



Dear Nighthawk Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Northwest Elementary!

PTA continues to adapt with new and innovative ways of providing resources and supporting our students and families. Despite the ever-evolving challenges we face in our communities, homes & school, PTA is ready & working to fulfill the mission of helping to make EVERY child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families to make informed decisions about your children's education.

PTA for Your Child – PTA was founded in 1897, and it is the oldest and largest child advocacy network in the United States committed to the safety, well-being, and education of all children. Our motto, "everychild.one voice.®", speaks directly to our purpose which is to advocate together as one for the rights of all children.

Becoming a PTA member is a vital part of helping us to accomplish our mission. There is no wrong way to PTA, and we encourage anyone committed to improving the lives of children to become a member. **PTA does not require volunteering.** However, even though the beginning of this school year again has presented us with challenges, opportunities are available to volunteer your time and talents on the PTA Executive Board or working on a committee. PTA is for EVERYONE; we value diversity and inclusion because it takes everyone's voices to support all children.

Informational Packet – This packet contains forms to purchase PTA memberships, birthday announcements, and merchandise, as well as highlights PTA programs and fundraiser opportunities that allow us to enhance each child's school experience here at Northwest. Our Helping Hands form to designate your volunteer interests. Although access to campus is currently restricted, we are actively working behind the scenes to bring events & communications to you through the coming year.

Please return completed forms to your child's classroom or the front office. If purchasing items, include payment (cash or check payment made payable to 'Northwest PTA'). **All items can also be purchased on the website.**

So how can you stay informed about important PTA events and issues?

- **PTA Website** (www.northwestpta.org) – Learn about our local unit, events, and programs, purchase PTA memberships, birthday announcements, and Northwest-themed merchandise. The website calendar is updated regularly, and you will also find links to National, State, and County PTA resources.
- **Facebook (Northwest Elementary PTA)** – Follow the page, like, and share posts to spread the word about current events and all the great things we are accomplishing for our children.
- **PTA Newsletter** – Published monthly and emailed to all Northwest families through the school email system.
- **School Email System** – PTA periodically sends announcements directly from the school.

We take great pride in serving our Northwest families and school. Please do not hesitate to contact the Executive Board if you have questions or would like to learn more about PTA.

Looking forward to seeing you at our **1st General Meeting on Thursday, August 19 @ 5:30pm!**

Sincerely,

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PTA For Your Child:

PTA is not a Noun. It's a Verb – an action plan working to support your child's success!

There is no wrong or right way to be involved – anything you can give, whether it's time or money, will support your child's potential. We invite EVERY family to participate because we can do more together than apart. How do you PTA?

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VERB / PEE-TEE-AY/

TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS IN ONE OR MULTIPLE WAYS:

- 1) To invest in your child's success.
- 2) To volunteer for your child's success.
- 3) To advocate for your child's success.

PTA Membership Dues support Programs at Northwest Elementary

- Teacher Grants for Classroom Enrichment (\$10,000 in 2019-20)
- SSYRA Book Sets for ALL classrooms
- Reflections Arts Program
- Junior Achievement
- Media Center Grant for Library Materials
- Dad's Club & All Pro Dad Program
- General PTA Meetings & Programs
- School Store / Student Incentives
- Father-Daughter / Mother-Son Events
- 5th Grade Banquet
- Teacher Appreciation Events
- Boohoo/Yahoo Parent Breakfast
- Veterans Day Program Military Personnel Reception

In addition to all the programs supported locally at Northwest Elementary, being a member of the PTA entitles you to every resource and member benefit available through the Hillsborough County Council PTA, Florida PTA, and National PTA organizations.

Purchase your PTA membership today at www.northwestpta.org or fill out and return the form below to join a vast network of people committed to children's education!

PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Join PTA-the largest child advocacy network in the United States, committed to the safety, well-being, and education of all children.

PTA[®]
everychild.onevoice.[®]

Help us accomplish great things by becoming a Northwest PTA member!

Your donation is tax deductible, and **NO VOLUNTEERING IS REQUIRED**. By becoming a member, you are helping to fund PTA programs and events, and you have voting rights at all PTA General Meetings.

Select Membership Type (check one) and Designation (check one):

_____ \$ 6.00 – Individual (1 Adult) ___ Parent ___ Grandparent ___ Community Member
_____ \$10.00 – Family (2 Adults) ___ Parent ___ Grandparent ___ Community Member
_____ \$ 4.50 – Faculty & Staff (1 Adult)

TOTAL: \$ _____ Please make checks payable to Northwest PTA or purchase online at www.northwestpta.org.

