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PRESIDENT'S LETTER
BY ANN FRISBIE

The holidays are quickly approaching and the Northdale Civic Association will once again sponsor the annual **Holiday Lighting Contest**. The rules are simple: 1) decorate the exterior of your home for the season; 2) only current paid members of the NCA are eligible to win one of the \$50.00 gift certificates, 3) the nights of December 11 thru December 16 leave your outside holiday lights on so we can make our selections for the final judging, 4) **Final Judging is Sunday, December 18th**. Be sure holiday lights are on from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. Don't miss out on your chance to win. Join the NCA. Annual NCA membership is only \$35.00. Good luck!

As we close out the year, here are a just couple of things I'm thankful for: the Northdale Tennis Courts are back in service and looking good, Lake Park is once again open to the public, road work on Northdale Blvd. has been completed and road work on Dawnview/Casey is getting ever closer to completion. Home prices continue to be heading up and our wonderful community has numerous assets that make it very desirable to buyers looking for value.

Thank you to my fellow volunteers that serve on the NCA Board of Directors and give of their time and talent to serve the community throughout the year. The many community events that we sponsor throughout the year would not be possible without their dedication and hard work. In addition, I'd like to express my thanks and gratitude to the staff at Northdale Park and the Bob Sierra YMCA that do such an outstanding job supporting residents of Northdale and surrounding communities. Both youth and seniors benefit from their efforts.

Please support the businesses that advertise in the Northdale News with your patronage and referrals. These are local companies and organizations that support our community throughout the year and help subsidize the cost of our community newsletter.

Ann Frisbie

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2016-2017

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The Northdale Newsletter is published bi-monthly by the NCA. If you wish to submit a press release, editorial or article, send them to Jessica Kingsborough, NCA Editor.

Jessica.kingsborough@floridamoves.com.
813-444-3755

Northdale Civic Association Annual Membership

Name: _____

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- I have feedback for the Board. Please contact me.
- I (we) will be willing to serve 2 hours/month as an advisor to the Board.
- I (we) are interested in joining the OWLS at no additional charge. Please contact me.
(Yearly OWLS dues are included in NCA membership.)

WHAT IS THE NCA?

The Northdale Civic Association is a volunteer organization of concerned citizens whose mission is to make Northdale a better place to live and increase property values by providing assistance in enforcing the deed restrictions to which each homeowner is legally subject.

The NCA is also the organized voice of Northdale, and represents residents when issues affecting Northdale are raised by Hillsborough County, the State of Florida and other governing bodies.

The NCA issues this Newsletter and organizes the following events and programs: Welcome Wagon Program; Easter Egg Hunt; Community Garage Sales; Family Fun Festival; Northdale Pumpkin Run; Holiday Decorating Contest; Meet the Candidates; and the Northdale OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lively, Seniors). Board Meetings are open to the public.

NCA Board Officers

President: Ann Frisbie
Vice President: Tom Murray
Secretary: Jan Marshburn
Treasurer: Bill Castens

DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

Residents can request an investigation of deed restriction violations. Complaints need to be in writing or submitted online. The NCA conducts periodic neighborhood inspections and will act on their findings when necessary.

Residents can request an investigation of a possible deed restriction. Follow the instructions at <http://www.northdale.org/> or, if you prefer, mail us a complaint. Print out a form on line or pick one up at the UPS store or the Sheriff's station in the BOCC building. Mail it to NCA Deed Restrictions at 3853 Northdale Blvd. #374, Tampa FL 33624.

When a violation occurs a letter will be sent to the violating homeowner with a request to correct the problem. After a reasonable amount of time passes, and the problem persists, the coordinator may contact you with the available options. Some of these options could include legal action against the homeowner.

The NCA will not become involved in conflicts between neighbors, animal problems or landscape issues due to drought.



HOW TO JOIN THE NCA

Forms are available in each edition of the Northdale Newsletter. There are forms On-line @ www.northdale.org Annual membership is only \$35.

