

Northmore Elementary School

A Title 1, Dual Language School | A Choice School of the Arts
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Panther Parent News

BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION!

Message from Administration

Greetings Panther Families!

We are extremely excited to welcome back our students, parents and community stakeholders! I know that we speak for the entire faculty and staff at Northmore Elementary School that we hope our students took some time to rest, relax and get their minds ready for the phenomenal school year ahead!

Our focus for this school year is to foster a strong and collaborative T.E.A.M. with the entire school community. T.E.A.M. standards for Together Everyone Achieves More. **Northmore Elementary is a "B" rated school from the Florida Department of Education!** This is also the highest percentage score we have earned since 2010! We cannot wait to continue seeing our school grow as we work toward earning that letter grade of an "A"!

We have some outstanding programs on our campus that allows for us to increase student achievement. These programs include:

Performing Arts Program - This school year, we are officially a Choice School of the Arts. This means that students from other SAC Areas can apply for this program each year. All students on campus participate in Theatre, Dance and Band during Fine Arts daily. We also select student performance groups for each of the three performing arts who perform showcases on our campus and compete in district and state level competitions.

Early Years Dual Language Program - 36 students in Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade have the option of applying for the Dual Language Program. In this program, students learn half day in English and half day in Spanish. Acceptance in this program is based on availability.

The purpose of this *Back to School Edition! Newspaper* is to remind you of some of the important policies we have at Northmore.

If you have any questions about these policies, please do not hesitate to contact the front office at 561-494-1700 or ask your child's teacher.

Please don't forget to **connect to your child's Class Dojo page** to receive important updates from your child's teacher(s).

Your Partners in Education,

Mr. Cory A. Heath-Friess , Principal

Ms. Cindy Pedraza , Assistant Principal



SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH

MONDAY



SAC MEETING

Monday, August 19, 2024
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Located in the Cafeteria

Topics Include:

- Principal's Report
- Assistant Principal's Report
- Title 1 Report
- Bridges at Northwood Report
- **Parent Academy:** Learning a Literacy Strategy to Take Home



Thursday
August 28, 2024

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Pre-K thru 2nd Grade

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
3rd - 5th Grade

How Does Your Child Go Home?

It is very important that parents let the teachers and front office know how their child goes home. Any changes to dismissal must be made in writing and sent to the front office.

Please make sure your child keeps his/her transportation wristband on his/her backpack or wrist at all times. These wristbands will tell all the adults how your child goes home.

Walking Students to Class

All parents are allowed to walk their child to class on Monday, August 12, 2024 and Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

Wednesday, August 14 is Independence Day!

This means that all students will walk to their correct locations without their parents.

No need to worry! We will have staff all around the campus helping students locate their classrooms.

Student Attendance Policies

Student Arrival and Free Breakfast

7:40 a.m. - 8:10 a.m.

Students will receive free breakfast from the cafeteria. After 8:10 a.m. students are considered late and marked tardy.



Instructional Hours

8:10 a.m. - 2:05 p.m.

Instruction begins promptly at 8:10 a.m. and stops at 2:05 p.m. It is extremely important that students remain in school unless they are sick so that they can learn everything they need to for the day.

Student Tardies Anytime After 8:10 a.m.



Parents will be required to park in one of the open parking spots. Parents must then walk their late child into the front office and sign his/her child in. Only 2 parents are allowed in the front office at a time.



Early Release No Early Release After 1:40 p.m.

Any adult who comes onto campus to pick up a student must be on the student's approved pick-up list and have their government issued Photo ID. Students will not be released if these two criteria are not met.

Students will not be released after 1:40 p.m. due to dismissal preparation. Only a member of administration can make this change in the event of an emergency.

Student Absences More than 5 Absences is considered excessive.



All students need to be in school in order to learn. We understand that students may stay home because they are sick or have a Doctor's appointment. However, after 5 unexcused absences, the parent will be contacted by the school and develop a student Attendance Plan. Following this, the School District Truancy Department will begin a formal, state mandated absence plan based on state law.

Student Dismissal | 2:10 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.

- Student Dismissal** begins at 2:10 p.m. and lasts until 2:35 p.m. Parents who are late in picking up their students will be charged a late pick-up fee.
- Car Riders** will be dismissed from the back of the school off of Windsor Avenue. The gate will be opened at 1:45 p.m. and no earlier. All cars are to follow the directions given by the staff working at the gate.
- Dependent Walkers** are Kindergarten and 1st Grade students who will be picked up at the North Gate off of North Terrace Drive by the portables. Parents must be able to show identification.
- Independent Walkers** are 2nd - 5th Grade students who will be dismissed through the South Gate off of North Terrace Drive.

Please Note

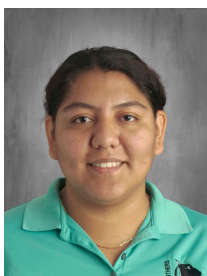
Parents of walkers who park their cars across the street from the school are breaking the law. Parents may be given a ticket by the City of West Palm Beach Police or School Police. This creates an unsafe environment for our students.

Front Office Staff Members

When calling or coming to the front office at Northmore, we are dedicated to providing exceptional customer service to you. Below are some of the key staff members you may speak with throughout the day.



Ms. Marisol
Front Office Assistant



Ms. Perez
Data Processor



Mrs. Colebrook
Treasurer



Mr. Carranza
Spanish ESOL Facilitator



Mrs. Martinez
Administrative Assistant to Principal Heath-Friess



Mrs. Kilic
Choice Coordinator
Volunteer Coordinator



Mrs. Mortin
Afterschool Director

