



The ABC's of Northwoods Elementary



A

Accelerated Reader - This reading incentive program allows students to read books, take comprehension tests on the computer, and earn points.

Adopt-a-Spot – Volunteers organize a school grounds “clean-up” day four times a year, picking up trash and making our school grounds clean.

B

Before & After School Care – Northwoods runs a before and after school care program for children who need to be dropped off early or picked up late.

Book & a Bite – Parents (with volunteer approval) can sign up through their child’s teacher to come during their student’s lunch period and eat with their child and a small group of classmates while reading to them.

Book Buddies – Students in the upper grades pair up with students in the lower grades to form a yearlong reading partnership.

Book Fair & Family Reading Night – The funds raised from the Book Fair are used for the purchase of new books for our school library. During Family Reading Night, the book fair is open in the evening and teachers read to students.

C

Career Day – Held at the end of each year, fifth grade students are visited by various visitors to learn about their career fields.

Cheers or Tears – On the first full day of Kindergarten, parents are invited to the school to enjoy light refreshments and meet other parents with Kindergarten students and get answers to questions they may have.

Chorus – Chorus is a singing performance ensemble open to all 4th and 5th graders that sings at various school events throughout the year.

CLIMB – This is our school motto and outlines our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) expectations: Care for others, Listen to learn, Interact safely, Make good choices, Become successful.

Computer Lab – We are fortunate to have a 30 station computer lab. All students go to the Computer Lab at least once a week for their technology special.

Cultural Arts – The student body comes together for assembly programs that have included visiting authors and illustrators, classroom productions, and visiting theatre production companies.

D, E

Donation Drive – In December we hold a school wide food drive. The donations are divided evenly and given to families, from Northwoods and two other local schools for the long winter break.

F

Family Picnic – A kick off to the start of each year, families can get together and enjoy either a bring you own picnic lunch or purchase lunch from local food trucks, play old fashioned yard games and sample food from the garden. A free and fun Old Fashioned Family Picnic!

Field Day – At the end of each year, our PE teacher hosts a school wide field day. Children take part in various fun games and competitions to encourage healthy activity and school spirit.

Field Trips- Students get the opportunity to participate in exciting and educational trips on and off campus.

Fifth Grade Dinner & Dance – Our 5th Grade Activities Committee throws an “End-of-the-year” Graduation dinner for 5th grade families followed by a dance for the students.

First in Fitness – Organized by our PE teacher, children join hundreds of other Wake County students in a fitness “competition.”

Fitness Club – Our Rise & CLIMB Friday morning fitness club gets kids moving and hearts pumping to start the day. They learn wonderful ways to stay fit and healthy.

G

Garden – Northwoods has two beautiful teaching gardens: a rain garden where students can learn about new ideas in water conservation and watershed management, and a vegetable garden where they can get their hands dirty learning natural and social sciences, math, language arts and nutrition.

Guidance Counselor – Our guidance counselor provides comprehensive services to students through classroom guidance, small group counseling, and individual counseling.

H

Hero Day – In honor of Veterans Day, our schools welcomes local “Heroes” such as military, police, fire, and rescue workers to talk with the children about their roles in the community.

I, J

International Night – Every other year, alternating with STEAM Fair, Northwoods hosts an evening of cultural diversity. Take a trip “Around the World” and learn about the food, music, art and culture of other countries.

iPad Cart – Teachers can sign up to use a cart of iPads in their classrooms for all sorts of educational activities that help our students hone their 21st century skills.

K

Kindergarten Park Date – Each Spring, the PTA hosts a Park Date for our incoming Kindergarten families to meet with some of the staff and to make new Northwoods friends.

KNN News – This school morning news program is written, produced, and anchored by 5th graders. Students make announcements and report on the weather, sports, and our monthly character traits as well as host special guests.

L

“Lunch Date” – Parents are welcome to come to school and eat lunch with their child.

M

Media Center- Located in the middle of the school, the media center is open each morning starting at 8:45 for student check out.

