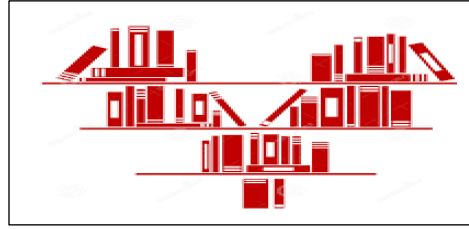


NORTHWEST HIGHLIGHTS



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 4th and Tuesday, March 5th. 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 4th and 5th!

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

READ, WHITE AND BLUE CHALLENGE!

We are challenging students with a Read, White, and Blue reading challenge during the month of February! **Students are challenged to read 20 extra steps** during the month. There will be a separate log due on February 28th. Students will earn tickets that they can "spend" at a school-wide movie! Tickets can be spent on preferred seating, popcorn, and more at the school-wide movie on March 1st! Challenging all students at Northwest to the READ, WHITE, and BLUE challenge!!

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

From Monday, February, 25 to Friday, March 1, we will celebrate Read Across America Week with a Dr. Seuss themed week! Students are encouraged to participate in celebrating reading, Dr. Seuss themed dress up days, and activities throughout the week.

Mr. Young – Principal

Mrs. Nordall – Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 5: PATT Meeting, 3:35 PM
 Feb. 18: No School/ President's Day
 Feb. 23: LSD Mini-THON, at NW
 March 2: End of Trimester Two
 March 4 & 5: Parent-Teacher Conferences
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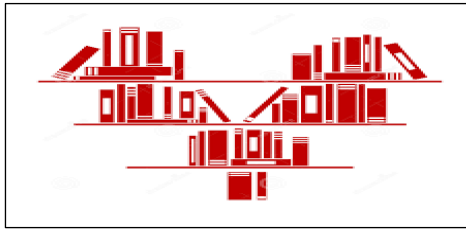
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Northwest's Parent Parking Lot: Monthly Strategies to Help at Home!!



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.
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 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.
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 kravis@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.