

# NORTHWEST HIGHLIGHTS



## February Highlights!

### Northwest Administration Notes

It is important to make sure our families are communicating important information to us so we are able to support you and your child(ren) both at school and home. Do not hesitate to contact a principal, counselor, teacher, or staff member with any questions or concerns. As Trimester Two concludes, we will hold Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Parent-Teacher conferences are a great way to meet and discuss your child(ren)'s education. Parents and guardians are valued members of the Northwest community, and we look forward to continuing working with you throughout the school year. Teachers will send home a specific date and time to parents and guardians in the month of February, so please make sure you are reviewing your child's folder each night! We hope to see you on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>!

As always, communication is important. Please do not hesitate to contact a principal, school counselor, or teacher with any questions or concerns. You are a valued member of the Northwest Community, and we look forward to continuing to working with you throughout the school year.



Thank you,

Northwest Administration

### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 6: PATT Meeting, 3:45 PM  
 Feb. 6: NW Infinito's Night, 4-9 PM  
 Feb. 10: LSD Mini-THON, at LMS  
 Feb. 19: Snow Make-Day  
 March 2: End of Trimester Two  
 March 5 & 6: Parent-Teacher Conferences  
 March 5-7: No School for Students



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## JOIN PATT!

### Ways You Can Help Support the Northwest PATT:

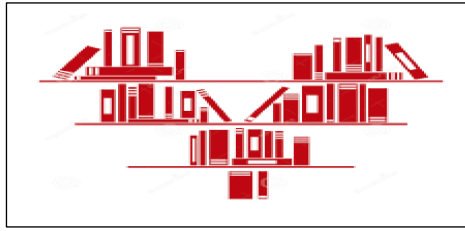
- Attend the second meeting on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 PM.
- Register your Giant BONUSCARD for the School Rewards Program.
- Eat at Red Robin and sign up via text for our school to receive rewards.



## DROP OFF & PICK UP

We ask that you work with us to make sure that all of our students, especially our younger students, are safe during drop off and pick up times. Please make sure students are escorted to and from the school entrance and not walking across the street by themselves. They should be using the crosswalks where crossing guards are positioned at all times. A reminder that breakfast begins at 8:10 AM and the start of the is 8:50 AM, and dismissal is 3:30 PM. Thank you for helping in keeping our students safe!

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## Northwest's Parent Parking Lot: Monthly Strategies to Help at Home!!



1. **Connect with other families** – National PTA's Take Your Family to School Week is February 12 to 18. Help out at events such as family reading night, parenting workshops, or educational family activities. National PTA offers grants to help fund especially deserving school programs. Help your school apply for next year at [pta.org/familytoschool](http://pta.org/familytoschool).
2. **Celebrate African American History Month** – Local museums and libraries will have special events. You and your children can also go to African American [historymonth.gov](http://historymonth.gov) for online exhibits and activities.
3. **Honor Presidents' Day** Search online for activities you can do with your kids, such as matching presidential portraits with their names or doing word searches about them. Older students will enjoy learning about the four presidents carved into Mount Rushmore at [nps.gov/moru](http://nps.gov/moru).
4. **Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences!** Discuss your children's progress and how homework is going. Always reach out to teachers when important changes are happening in your family's life, such as the death of a relative, a move to a new home, or anything that might affect your children's behavior or performance at school—so the school staff can offer support as well.

More information can be located at: <https://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success>

## Counselor's Corner! Positive! Positive! Positive!

Would someone (who knows you well) say that most of your looks, comments, and actions are positive? A personal goal of mine is to increase my positive looks, positive comments, and positive actions as I see and talk to students and adults each day!

Do you want to feel better? Do you want to act better? Research shows that most people feel better and act better when they both give "positives" and get "positives." Positive style, such as high-fives and fist bumps (and especially hugs and back rubs when appropriate) encourage most everyone to feel better. A positive cue like a thumbs-up or a smile, lets others know that they are valuable and special. Positive comments, such as a "good morning" and a "thank you" help us to do our best. A positive action, such as writing or receiving a "thank you" note, energizes us to do better.

When our relationships begin with encouragement and with a focus on strengths, then others are more willing to hear our advice and correction. Your challenge and my challenge today is to give an extra positive look, an extra positive touch, an extra positive comment, and an extra positive action, to a friend, neighbor, or family member who needs a little improvement and encouragement. When you do, then please email me [ktravis@lebanon.k12.pa.us](mailto:ktravis@lebanon.k12.pa.us) and let me know about the positive results to your relationship with that person!

Positively yours,  
-Mr. Travis, Northwest School Counselor

## NORTHWEST SAFETY PROCEDURES:

- All visitors need a photo ID to enter the building.
- PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PHOTO ID FOR ENTRANCE INTO BUILDING.
- All purses and bags are subject to be searched. Visitors will not be permitted to enter the building with bookbags.
- Children will only be released to those individuals that are listed on the Student Pickup Authorization list.