Media Center Helpers – 5th graders apply for the job of assisting our media specialist in the mornings by checking in books and assisting other students.

Meet the Teacher – Prior to the first day of school, grades 1st-5th are invited to meet their new teachers, see their classrooms, and meet the other children in their class.

Membership Tree – Located in the front lobby, our beautiful Membership tree boasts the names of all of our PTA members each year.

N

No Fuss Fundraising – Link your Target Redcard, Kroger card, and Harris Teeter card. Also send in Box Tops and Labels for Education. All of these things can earn money for our school with little effort!

O

Online Resources – The Northwoods School website provides numerous resources for parents and students to utilize outside of the school.

P

Parent Info Night – At the start of each school year Northwoods holds a Parent Information Night. Parents visit classrooms and learn about the curriculum and class activities for the new year.

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) - When students are caught exhibiting CLIMB expectations, they are rewarded. Classes can earn Compliment tickets and then use them for rewards. Classes can also earn golden tickets in the cafeteria which help them win Golden Tray award selected on Fridays and announced on KNN.

PTA – Our Parent Teacher Association is a group of volunteers that work to provide our school with special programs and events to make your experience at Northwoods memorable. They strive to make our school the best it can be. Visit <http://www.northwoodspta.com/> for more information.

R

Read a Book, Get a Book – A great program that provides free books and one on one reading for children that need extra help with fluency and comprehension.

Read to Spot– 1st grade students get the opportunity to sit and read with volunteers and their trained canines.

Readers' Theater – This special focuses on reading fluency and comprehension through the practice and performance of In Readers' Theater, EVERYONE has a job! We create writing pieces and enjoy reading activities connected to our texts.

Recycling Team – A team of 5th graders help keep our school “green” by collecting recycling from classroom bins 3 times a week.

Reflections – This PTA sponsored program encourages the integration of the arts. Students participate in various areas including visual arts, music, and writing. Recognition at the school, district, and state levels is offered.

S

Safety Patrol – Selected 5th grade students perform many valuable safety duties. Students load and unload cars each morning and take care of flag duties.

SIT (School Improvement Team) – Our SIT is made up of teachers, parents, and administrators who meet monthly to discuss ways to improve the school.

School Store – Held twice a month, once for K-2 and again for 3-5, the school store gives children the responsibility of saving and spending money wisely. The store offers a variety of fun school supplies.

Spanish Club – Our English as a Second Language teacher organizes our popular Spanish club which takes place on Thursday mornings for K-2nd graders and Thursdays after school for 3-5th graders.

Special Olympics – Together with Wake County, select students have the honor of competing in the Special Olympics with other local schools.

Speech Therapist – A speech therapist is available to assist students with speech/language issues. Our therapist meets with students in small groups to provide assistance with articulation and language development.

Spelling Bee – Each 1st-5th grade classroom holds a class spelling bee in December. The top speller in each class competes in a school-wide Spelling Bee in January.

Spirit Nights – Three times a year we partner with local restaurants and host a Spirit Night. That evening a portion of proceeds made go right back to Northwoods!

STEAM Fair – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math are all celebrated at this event every other year, alternating with International Festival.

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Talent Show – Every May, Northwoods hold a school Talent Show. This is a fun family event that showcases the amazing and talented students we have in our school.

Teacher Appreciation – Throughout the year, our PTA makes sure that our Teacher and Staff feel special!

T-shirts – Every year, Northwoods PTA provides EVERY student with a free school T-shirt. This shirt is worn during Spirit Weeks and Field trips.

Twitter- Follow us! *@NorthwoodsElem1* and *@NorthwoodsPTA1*

V

Volunteers – We LOVE them and NEED them! We encourage parents and other caregivers to volunteer throughout the year. There is always a job that needs to be done and never too many people to help.

W

Walk & Bike to School Days – Each year, Northwoods PTA participates in National Walk to School Day in October and Bike to School Day in May. They also hold a monthly Walk to School day.

Website- Our school website a one-stop shop for information about our school: *<http://northwoodses.wcpss.net/>*