

# Northmore Elementary School

A Title 1 School | A Project Based and Performing Arts School

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## Panther Parent News BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION!

# Message from Administration

Greetings Panther Families!

I know that I can speak for the entire faculty and staff at Northmore Elementary School that we are extremely excited to welcome our students back to school! It is our hope that all of our students took the time to rest, relax and are now ready to learn! We are happy to offer some wonderful programs to our students, which have been proven to increase student achievement. These programs include:

**Dual Language** - Students in Kindergarten and 1st Grade have the option of being in one of our Dual Language classes. Acceptance into this program is on a first come, first served basis.

**Project Based Learning** - Students in Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade participate in science and social studies projects that require them to conduct research, write about the topic, create art presentations/projects about each topic and present what they have learned during our Project Based Learning Showcases.

**Performing Arts Program** - All students will participate in Performing Arts classes during their Fine Arts time. However, students in 3rd Grade, 4th Grade and 5th Grade have the option to become members of our Musical Theatre Ensemble, Dance Ensemble and Band Ensemble. More information will be provided to parent about these ensembles at a later date.

The purpose of this *Back to School Edition! Newspaper* is to remind you of some of the important policies we have at Northmore.

If you have any questions about these policies, please do not hesitate to contact the front office at 561-494-1700 or ask your child's teacher.

Please don't forget to **connect to your child's Class Dojo page** to receive important updates from your child's teacher(s).

Your Partners in Education,

*Mr. Cory A. Friess*, Principal

*Ms. Cindy Pedraza*, Assistant Principal



# SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH



## SAC MEETING

Monday, August 21, 2023  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Located in the Cafeteria

### Topics Include:

- Principal's Report
- Assistant Principal's Report
- Title I Report
- Bridges at Northwood Report
- **Parent Academy:**  
Learning a Literacy Strategy to Take Home



Thursday  
August 31, 2023

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Pre-K thru 2nd Grade

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
3rd - 5th Grade

## How Does Your Child Go Home?

It is very important that parents let the teachers and front office know how their child goes home. Any changes to dismissal must be made in writing and sent to the front office.

Please make sure your child keeps his/her transportation wristband on his/her backpack or wrist at all times. These wristbands will tell all the adults how your child goes home.

## Walking Students to Class

All parents are allowed to walk their child to class on Thursday, August 10 and Friday, August 11.

### **Monday, August 14 is Independence Day!**

This means that all students will walk to their correct locations without their parents.

No need to worry! We will have staff all around the campus helping students locate their classrooms.

# Student Attendance Policies

## Student Arrival and Free Breakfast

7:40 a.m. - 8:10 a.m.

Students will receive free breakfast from the cafeteria.  
After 8:10 a.m. students are considered late and marked tardy.



## Instructional Hours

8:10 a.m. - 2:05 p.m.

Instruction begins promptly at 8:10 a.m. and stops at 2:05 p.m. It is extremely important that students remain in school unless they are sick so that they can learn everything they need to for the day.

## Student Tardies

Anytime After 8:10 a.m.



Parents will be required to park in one of the open parking spots. Parents must then walk their late child into the front office and sign his/her child in. Only 2 parents are allowed in the front office at a time.



## Early Release

No Early Release After 1:40 p.m.

Any adult who comes onto campus to pick up a student must be on the student's approved pick-up list and have their government issued Photo ID. Students will not be released if these two criteria are not met.

Students will not be released after 1:40 p.m. due to dismissal preparation. Only a member of administration can make this change in the event of an emergency.

## Student Absences

More than 5 Absences is considered excessive.



All students need to be in school in order to learn. We understand that students may stay home because they are sick or have a Doctor's appointment. However, after 5 unexcused absences, the parent will be contacted by the school and develop a student Attendance Plan. The Principal or Assistant Principal will be part of this process.

# Student Dismissal | 2:10 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.

- **Student Dismissal** begins at 2:10 p.m. and lasts until 2:35 p.m. Parents who are late in picking up their students will be charged a late pick-up fee.
- **Car Riders** will be dismissed from the back of the school off of Windsor Avenue. The gate will be opened at 1:45 p.m. and no earlier. All cars are to follow the directions given by the staff working at the gate.
- **Dependent Walkers** are Kindergarten and 1st Grade students who will be picked up at the North Gate off of North Terrace Drive by the portables. Parents must be able to show identification.
- **Independent Walkers** are 2nd - 5th Grade students who will be dismissed through the South Gate off of North Terrace Drive.

## **Please Note**

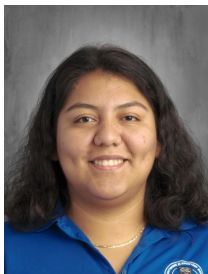
Parents of walkers who park their cars across the street from the school are breaking the law. Parents may be given a ticket by the City of West Palm Beach Police or School Police. This creates an unsafe environment for our students.

# Front Office Staff Members

When calling or coming to the front office at Northmore, we are dedicated to providing exceptional customer service to you. Below are some of the key staff members you may speak with throughout the day.



Mrs. Martinez  
Front Office Secretary



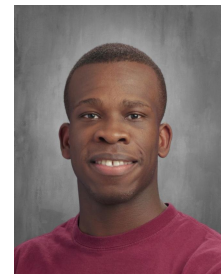
Ms. Perez  
Data Processor



Mrs. Colebrook  
Treasurer



Mr. Carranza  
Spanish ESOL Facilitator



Mr. Sanon  
Administrative Assistant to Principal Fries



Ms. Gordon  
Parent Liaison  
Volunteer Coordinator



Mrs. Mortin  
Afterschool Director

