



# Northwest Newsletter

## A Message from Principal Zelazny

First, let me say I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing Spring break! When we return from break, we will be in the last marking period of the 2016-2017 school year! At that point, we are in the final stretch of the year and it is important for students to remain focused and attend school regularly! May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> we will be administering the NYS Math Assessment. This assessment will help to inform teachers about their students' growth and help them plan instruction accordingly. It is important for you and your children to know that these assessments do not affect their report cards or whether students advance to the next grade level. When testing time comes, please encourage your children to get a good night's sleep. We do not want them to be worried—just to relax and do their best. As always, thank you for your support. Our partnership with home is an essential part of our roadmap to continued success!

## Poetry Contest



April is national poetry month and our annual Poetry Contest is upon us!! The contest will run until April 28<sup>th</sup>. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to submit their poems for a chance to win a ride to school in a stretch limousine on May 5<sup>th</sup>!

**Winners will be announced on May 1<sup>st</sup>!!  
Submit all poems to your ELA teachers!**

## Happy Birthday Panthers!

\* Chazity Burnice-Jackson \* Wayne Washington \* Dayveion Haygood \*  
\* Devon Donaldson \* Angel Lopez \* Anabel Mella Pagan \* Matthew Hernandez \* Dominic Brewer \* Hope Ferrell \* James Burton \* LaShawna Ellington \* Aidan Rosario \* Dwayne Williams \*

## Upcoming Events

**April 7 - Superintendent's Conference Day -  
No school for students**

**April 14 - Good Friday  
No School**

**April 17 - 21 -  
Spring Recess - No School**

**April 16<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday**



## Join ParentCONNECT

Communicate and view your child's progress by signing up for ParentCONNECT. This can be done by going to the district website and clicking on the ParentCONNECT icon.

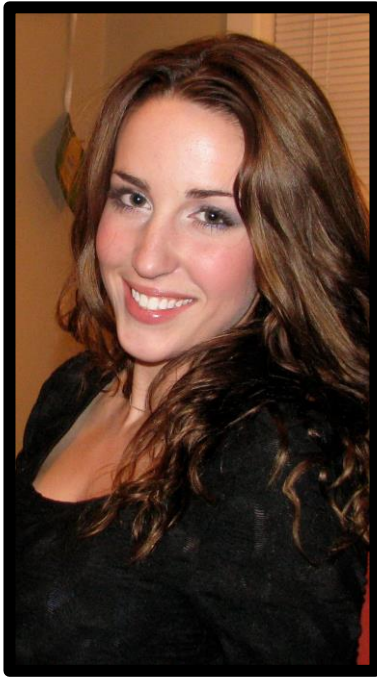
## Reminder!!

Secondary (7-12) report cards will be mailed home the week of  
April 10th



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## Staff Spotlight



**Ms. Hoskins**  
ESOL Teacher

Ms. Hoskins is a brand new ESOL teacher at Northwest. She received her Bachelors in TESOL at SUNY Cortland and will be beginning her master's next school year. After teaching English abroad at the Universidad de Ibague in Central Colombia last year, she decided she missed the snow and needed to return home to Western New York. As a former college swimmer and rugby player, you can find her during the school year cheering loudly in the stands for the Panthers. During the summer she's either working at a summer camp, long distance hiking, or traveling. She has a strong affinity for guacamole, a good book and hanging out with her German Shepherd. She is proud to be a part of the Northwest Junior High team!

## Panther Parents

### **We need your help!**

Please guide and support your child's learning by ensuring he or she:

- 1) Arrives on time - remember school begins at 8:30 a.m.
- 2) Comes to school with a book bag and appropriate supplies. This includes pencils, paper, notebooks, and folders.
- 3) Completes all homework assignments in a timely manner.
- 4) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and improve literacy skills. Students should be reading for 20 minutes a night.

## Important Dates to Remember:

New York State 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Assessment

Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

## Test Taking Tips

- ✓ Get a good night sleep
- ✓ Eat a healthy breakfast
- ✓ Read all directions
- ✓ Stay focused and relaxed

## Reminders

Please make sure updated contact information is on file with the Northwest Junior High School Main Office. You can call 585.324.9289 to update phone numbers and addresses. It is very important that we are able to reach a parent or guardian when needed.