HOW TO JOIN THE BOARD

All members are eligible to run for NCA Board positions in elections held each May. Elections for those positions are made by the sitting board at the monthly board meetings. The dates of those meetings are posted in the Community Calendar.

NCA Board Directors

Robert Demeo
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DEED RESTRICTION COMMITTEE REPORT

At our September Board meeting we had Ron Spiller the director of Hillsborough County Code Enforcement join us. He then introduced Christine Zien who was recently appointed as Community Outreach Officer. His objective was to introduce an improved system of servicing code complaints and follow ups. So far this system has been a large improvement from the older system. Now when complaints are filed we are notified of their receipt and the progress the County is making with the complaint. In the past there were times when a complaint was filed and the investigating officer would determine that that particular issue was not a code violation. The complainant was not notified of that. Now each complaint is answered either by e mail or on the Hillsborough County web site when the complainant is not anonymous.

For some reason beyond my imagination I cannot reason why homeowners continue to leave unsightly trash containers sit in front of their homes? Recently, I received a call from a realtor asking about our Deed Restrictions. Her curiosity about the trash cans led her to call. The home her client was
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interested in and the ones on either side of it all had trash cans in the front of the garages. After our discussion I checked out the home for sale on Zillow.com and I found the inside to be lovely. The home installed wood floors and had both updated kitchen and master bath. But, the trash cans were parked in front of the garage. Her prospective buyer was leery of the trash can thing. Folks it only takes a few extra steps to help make your property look better. May I suggest if you do not use your recycle can, return it. Call Republic waste at 813-265-0292 and ask them to take it back.

ANIMAL ISSUES: we are still receiving complaints from residents about their neighbors feeding stay cats. The complainants' are concerned about the food being left outside for the cats is bringing unwanted animals like raccoons. I suggested to those complaining to bring this to the attention of the folks putting out this food. There is no deed restriction violation for this. Household pets are allowed. If you trap a cat you can take it to animal control (813-744-5660) but they will neuter it and return it the neighborhood. We are now aware of a law suite being filed in a situation where parents are concerned about their child

being bitten by a rabid raccoon. I suggest beforehand you discuss these things with your neighbor in a civil manner first.

MEMBERSHIP: If you have not done so already, please consider sending in your 2016 membership dues of \$35. Not only do the dues help us with Deed Restriction issues, but it is obvious to us our members take even more pride in our community. Please remember that no part of the \$130 taxes paid to the Tax District goes to the NCA.

Please remember that the NCA Board meets every third Monday of the month except December. We urge you to share your thoughts with us by coming to a meeting or even writing to us via e-mail at www.northdale.org/ at contacts.

**Deed Restriction
Chairman**

Frank Giordano

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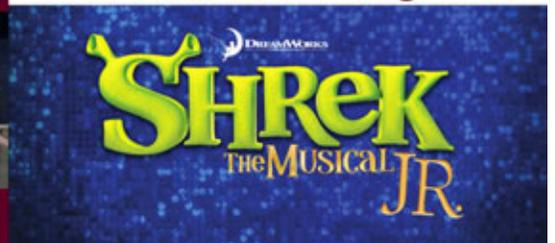
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After sitting unused and neglected, the Northdale Tennis courts have recently taken on a new life.

John Most, a 20 year Northdale resident and coach of the Carrollwood Day School Varsity Tennis Team, couldn't be more pleased with the news.

"The guys running the academy are top notch in the world of Tennis," Most shared recently. "This means so much to Northdale but also to the tennis community in Tampa."

Owner Mauricio Moreno saw a lot of potential so he approached the Northdale Golf and Tennis team about the idea of leasing the tennis courts and the SGI Tennis & Fitness Academy was born.

"I really wanted to offer another choice to the Tampa tennis community," says Moreno. He said his academy will be smaller with personalized attention. One of the ways he can offer these perks is that his program has complete control of the tennis facilities.

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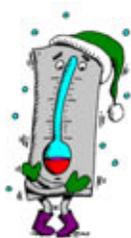
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“Cold Weather & Beef at Thanksgiving.... Please!”

