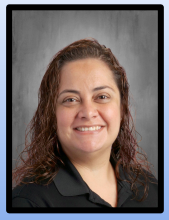




# Northmore Elementary School

A Title 1, Dual Language School | A Choice School of the Arts  
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Mr. Cory A. Heath-Friess  
Principal

# Panther Parent News

December 2024 Edition

Ms. Cindy Pedraza  
Assistant Principal

## Message from Administration

Greetings Panther Families!

We hope that you have had the opportunity to rest, relax and recharge your batteries during Thanksgiving Break. We know that we can speak for the entire faculty and staff when we state that the break was definitely needed. Now that the break is over, we are excited to be entering the next three full school weeks in December before Winter Break. **However, we want everyone to know that these next couple of weeks are going to be absolutely crucial to the success of your students. All students will be taking their second state standardized test over the next few weeks.** Please do not forget that these tests determine if a student is “on track” or “not on track” for promotion, so we need all of our students here for this important time.

**It is our goal to earn the letter grade of an “A” this school year! In order to do this, we need all of our students at school, on time, not later than 8:00 a.m. on testing days. Below are the testing days for each grade level.**

### Kindergarten

Monday, December 2, 2024 (Math) | Monday, December 9, 2024 (Reading)

### 1st Grade

Friday, December 6, 2024 (Math) | Friday, December 13, 2024 (Reading)

### 2nd Grade

Monday, December 2, 2024 (Math) | Monday, December 9, 2024 (Reading)

### 3rd Grade

Thursday, December 5, 2024 (Math) | Wednesday, December 11, 2024 (Reading)

### 4th Grade

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 (Math) | Thursday, December 12, 2024 (Reading)

### 5th Grade

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 (Math) | Tuesday, December 4, 2024 (Reading)  
Monday, December 16, 2024 (Science)

If you have any questions about testing, please do not hesitate to contact our Assistant Principal, Ms. Pedraza, at 561-494-1700.

In addition to this, we have a lot of fun-filled events to celebrate the Winter Season! Please take a look at all of the spectacular events we have taking place this month!

Your Partners in Education,

*Mr. Cory A. Heath-Friess* , Principal  
*Ms. Cindy Pedraza* , Assistant Principal

# Special Events this Month



## SAC MEETING

Monday, December 9, 2024  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Located in the Cafeteria

### Topics Include:

- Principal's Report
- Assistant Principal's Report
- Testing Report
- Title 1 Report
- Business Partner Reports
- Parent Academy: Reading Strategy



## Winter Showcase Performances

*AWARD WINNING*  
Theatre Performance Ensemble  
Director: Mr. Rhymes

*AWARD WINNING*  
Dance Performance Ensembles  
Director: Ms. Logan

Band Performance Ensembles  
Director: Mr. Slaga  
Assistant Director: Mr. Oser



## Northmore Elementary School A Choice School of the Arts

### OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 12, 2024 | 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 pm.

Come learn about our Choice Program that contains Theatre, Dance and Band! Learn how to apply to become part of the choice program and become a Northmore Panther!

For any questions, please contact our Choice Coordinator:  
Mrs. Michelle Kilic at 561-494-1743 or [michelle.kilic@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:michelle.kilic@palmbeachschools.org)



State and District Level  
Award Winning Theatre  
Performance Ensembles!



State and District Level  
Award Winning Dance  
Performance Ensembles!



Recorder, Woodwinds  
and Percussion  
Ensembles!

Fine Arts Participation  
PLC Performing Arts Group (Once a Week Practice)  
Performance Ensembles (Audition Based)

Afterschool Performance Ensembles Rehearsals (Up to 5  
Days a Week)

## WHEN

Thursday, December 19, 2024  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## WHERE

Northmore Elementary  
Cafeteria

## WHAT

Join us for some holiday cheer as our Theatre Ensemble, Dance Ensembles and Band Ensembles perform to holiday classics with a creative twist created by our Directors!

# Additional School Information



**WINTER  
BREAK  
NO SCHOOL!**

**Winter Break  
NO SCHOOL**

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**Monday, December 23, 2024  
to  
Monday, January 6, 2025**



**Report Card Parent Week**

Monday, December 2, 2024 – Friday, December 6, 2024

**Report Card Parent Night**

Thursday, December 5 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher, go over their child's Report Card and be provided with a take home activity to help their child at home.



**All Honor Roll Assemblies will be held in the Cafeteria.**

**Parents will receive an invitation if their child will be earning a Trimester 1 Honor Roll Award.**

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

1st Grade and 2nd Grade  
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

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Kindergarten  
9:25 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024**

4th Grade and 5th Grade  
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

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3rd Grade  
9:25 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.





# WINTER CELEBRATIONS

Friday  
December 20, 2024.

Students may bring in pre-packaged food and drinks to celebrate the start of the winter season before we go on Winter Break!

**Students must demonstrate Pawsitive Behavior this month in order to participate in the winter celebrations. Students who earn a discipline referral or have had several discipline incidents may not participate in the celebration.**

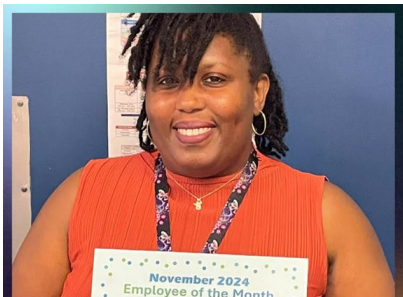
## November 2024 Teacher and Employee of the Month



*Mrs. Quezada*  
*ESOL Teacher*

PIC-COLLAGE

Mrs. Lena Quezada is a highly effective educator who has served as a classroom teacher and resource teacher throughout her career. As a veteran educator, Mrs. Quezada has a strong teaching style that is able to meet the needs of the students who she teaches daily. In her role as an ESOL Teacher, Mrs. Quezada's passion is to teach students from other countries how to speak and read the English language. Do not let her fool you, even though she may seem quiet, her happy and bubbly personality is contagious! We are truly happy to have Mrs. Quezada as a Northmore Panther!



*Mrs. Mortin*  
*Afterschool*  
*Director*

PIC-COLLAGE

Mrs. Kanishia Mortin has worn many hats while working within the School District. As Northmore's Afterschool Director, Mrs. Mortin has been able to bring the afterschool program to life. She has been able to grow the program from only 25 students to 60 students! Mrs. Mortin has also infused the arts and STEM education to help provide a well-rounded education to all of our students afterschool. Mrs. Mortin is a true superstar!