan Cards

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

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- ◆ Stephanie Duffy 678/339-0033
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 - ◆ Walk-a-thon - Sherrie Board
 - ◆ Field Day - Lorrie de la Mata

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- ◆ Directory - Kathy Thomas
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- ◆ Publicity - Jennifer Zanine
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- ◆ 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

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- ◆ Hearing and Vision - Tara Osborne
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- ◆ 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

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- ◆ 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