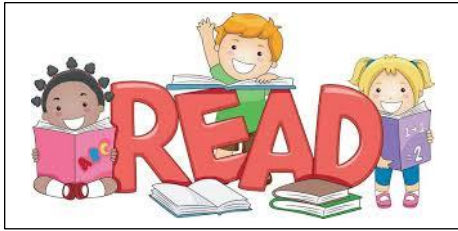


NORTHWEST HIGHLIGHTS



May / June Highlights!

Northwest Administration Notes

The end of the 2017-2018 school year is approaching quickly! Thank you to all parents, students, and staff members of the Northwest Community for another great school year!

All students in grades K5-5th grades will be administered the DIBELS Next Reading Assessment, as well as being administered the Reading and MATH CDT end of the year assessments. All data from these assessments along with their reading and math grades will be helpful resources for next school year.

A big thank you to all the families who participated in the fundraising and activities this school year. We hope you will consider coming to our Northwest PATT meetings next school year. All are welcome!

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.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer,

Northwest Administration

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 10: Elementary All City Spring Concert, 7 PM, LHS Starr Auditorium
- May 17: Spring Concert, 2:15 PM
- May 18: Cedar Cup
- June 1: Field Day
- June 4: Field Day (Rain Date)
- June 5: Awards Ceremony
- June 7: Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM, Last Day of School



Concerts are coming!!

Be sure to come out for our spring concerts!

All City Concert: Thursday, May 10 at 7pm at the High School. Performers include 5th grade Honors Chorus, 5th Grade Band and Orchestra, and Northwest Handbells. Students performing are those that turned in their permission slips and attend the field trip rehearsals listed there.

Northwest Assembly: Thursday, May 17 at 2:15 at Northwest. Performers include 4th grade chorus, 5th grade chorus, band, orchestra, and handbells. There will be *no* evening concert that night.

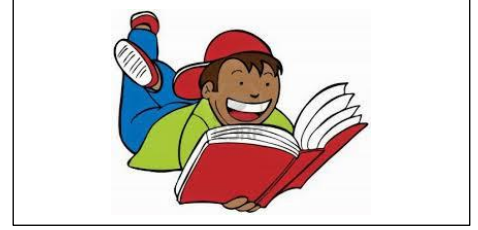
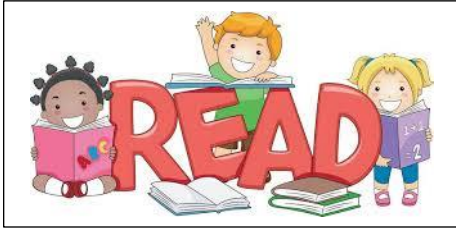
Congratulations and Great Work to Einilette Flores, Krystal Irizarry, Amy Liriano, and Maria Miranda, who participated in Song Fest 2018 at Middletown High School with over 200 other students on April 7. They practiced for weeks leading up to the day, and that day rehearsed all day before performing that afternoon. Great job!



K4 End of the Year Celebration!!

Families are invited to join K4 in our End of the Year Celebration on Tuesday, May 29th. Families are asked to arrive at 2:15 PM and to bring their photo ID to the event. If there are any questions, please see your child's K4 teacher.

NORTHWEST HIGHLIGHTS



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

Prevent the Summer Slide!! Written by: Jordanne Owen

What is Summer Slide?

You may have heard the term "summer slide" from teachers or other parents, but what does it mean? Summer Slide is what happens when the skills students learn during the school year are lost or forgotten over the summer. When kids don't practice their reading skills during the summer months, they can fall behind by the time school starts again. Summer may be winding down, but it's not too late to polish up those reading skills in time for September!

How can I prevent Summer Slide?

1. Choose the Right Books

Think of this as the "Goldilocks Effect." If your kid's book is too easy, she'll get bored. If her book is too hard, she'll get frustrated and give up. When your child reads a "just right" book, she should be challenged but engaged. Ask your child's teacher or a children's librarian for help if you're not sure what your child's reading level is.

2. Set Goals

Sit down with your child and set some summer reading goals together. Depending on your child's age, you might want to shoot for one book a week, or an hour of reading time a day. Make sure your goals are realistic, and set up a reward system. For example, if your child finishes three books, take a trip to the movie theater or get an ice cream cone.

3. Make it fun!

Your kids will want to read if you sneak books into all the fun activities you do. Heading to the beach? Pack some books with you. Try going on a "reading picnic" in the park. Play games or puzzles together that will require your child to read words. Sing songs or nursery rhymes with younger ones.

4. Go the Library

Public libraries often have great summer programs for kids, and these are usually inexpensive or free. While you're there, let your child pick out some new books – he'll be much more excited to crack open a book if he chose it himself.

5. Read Every Day

Practice makes perfect, and reading is no exception! Show your kids that reading is a priority, and they will treat it that way too. In the meantime, enjoy snuggling up with your child and sharing a book – these moments will help establish a love of reading and a closer bond with your family.



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JOIN PATT! GET INVOLVED!

- Attend our PATT meetings next school year beginning at 3:35 PM.
- Attend the District PAC meetings next school year at the Lebanon School District Board room.
- Register your Giant BONUSCARD for the School Rewards Program.

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.