Nov 1, Tues – **JULIAN**, *The Caribbean Cowboy* at Owls Monthly Meeting!
Nov 2, Wed – **Mixon Fruit Farm**, Bradenton – *Tour, Lunch, Wine Tasting & Shopping!*
Nov 9, Wed – **Tampa Bay History on Wheels** with **Fred Hearn**s, an expert on history!
Nov 13, Sun matinee - Owls Take in **Proof**, Carrollwood Players’ psychological drama.
Nov 16, Wed – *Dinner Bunch* at **Sacred Pepper Restaurant** (Separate Checks)
Nov 17, Thurs – Enjoy **Gilbert & Sullivan** with the **Florida Orchestra**
Nov 21, Mon – **Bunco Party Luncheon** at **Brunchies**, 14366 N. Dale Mabry Hwy.
Nov 26, Sat Evening – A SHOW PALACE **CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR!**
Dec 1, Thurs – **Christmas in the Park** presented by the **Morse Museum**, Winter Park.
Dec 4, Sunday matinee – Carrollwood Players: **A Christmas Carol**, a traditional Dickens.
Dec 6, Tues – **HOLIDAY MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA** – Edythe & Harvey Lyon with Chorus!
Dec 8, Thurs – **Tampa Bay Lightning Hockey Game: Bolts vs. Vancouver**
Dec 13, Tues – **Holiday High Tea** – *Hats & Teatime Attire Optional – Glitz Welcomed!*
Dec 16, Fri – **Steak Dinner Social & Christmas Party** – *Live Dance Music by Route 66.*
Jan 8, Sun matinee – A comedy at Carrollwood Players: **Lie, Cheat & Genuflect!**
Jan 18, Wed - *Lunch Bunch* at **Black Rock Restaurant** (Separate Checks)
Jan 19, Thurs – “**Girls Night: The Musical**” at Lakeland Civic Center (Men will like it too!)
Jan 25, Wed – **Ride the new Ferry** from Tampa to St. Petersburg *for lunch!*
Feb 3, Fri – **7th Annual Health & Crime Prevention Safety Fair** (free shredding)

For other scheduled events *and more,*

see Owls website at: www.NorthdaleOWLS.org

Weely Activities include **Aerobics “Lite”, BBOB’s (Bill’s Blooming Orchid Club), Bridge, Bing-Owl, Board Games, Coach to 5K, Hand & Foot Cards, Indoor Soccer, Line Dancing, “Dress A Girl Around The World”, “Raising Hope” Luggage, Mah Jongg, Pickleball, Singing Hooters, Strut With Your Mutt, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Chair Volleyball, Meals on Wheels Deliveries, & Yoga**

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NORTHDALE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT REPORT

We are sure everyone is grateful that the construction along Dawnview and Northdale Blvd has now been completed. Still a little rough going along Casey but that work should be completed by year's end. The resurfacing also gives us a smooth ride along Dawnview. We are now able to resume watering the planters surrounding the entry monuments and can plant our fall collection of flowers. Our usual festive Holiday décor and lighting will go up at Thanksgiving time along with the poinsettias.

Daylight Saving has now ended and now that it gets dark early please be extra vigilant especially in the early morning. Please obey the speed limits posted throughout our community and keep our children safe as they do not always cross at the cross walks. Northdale Blvd is not a speedway though many of the cars that use our main road as a shortcut do not seem to realize this. If our residents respect these limits perhaps others will as well.

Our hurricane season was light but do not forget to review your family plans in the event of any emergency. There is a special needs registry number for Hillsborough County 813-307-8063, this service provides a list of centers with more skilled medical care than available in public shelters.

Be aware of our ongoing improvements to our community and as always, we are all working together to keep Northdale a safe and desirable community.

Nancy Stearns

Northdale Special Tax District



What is the NSTD?

