



NIGHTHAWK NEWS

The Official Monthly PTA Newsletter Of Northwest Elementary School

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2022-2023 School Year

Tue, Apr 4
5th-6th Grade Panel
6:30-7:30p, Cafeteria

Fri, Apr 7
Non-Student Day

Tue, Apr 18
Spirit Night at Aussie
Grill

Fri, Apr 28
Mother-Son Night
6-8p, 3-5th grades, only

Mon-Fri, May 1-5
Teacher Appreciation
Week (more to come)

Thu, May 4
Teacher Appreciation
Luncheon

Tue, May 9
PTA General
Meeting/Elections
5:30p, Cafeteria

Thur, May 25
5th-Grade Celebration

Fri, May 26
Last Day of School
11:25 am dismissal

Northwest PTA Site

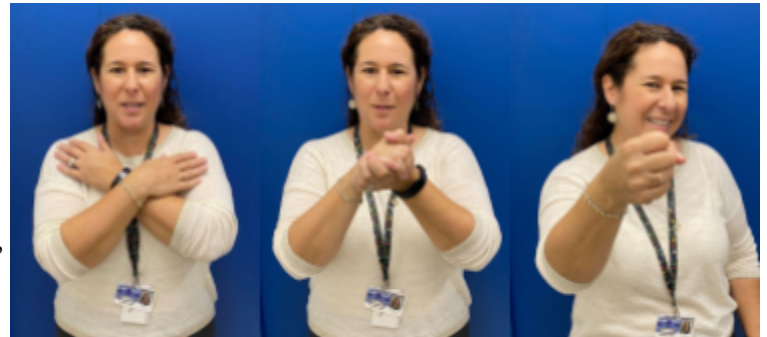
Tickets, merchandise,
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ADRIENNE SANDERS: A FRIEND INDEED!

Adrienne Sanders, Northwest Elementary's (NWE) Counselor, loves to attend plays and movies in her spare time if she is not playing board games or swimming with family and friends.

These photos may look like Sanders is in a play herself, but these are her trademark expressions to share what her core roles are for each and every NWE student - "Keep me Safe". "Helps me with Problems." "Is my Friend."



As a counselor for 22 years, the last 8 at NWE, Sanders wants students to know her so that when things arise, they have a familiar person to whom they can speak. This ability to build trust started when Sanders was a teen working as a babysitter, youth group leader, and camp counselor. "I loved it," she shares. To that she added a sprinkling of academia from her teacher mother and a splash of sympathetic listening from her psychologist father. So with each day comes a new adventure, a fresh opportunity for Sanders to use her skills and ask herself "How can I help the kids in the school setting?" What some may not know is that Sanders wears many NWE hats including the Great American Teach-In, Student of the Month, Child Study Team, Classroom Guidance, and Parent Consultations. Now a high-school freshman, Sanders' daughter also came to Northwest - "She and I both found a home, Sanders smiled.. As the discussion nears its close, Sanders reflects on her place at Northwest, which she calls "a community". She shares that unlike a teacher, she may not see day-to-day growth of our children, but she hopes that she is "planting seeds' ". It is our hope that Adrienne Sanders can see that what she is sowing will help our Northwest kids and families reap so very much now in the years to come.

PARENTS & GUARDIANS OF 5TH GRADERS

April 4 Bring your 5th graders to Northwest Elementary on Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30p to hear from former NWE students now in the 6th grade. The *kids'* panel is designed to allow our *future middle-schoolers* to ask questions about what to expect. Refreshments will be served.

April 25 If you are interested in volunteering or assisting with year-end planning please join the final virtual meeting that will be led by Lauren Thibault on Tuesday, April 25 at 6pm. Zoom link - <https://sdhc.zoom.us/j/4847373592?pwd=Y0VYa3lka3JsMG5oN3I0VXRoZlXIXQT09> and volunteer form - <https://forms.gle/z8mTRep9b3hn6gBCA>.



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SPRING FLING WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Spring Fling 2023 offered something for everyone! The turnout of funseekers, even bigger than 2022, enjoyed 35+ games and activities, cultural performances, music, snow cones and more. The entertainment of Ms. Kearney's chorus students and accompanying teachers as well as Mr. Cochran's Family Feud were well received. The plethora of teacher outings that were part of the always popular Silent Auction were also extremely popular. There is no doubt that the kids certainly found pleasure in pie-ing Principal Quigley and Assistant Principal Cheng, with love, of course. Over 3000 prizes were given out and lots of cotton candy and popcorn were eaten. Other engaging entertainment included the Sherays Arts Indian Dancers and two performances by Mr. Dedon's drumline from Ben Hill Middle School. There were many tapping toes, clapping hands, and rolling videos throughout the event.

Thank you for your donations of adult and children's clothing, as well as shoes. Hope Children's Home, Oasis Opportunities, and Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center will receive multiple boxes, each, from the Northwest Elementary community. You made a difference! Finally, thank you to every person who contributed to a silent auction basket, grilled a burger, helped set up, built a structure, joined a planning call, worked a game, gave out prizes or tattoos, entertained, and/or attended the Northwest Elementary School 2023 Spring Fling. It was a beautiful evening of togetherness.



MOTHER-SON NIGHT

Students in 3rd-5th grades are welcome to participate in this fun event on April 28, 6-8pm, in the NWE cafeteria, along with mothers and mother figures. Your trivia teamwork will be put to the test, so be ready to show off your stuff and have an enjoyable evening.

AN AUSSIE SPIRIT NIGHT FOR NORTHWEST- APRIL 18

Enjoy dinner from Aussie Grill at 14777 N Dale Mabry Hwy. On Tuesday, April 18 from 11a-11p. Mention that you are supporting Northwest Elementary School and the business will give back 20% of those sales. <https://www.aussiegrill.com/menu>