**** Please Print – We need to be able to read your handwriting ****

Member 1 (First & Last Name): _____ **Phone:** _____
(All Fields Required)

Email: _____

Member 2 (First & Last Name): _____ **Phone:** _____
(if applicable)

Email: _____

(must be different from Member 1 to receive electronic membership card)

Electronic membership cards will be sent to the email address(es) provided above.

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NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS ARTS PROGRAM



All Northwest students are invited to participate in the Reflections® Arts Program by reflecting on a common theme and submitting pieces of original art in the areas of:

- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual arts

The program's goal is to spark imagination and creativity in school and at home by encouraging students to explore their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas through creative projects.

Submissions are judged in the Primary (K-2nd Grade) or Intermediate (3rd-5th Grade) divisions, and the deadline is in late October which coincides with the celebration of **National Arts & Humanities Month**. Winners at the school, county, and state levels will be sent to the final National judging round. Northwest Elementary is proud to have had student submissions advance to the state level in previous years.

As more information becomes available, updates will be announced and posted on the 'Reflections' page of the PTA website at <https://northwestpta.org/reflections>

BE YOUR CHILD'S



Dad's Club is a great way to bond with other father figures and spend quality time with the children in your life. A meeting or social event is typically held once a month, and it is a fun outlet for both Dads (or any parental figures) and kids.

Welcome Meeting September 9!

NIGHT OUT with NORTHWEST

Give yourself a break from making dinner and support Northwest PTA! Northwest has a great tradition of teaming up with local businesses who donate a percentage of their sales on 'Northwest Night' to the PTA. It's a great way to contribute toward supporting ALL of our students!

Night Out



Mark your calendars for Friday, August 20, 1-10pm: Twistee Treat
3846 W Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL 33618

BOX TOPS for EDUCATION: Now on your phone!



- Download the app
- Designate "Northwest Elementary School" in your profile
- Snap a photo in the app of your receipts containing Box Tops products within **14 days** of purchase.
- Earnings are automatically applied to our Northwest account. **It's easy!**

Taking a minute to submit a receipt goes a long way in supporting programs like SSYRA classroom book sets!

Traditional Box Tops will be collected through their expiration dates.

ONLINE SHOPPING on AMAZON?

Join us on **AmazonSmile!** Shop like normal & Amazon donates a portion of your eligible purchases back to Northwest Elementary PTA.

Go to smile.amazon.com and select Northwest Elementary PTA!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2806588>



Hillsborough County YES Form for Volunteers



PTA works closely with the school to recruit volunteers for events in addition to asking for short or long-term help with PTA fundraisers, committees, and program facilitators. Before coming on campus, you must complete your YES application through HCPS & receive confirmation of approval.

Find the link to the YES form on the PTA website at
<https://northwestpta.org/volunteer>

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Lend your Helping Hands to Northwest

The Northwest PTA invites any approved individual to volunteer for Northwest this year. Please share a copy of this form with parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, adult siblings. We would love to see their smiling faces and impact on our kiddos! Join us for a host of fun and meaningful activities for our children and school. ALL Volunteers will need to have an approved application on file with the school before volunteering (during school hours).

Please complete and return this form to the PTA or your child's teacher!

VOLUNTEER NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CHILD NAME(S): _____

GRADE(S): _____ TEACHER(S): _____

Preferred Communication Method (CIRCLE ONE): EMAIL PHONE TEXT LETTER

If you have any questions, please contact: Maurine Thomas Email: nwepta.vpofvolunteers@gmail.com

PTA Website: www.northwestpta.org Volunteer application directly linked from the PTA site.

I am interested in: Please check as many as you want

How can I help? I am willing and able to help in any capacity

Dad's Club: I want to join this group of dads/male figures to volunteer throughout the year.

Fall Festival: I am interested in this annual event and would like to work a booth and/or plan and/or help set up.

Haunted House: I am interested in helping to plan, set up or execute this NW favorite.

Donations: I can't volunteer my time but I am happy to send in donations (baked, store bought)

Homeroom Rep: I am interested in helping my teacher (sending emails from school and PTA, class coverage for lunches, fall festival baskets and obligations). PTA membership suggested.

Junior Achievement: Present prepared materials to students. Requires schedule coordination with teacher and training.

Media Center: I want to help shelve books and assist students search for and check out books.

Business Partners: My business would like to be a business partner with Northwest Elementary.

Great American Teach In: I have a hobby, career, or volunteer activity that I am excited to share.

PTA Board: I want to get involved from a more in depth perspective, please reach out.

Holiday Shop/School Store: I am interested in helping our students "shop".

Programs and Events: Working on planning and executing events (mother/son; father/daughter)



School Sign Birthday Announcement

See your child's name on the Northwest school sign during their birthday week!