The Northdale Special Taxing District is a Hillsborough County dependent tax district. The District was originally set-up under a State ordinance, but in 1992 was adopted under County ordinance #92-35. The County collects the taxes for the District and provides the ordinance or regulations that give authority to the District. Funds are derived from the County non-ad valorem tax of \$130 per residential unit. Residents in single family homes, along with apartments and condominiums are assessed \$130. Also, all properties within Northdale boundaries including businesses and other non-profit groups are taxed based on an equitable per residential unit basis.

The District is responsible for maintaining the common areas throughout Northdale. These areas include the main entrances coming into Northdale, landscaping in common areas alongside roadways and medians, neighborhood entrances, the outer surface of the block walls and along the roadside. The District also maintains selected lakes and wetland areas along the main roadways in Northdale.

The District is governed by a Board of nine trustees who are elected by the public or appointed by the Board. Board members must be registered voters and reside in Northdale. The trustees receive no compensation for their work. The Board has hired an administrator to complete many of the day-to-day details of the district. The administrator is a sub-contracted (paid) position.

Although the District does maintain the common areas in Northdale, there are many areas that the District does not control. The District does not maintain roads, street lighting, street signs, or utility lines. Also, the District does not maintain private property or enforce deed restrictions. Deed restrictions are enforced by the Northdale Civic Association (NCA). The District and the Civic Association are two different and separate bodies. The District is a public governmental body and the Civic Association is a private association of Northdale residents. Only the Civic Association has authority to issue deed restriction warnings.

Although separate, the District and the Civic Association work to achieve the same goal of making Northdale a great place to live.

Northdale Special Taxing District Board of Trustees

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"Tax District Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7PM at Northdale Park, Bill Castens Gymnasium conference room"

The next meetings will be:

November 8
December 13

7 PM

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FOODIE'S CORNER

BY MICHELE NORTHRUP



We all lead busy lives that somehow seem to get busier year by year! Most of us are trained to believe that drive thru's cannot provide a tasty meal. It's usually just for convenience. This was all before WOW Fresh & Fast revolutionized the fast food industry in our area! I have been bragging about WOW since the first week it opened one year ago (November 2015). My favorite bite is the Roasted Veggie Pizza with Goat Cheese. It is definitely the best pizza in Tampa Bay in a drive-thru!

Meet Bill Kadow: Bill has been at the Carrollwood location since day one. He has a passion for supporting local schools and our community as a whole. His treats his customers and staff like family!



Fav Dish: The new Garlic Parmesan Chicken Wings! First they start with homemade garlic butter (yes, butter does make everything better). Then they add the freshest of herbs: rosemary, parsley. Finally they generously add fresh chopped garlic hunks along with sharp Parmesan cheese! These are served crispy and hot

with their cool spicy ranch for dipping.

Best Thing About WOW: It's Fresh & Fast! Their key to flavor is freshness. Produce is delivered three times a week and never frozen. They have a drive thru because they can make good food fast!

Pizza Time: Their pizza oven can cook a whole pizza in approx. 2 minutes! Treat yourself to a Roasted Veggie Goat Cheese Pizza or the Buffalo Chicken Pizza for your next on the go meal! One of my fav parts of these crispy thin delish pizzas is the spice blend served on the side for you to generously sprinkle on top yourself! It is a unique blend of Italian herbs. It is defiantly the WOW factor to each bite!

When you walk into WOW you will see the open kitchen design with bright fun colors in the décor. Outside there is seating and corn hole games setup to enjoy our breezy fall nights here in Tampa. This is a family friendly spot for an everyday meal or to meet up with your sport's team or play group.

We tried the Garlic Parmesan Wings and ended up buying a tray to bring home, yes, they were that good! These wings are super crispy and packed with flavor. The hunks of garlic and savory Parmesan balance just sings to your taste buds! These are great for your upcoming party needs: Trays Qty 25 wings only \$20.99, Qty 50 wings only \$40.99 or Qty 100 only \$79.99. They are also known for their super sides and dipping sauces: panko crusted onion rings, super crispy thin fries and their wonderful roasted veggies. I loved the WOW sauce, it'll make you want to double dip! One of the newest culinary creations are their crafted chicken sandwiches. You gotta try the Southwest Chicken Sandwich! The chicken breast is seared to perfection, served with pepper jack cheese, salsa, avocado spread, sour cream, tortilla chips, red cabbage all served on a soft whole-wheat bun.

