



NIGHTHAWK NEWS

The Official Monthly PTA Newsletter Of Northwest Elementary School

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1st Semester 2022-2023 School Yr

Mon, Sep 5
Labor Day/Non-Student Day

Tues-Thur, Sep 13-15
7:40-9am
Grandparents Days
Grades: Tue (K&5), Wed (1&4),
Th (2&3)

Mon, Sep 19
Reflections Kickoff

Wed, Sep 21 4-8pm
PDQ Night Out 4-8pm
<https://www.eatpdq.com/menu>

Thur, Oct 6 6-7pm
Spring Fling Kickoff - Planning
<https://meet.google.com/uhq-uk-bj-rqr>

Wed, Oct 12
End of 1st Grading Period

Mon, Oct 17
Non-Student Day

Thu, Nov 10 8:15am
Veterans Day Program

Fri, Nov 11
Veterans Day/Non-Student Day

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

Mon, Nov 28
Students Return to School

Fri, Dec 23
End of 2nd Grading Period

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

Getting to Know Mary Debonis: A Quiet Force at Northwest



You may not know her by name or face, but Mary Debonis' quiet, steady presence impacts our kids on a day-to-day basis. As we go back in time, let's get to know Mary, school secretary and bookkeeper, a little bit better. Northwest opened its doors 35 years ago and Mary has been walking the halls, looking out for our kids for 20 of those years. As a mother of 3, two of whom attended Northwest, Mary would have likely been around as a volunteer, anyway. Instead, when her oldest, now 33, was in the sixth grade, Mary joined the school staff. She has been in her current role for 15 years and wore multiple school hats before that. Mary was a cafeteria worker, substitute teacher, health aide and classroom assistant. She recalled a fifth grader who was struggling in school and would not be able to go on the fifth-grade trip. But, Mary was determined that he would have that experience. Through his hard work and Mary's steady support, the student improved his performance and had the time of his life on that school trip. Mary was there to witness it.

But, why stay for 20 years? There are other schools and likely other opportunities that this proud "Grammy" could have taken. When asked, Mary smiles gently, replying "It's a family, here. Everyone is in it for the kids...100%." We thank *you*, Mary Debonis, for being in it for our kids! We thank *you*, for all that you do for the Northwest Elementary community.

Night Out at PDQ for Northwest

Come support our school at PDQ on Wednesday, September 21 4-8pm! **Twenty percent (20%)** of all sales will be donated back to Northwest! Dine in or take out. Don't forget to mention that you are supporting Northwest. 12650 N. Dale Mabry Highway Tampa, FL 33618. **Congratulations to Mrs. Johnson's class for winning the August Twistee Treat party!**

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Volunteer!

If you are interested in volunteering at our onsite school events, please complete the mandatory, Hillsborough County application. **Y.E.S. Application.**

Social Media

To connect with other parents, guardians and staff, follow NWE on Facebook: **Northwest Elementary PTA**

Northwest Business Partners



Contact:

acollins@fortknoxfire.com

If you are interested in learning more about business partners.

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August's General Meeting



On Thursday, Aug 18, a large group mingled while enjoying pizza and picking up school gear, as well as learning about PTA memberships, Dad's club and Junior Achievement. During the year's first General Meeting, voting members approved the annual budget. Principal Bryan Quigley, PTA President Sarah Ball, the VPs of Education, Volunteers and Ways & Means briefly presented, as well. It was a fun night and a great start to our 2022-2023 school year.

Reflections: Show Your Voice

The 2022-2023 Reflections theme is ***Show Your Voice***. Reflections is hosted by the National PTA and is open to students through grade 12. Northwest PTA will lead our school effort to market the program and we ask parents, guardians, and school staff to help us encourage our Pre-K to Grade 5 students to participate. The reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts, which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Annually, 300k+ students create original works of art in response to the student-selected theme. Visit this site to learn more and look for additional information from us, your Northwest Elementary School PTA.

<https://floridapta.org/reflections-art-program/>

NWE PTA Website

This is your home to find everything including the online store for merchandise and event ticket sales, program offerings, the calendar of events, volunteer & business partner opportunities, all newsletters, and much more!. You can also join the Northwest Elementary PTA via the website. Membership is up 37% compared to last year; we welcome you! **<https://northwestpta.org/>**

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