



NORTHWOOD PTA
Empowering Our Children to Succeed



Upcoming Events



Box Tops winners and Reflections winners will have Breakfast with the Principal on 6th December



It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge
Albert Einstein

When educating the minds of the youth we must not forget to educate their hearts
Dalai Lama

PTA President's Message

Hello Northwood families,

I would like to thank the Reflections participants' families for their support and encouraging their children to participate in Reflections this year. It was an overwhelming and heartwarming experience for us to judge all the artwork.

A special thank you to all the Teachers and Staff for their support with the Reflections program. Especially Mr. Derrick and Ms. Reyes for helping us with the judging.

I would like to thank my PTA board for helping me with the Reflections program. It is always a team work and it wouldn't have been possible without you all. Nidhi, Parul, Sona Grover and Kateryna for judging. Wai ping for being a big support from beginning to end. Kateryna again for taking wonderful pictures.

Diane Straetker from Sixth district PTA was here to help and guide us with the judging. Thank you very much Diane for your help and support.

Kanthi, Prachi and Kennari are the volunteers who have helped me with the reflections program. Thank you very much for your help and support!!!

Winners of Reflections-Congratulations to the winners!!!

Primary

1. Visual Arts- Agam Doshi (Kindergarten)
2. Film production- Anushka Maurya (2nd Grade)

Intermediate

1. Visual Arts-Zubia Mohammed (5th Grade)
2. Literature- Onuva Ekram (5th Grade)
3. Photography- Tryambakam Mangalam (5th grade)

Please treasure the PTA Newsletter every month because it has the Spelling words for the Spelling Bee in January and the fun facts about two different Countries every month for the Quiz on the Multicultural event which will be in February.

Encourage your child to participate in all of these events. This Newsletter is also available on the School's website
<http://northwood.berryessa.k12.ca.us/PTA/index.html>

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at Afshaq@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support,
Afia Laiq
PTA President



Facts

- China is officially known as the People's Republic of China.
- China has the largest population in the world, with over 1.3 billion people as of July, 2012.
- China is the 3rd largest country by area at 9,706,961 sq. km (3,747,879 sq. miles).
- There are many different languages spoken in China, including Mandarin, Yue, Wu, Minbei, Minnan, Xiang, Gan and Hakka.
- The capital city is Beijing, while the most populated city is Shanghai. Other major cities include Chongqing, Shenzhen and Guangzhou.
- China is the second largest economy in the world, after the United States of America.
- Xi Jinping is the President of China.
- China was founded on October 1st, 1949 and October 1st is the National day of China.

Fun Facts

- The Great Wall of China is the largest man made structure in the world, stretching an incredible 8,850 kilometers (5,500 miles).
- China has the longest international land border and borders with 14 countries.
- In 2003, China became the third country to successfully send a person to space.

Famous People:

1. Confucius - Confucius was an influential Chinese philosopher, teacher and political figure known for his popular aphorisms and for his models of social interaction.
2. Sun Yat-Sen - After the outbreak of the Wuchang Uprising against Qing rule in 1911, the revolutionaries elected Sun Yat-Sen as the "provisional president" of the transitional government.

Chinese Words

1. Hello - Ni Hao
2. Thank you - Xiexie
3. Welcome - Huanying
4. Family - Jaiting
5. Good bye - Zaijian

*Students need to learn about the Flag of China by themselves.



Japan.
Endless
Discovery.



Facts

- Japan is the official name.
- Japan is made up of 6,852 islands.
- The tenth largest population in the world.
- Tokyo is the capital city of Japan and also the largest city. Other major cities include Osaka, Nagoya, and Sapporo.
- Japanese is the official language of Japan.
- Japan is an industrialized nation, producing some of the most technologically advanced motor vehicles, electronics, and machine tools.
- Emperor Akihito is the name of the Emperor of Japan. Prime Minister of Japan is Shinzo Abe.
- National Day: 17 May (Constitution Day)

Fun facts

- Japan is a world leader in robotics. Japanese engineers are known for producing a range of human-like robots such as ASIMO.
- Japan is home to many different forms of martial arts. Karate, Judo, Sumo, Ninjutsu, Kendo, Jujutsu, and Aikido to name a few.
- Japanese cuisine has become popular around the world. Some well-known dishes are sushi, sashimi and tempura.

Famous people

- Emperor Shōwa was the 124th Emperor of Japan according to the traditional order of succession, reigning from December 25, 1926, until his death on January 7, 1989.
- Emperor Meiji was the 122nd Emperor of Japan according to the traditional order of succession, reigning from February 3, 1867 until his death on July 30, 1912.

Japanese Words

1. Hello - Konnichiwa
2. Thank You - Arigatogozaimashita
3. Welcome - Yokoso
4. Family - Kazoku
5. Goodbye - Sayonara

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Kindergarten words

1. Coat
2. Down
3. Kick
4. Jump
5. Race

First Grade words

1. Glass
2. Quack
3. Patch
4. Frame
5. Trace

Second Grade

1. Random
2. Reward
3. Wrinkle
4. Canopy
5. Beagle

Third Grade

1. Wrinkle
2. Valiant
3. Difficult
4. Postpone
5. Astronaut

Fourth Grade

1. Recommend
2. Scariest
3. Chemistry
4. Announcer
5. Squander

Fifth Grade

1. Etiquette
2. Furlough
3. Toboggan
4. Miscellaneous
5. Impuissance

* Fourth & Fifth Grade students need to practice these words with their meanings.