



NIGHTHAWK NEWS

The Official Monthly PTA Newsletter Of Northwest Elementary School

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2022-2023 School Year

Thu, Jan 12, 2023

Dad Club's Meeting 6p

Contact:

billdonish@gmail.com

Mon, Jan 16, 2023

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Day **Non-student Day**

Tues, Jan 17, 2023

PTA General Meeting,

Talent Show & Spring

Fling Planning

Cafeteria 6p

Wed, Jan 25, 2023

Night Out with Northwest

11a-9p

Anthony's Coal Fired

Pizza & Wings

13020 North Dale Mabry

Hwy Tampa, FL 33618

Mon, Jan 23, 2023

Spring Fling Meeting

NWE Cafeteria 6:30p

Tue, Feb 7, 2023

Astronomy Night 6p

Cafeteria

Fri, Feb 10, 2023

Father/Daughter Dance

Cafeteria Contact:

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Mon-Fri, Mar 13-17, 2023

Spring Break

Fri, Mar 31, 2023

Spring Fling, 4-8p

Fri, Apr 7, 2023

Non-Student Day

Mon-Fri, May 1-5, 2023

Teacher Appreciation

Week (more to come)

CHRISTINE CHENG: PART OF YOUR FAMILY

Happy New Year to the Northwest Elementary (NWE) family. As we kick off the second half of the school year, let's continue to get to know some of the many pivotal individuals who make up our NWE community; meet Assistant Principal, Christine Cheng. Like others interviewed for this series, Mrs. Cheng, mother of two former NWE students, has worn many hats, including teacher and reading coach. She's been in the academic & administrative worlds of the school system for 19 years. Assistant Principal Cheng and Principal Quigley have partnered on this journey for 12 of those years. "We split things 50/50", Cheng shared. It's true that while sometimes you see both, often this duo must divide and address the many things that come their way as our school's leaders. In addition to being responsible for curriculum and report cards, as well as arrivals & dismissals, Mrs. Cheng takes it upon herself to add some special touches that may not be typical of all assistant principals. She makes it her mission to learn every kid's name and she says that "everyone should feel safe, comfortable and successful", recognizing the importance of our children's relationships with adults. And who hasn't gotten a sparkly hug from her, along the way? During the height of the pandemic, as a way to stay connected, Mrs. Cheng also posted videos on the Nighthawks Facebook page, of her reading books. She gushes over the staff, speaking of their commitment and longevity - "We go deep" as she clasps her fingers together to further demonstrate the bond. In its 35 years, NWE has only had 4 principals and 4 assistant principals because "We grow roots". There have to be reasons that teachers remain and parents choose Northwest Elementary; our assistant principal is most certainly one of those reasons. Mrs. Cheng believes "Once a Nighthawk, always a Nighthawk" to be true. She continues, "We are the quintessential neighborhood school. When you see those [amazing] schools on television shows, **WE** are that school." Perhaps, she's right. Northwest Elementary School really is a special place and maybe, just maybe we all carry a little bit of it in our hearts for the rest of our lives. Have a wonderful 2023!



GENERAL MEETING - JANUARY 17

The PTA invites you to our next General Meeting on January 17, 2023 at **. In addition to the general meeting, there will be a talent show and a Spring Fling sneak peek. See you in the cafeteria for an informative, engaging evening. Food & beverages will be served, so come on out!



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SPRING FLING

Volunteer Opportunities - Give 4 Hours This Year

NWE's Spring Fling is our next major event, hosted by your very own PTA. The Spring Fling will be held under the pavilion shelter, the basketball court, playground and the grassy areas beyond. It's big! It's fun! It's an amazing community event and all profits go back into Northwest Elementary. Food will be prepared by the Dad's Club & pizza will be provided by Marco's Pizza. Rick, from Bach 2 Rock, will be spinning tunes and 20+ activities, as well as inflatables will be on-site for our kids. Don't forget the fan favorite, Silent Auction. If we are lucky, we may also have a couple of special performances. Bring a neighbor. Bring a friend. Let's make this our biggest and best annual event, ever! Finally, the PTA could use an hour of your time as a volunteer. If interested, please sign up as soon as possible. Look for signs regarding ticket sales and PTA-member specials. Sign Up:

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

Contact Kerrie (kerrieweltman44@gmail.com) or Annette (arr2665@gmail.com). Reminder: all profits support Northwest Elementary. **Hear more about the Spring Fling (Mar 31), during the Jan 17 PTA General Meeting.**

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

Fathers and Father Figures, get those dancing shoes on and dance the early evening away with your daughters. This event is open to grades 3-5, only. More details to follow about this very special event on Friday, February 10, 2023 at Northwest Elementary. Contact:

billdonish@gmail.com.

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

January's character trait is "Respect". We encourage the Northwest Elementary community to join in uplifting the numerous opportunities to celebrate and respect our multitude of diverse backgrounds and cultures, including:

Jan 14 - Dress Up Your Pet Day

Jan 16 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no school...remember MLK's words & works)

Jan 17 - Benjamin Franklin Day

Jan 19 - National Popcorn Day

Jan 22 - Chinese New Year/Lunar New Year

Jan 26 - Spouse's Day

Jan 27 - Holocaust Remembrance Day



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