



# NIGHTHAWK NEWS

*The Official Monthly PTA Newsletter Of Northwest Elementary School*

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## 2022-2023 School Yr

**Tue, Nov 1-Tue, Nov 8**  
Northwest Food Drive

**Tue, Nov 8, 4-8pm**  
Night Out w/ Northwest  
BurgerFi, 10647 Sheldon  
Road

**Thu, Nov 10 8:15am**  
Veterans Day Program

**Fri, Nov 11**  
Veterans  
Day/Non-Student Day

**Thu, Nov 17**  
Great American Teach In

**Thu, Nov 17 6pm**  
Turkey Bowl (cafeteria)

**Mon, Nov 21 - Fri, Nov 25**  
Fall Break/Non-Student  
Days

**Mon, Nov 28**  
Students Return to School

**Thu & Fri, Dec 8-9**  
Holiday Shop Set up (Rm  
138)

**Mon-Fri, Dec 12-16**  
Holiday Shop (Rm 138)

**Fri, Dec 23**  
End of 2nd Grading  
Period

**Mon, Dec 26, 2022 -  
Mon, Jan 9, 2023**  
Winter Break/  
Non-Student Days

## Mom & Daughter: Northwest's Dynamic Duo

If Northwest Elementary's hallways could talk, they would tell tales of students, teachers, parents, and others who have and still make our school so special. Two such people who give so much are mother-daughter duo Karen Mullady and Maurine Thomas. Three of Maurine's 4 children, the second generation of this Northwest family, are currently part of our student body and these two ladies' volunteering fingerprints are everywhere!



Maurine is our homeroom representative lead, oversees the Silent Auction at the Spring Fling, serves on various PTA committees & teams, and is responsible for the holiday shop, coming up Dec 12-16. Her faith in the school and all involved is clear. Says Maurine, "It is a family, but it's more than that. It's the best of the best." For many of these activities, if you notice someone right beside Maurine, you can bet that's mom, Karen. In the early 90s, when the family moved from Texas, Karen said that she and her husband chose Northwest because of the openness compared to the other schools. Long before the second-grade wing was built, Karen served as a regular in the classrooms, ran the student store, read to the students and got involved with PTA in 1993. Karen and Maurine's commitment to and love for Northwest merit our appreciation. Both unassuming and hard-working, we are lucky to have them. Still, they prefer to look outward. "The teachers want to be here. We've been an A school from the first time that schools started receiving grades. Our parents make a big difference and our administration is "humble". We take pride, but it's a quiet pride."

## NWE Lightning News

**Food Drive:** Drop off your non-perishable items including vegetables, pasta, dried beans, dressing, boxed desserts from November 1-8. Please take your donations to the cafeteria and leave on the stage; do not leave in the school office. Thank you for helping out others!

**Night Out w/ Northwest:** Join your friends and your kids' friends at Burger Fi in Westchase, 4-8pm, on Tuesday, Nov 8. Twenty percent (20%) of the proceeds will go to Northwest. Eat in or takeout and remember to let them know "I'm with Northwest!"

**Junior Achievement:** information will be out soon!. Questions: Angelica Donish - [gabster0423@gmail.com](mailto:gabster0423@gmail.com)





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## Box Tops for Ed.

Each Box Tops collected is \$0.10 cashed in for our school..

1. Download mobile app "Box Tops for Education" & choose "Northwest Elementary School" in your profile
2. Please add grade & teacher
3. Snap a photo of your receipts containing Box Tops products in the app within 14 days of purchase.

## Northwest Business Partners



Welcome to our newest business partner!



Contact: [acollins@fortknoxfire.com](mailto:acollins@fortknoxfire.com)  
m, if interested in business partnerships.  
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## Volunteer Opportunities for Your Four Hours

In last month's newsletter, the PTA board asked you to commit to **four hours** of volunteering over the 2022-2023 school year as those contributions can make a huge difference in our **kids' experiences**. Reach out and let the PTA find the right match for you!. Also access the Y.E.S. volunteer application there and look for current sign-up links.

### Volunteer at one of these November events!

**Veterans' Day Breakfast** (Serving help contact Kerrie Weltman)

**Turkey Bowl** (contact Bill Donish - [cocobag423@gmail.com](mailto:cocobag423@gmail.com))

**Great American Teach In** (See NWE email)



**Holiday Shop** is a great volunteer opportunity. NWE's annual Holiday Shop will be open Dec 12-16. Help with setting up or assisting our kids shop for gifts (\$2 each). Sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4eafac22a6f58-holiday3>

NWE's largest annual fundraiser and excellent community connector, the **Spring Fling** is closer than you think. Join the planning committee and/or lead a game. Contact Kerrie ([kerrieweltman44@gmail.com](mailto:kerrieweltman44@gmail.com)) or Annette ([arr2665@gmail.com](mailto:arr2665@gmail.com)). Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044aa5a622a4f49-spring>

## Costume Contest was a Spooky Success!

The Dad's Club, a part of the NWE PTA, leads some wonderful events during the school year including the upcoming Turkey Bowl and most recently, the Costume Contest. It was a fun night with nearly 100 K-5 students strutting their scary selves before the audience.