COST: \$10.00 per child

Please make checks payable to Northwest PTA.
Or online at www.northwestpta.org

For cash payments, please provide exact amount.

We do not keep cash in the PTA room to provide change; additional cash received will be considered a PTA donation. Thank you for understanding!

Please submit form and payment at least 3 weeks prior to birthday to allow for processing time.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____	Phone: _____
Child's Name: _____	Birthday (mm/dd): _____
Child 2 Name: _____	Birthday (mm/dd): _____
Child 3 Name: _____	Birthday (mm/dd): _____
Child 4 Name: _____	Birthday (mm/dd): _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Number of Children: _____ x \$10 = TOTAL: \$ _____

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Northwest Elementary Is a National PTA School of Excellence

National PTA's School of Excellence program supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools that work to improve the educational experience and school environment for every child. This program provides guidance to assist schools in engaging families in decision-making and helps schools build inclusive policies related to education, health, safety, or the arts.

We are 1 of 35 schools in the state of Florida and 1 of 6 elementary schools in Hillsborough County with this designation.























Based on survey results, PTA focused on helping 5th grade families ease the transition to middle school. To better understand student excitement, concerns, and questions about middle school, we deployed a survey in the March PTA newsletter and responded with resources families can use to prepare and engage in meaningful conversations with their children about all the exciting, and sometimes challenging, changes that are ahead. These resources were distributed through our newsletter, social media, and also with hand-outs to our 5th grade students.

As a National PTA School of Excellence, it is our goal to ensure that families feel welcomed and empowered to support student success, and PTA is a key partner for continuous school improvement.

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MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM & SUMMARY SHEET -- BACK TO SCHOOL PACKET

Watch for more to come online!

APPAREL ITEM	COLOR(S)	AVAILABLE SIZE(S)	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Cotton T-Shirts					
	*NEW* Northwest Script Tee (youth)	Grey	Youth - S () M () L ()		\$12
	NEW Northwest Script Tee (adult)	Grey	Adult - XS () S () M () L () XL ()		\$12
	Ladies Fitted V-Neck Shirt	Light Blue	Adult - S () M () L () XL ()		\$14
	Ladies Fitted Sleeveless Shirt	Light Gray	Adult - S () M () L () XL ()		\$14
Dri-Fit Shirts					
	Performance Polo Shirt	Navy Blue	Youth - M () XL ()		\$20
	Nighthawk Dri-Fit 2021	Red	Youth - M () L () XL ()		\$20
	Nighthawk Emblem Dri-Fit	Navy Blue	Adult - XL () 2XL ()		\$20
Long Sleeve					
	1/4 Zip Lightweight Pullover	() Light Gray () Dark Gray	Youth - S () M () L ()		\$20
	Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt	Gray	Adult - M ()		\$28
CLOSEOUT					
	Wavy Flag & Stars T-Shirt	Red	Adult - M () L ()		\$3
	Dri-Fit Adult Top	() Gray () Neon Yellow	Adult - M () L () XL () Adult - M () L () XL ()		\$15
	Nighthawk Emblem Dri-Fit	Navy	Adult - S ()		\$4.50
	NWE "Bow" Bling Shirt	() Dark Blue () Red	Youth - XS () ** This Style Runs Very Small **		\$4.50
Hair Accessories					
	2" Sport Headband	Navy	One size		\$5
	Two Ribbon Bottlecap Bow	Navy Polka Dot			\$8
	Three Ribbon Bottlecap Bow	Navy / Hot Pink / White			\$10
Other Merchandise					
	Cotton (2-ply) Face Mask	Navy	Adult - () One Size		\$8.50
	Stainless Steel Bottle	Gray	One size (25 oz.)		\$14
	Insulated Tumblers	() Black () Blue () Pink - SOLD OUT	One size (30 oz.)		\$22
	Car Magnet	n/a	One size (5" diameter)		\$5
	Color-Changing Plastic Stadium Cups	n/a	One size (12 oz.)		\$2
GRAND TOTAL:					

Please see the PTA website at www.northwestpta.org for up-to-date inventory, additional images and descriptions of all products.

Skip filling out and returning the forms -- Purchase ONLINE at www.northwestpta.org/online-store

Please make checks payable to Northwest PTA. For cash payments, please provide exact amount. We do not keep cash in the PTA room to provide change, so additional cash received will be considered a PTA donation. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Delivery Information for Merchandise Orders (All Fields Required):

Child Name:		Parent/Guardian Name:	
Grade:	Teacher:	Phone Number: (only to contact you if there is an inventory availability issue)	

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