While you are running around up and down Dale Mabry and need a quick and tasty bite, pull into WOW Fresh and Fast! You will not be disappointed!



AT A GLANCE

Location:
10902 N Dale Mabry Hwy
Tampa, FL 33618

Hours: Opens daily
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Phone: 813-440-4543

General Manager: Bill Kadow

Ask about their community partnership fundraisers!



Holiday Northdale Foodie Gift Giving Guide 2016

These are the hottest gifts I will be giving this year to my foodie friends! All are available within the Northdale/Carrollwood area!



FINEX Cast Iron: These cast iron pieces would make any foodie swoon! FINEX is American made, heirloom quality cast iron cookware. The easy-to-release cook surface, thicker castings and ergonomic spring handles are designed for today's cooks and kitchens. Available at Just Grillin of Carrollwood 813-962-1700 / 11743 N. Dale Mabry Hwy. Tampa Florida 33618 Retail for \$164.99.



Anthony Coal Fired: This to me is the greatest gift ever....who doesn't want a pot of meatballs! At Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza located at 13020 North Dale Mabry Highway (corner of Dale Mabry and South Village/ Fletcher) they pride themselves on freshness, quality, and consistency. Their mega Meatball pot holds 13 hand rolled 3 ounce meatballs and 32 ounces of our delicious meatball sauce...and you get to keep the pot! Only \$29.99!



ipop Popcorn: These make great teacher gifts! You can make everyday POP with over 100 flavor and blends of Tampa Bay's best popcorn! Deliveries to Northdale! Order at www.ipopgourmetpopcorn.com or 888-241-0890 Prices vary of packages.



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Steve's Olives: These olives would make a fantastic hostess gift with a bottle of wine or in your local gourmet gift baskets! Steves' Gourmet Olives is Tampa-based and specializes in wine & craft beer infused olives. They are available at ABC Fine Wines and other fine wine and gourmet locations throughout Greater Tampa Bay. Go to www.stevesgourmetolives.com for additional retailers and recipes. Retail is \$9.99 each.



Pirate Jonny's: Add a little spice to your stockings with these spice blends! Pirate Jonny's is a locally owned gourmet spice company. The product line has a unique blend of all natural Caribbean BBQ Rubs. These rubs are packed with flavor for your everyday cooking and grilling! Available at Northdale Whole Foods Market for \$4.59 each.



SAUCY QUEEN

Michele Northrup, aka the Saucy Queen has been burning down the competition within the fiery food industry. Her all-natural gourmet hot sauce company, Intensity Academy Sauces, has won more than 50 national awards within eight years. Michele was named Tampa Bay Business Woman of the Year in Manufacturing & Business Leader's Woman Extraordinaire.

Michele's current company, Intensity Academy, has her on a hot trail to success. Her all natural gourmet and hot sauce company has lead her to combining the talents of her partners to create the Sauceology Group. Michele's strength within the group is her fiery marketing and branding results.

Michele is a 20 year resident of Northdale. She was just named Best in the Biz for Social Media in Tampa Bay!

You can contact Michele directly at: Email saucyqueen@icloud.com
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Gaither Marching Band fundraises for trip to Carnegie Hall



The Gaither Marching Band has been invited to perform at the National Band and Orchestra Festival at Carnegie Hall in April of 2017. They have several fundraisers scheduled throughout the school year to help make

these students' once in a lifetime trip possible. For information on how you can help, please contact the Penny Jo Brickson, GHS Instrumental Music Boosters at 813-765-1602.

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St Timothy Women's Club's 29th Annual Holiday Boutique & Craft Fair

Saint Timothy Catholic Church is hosting this annual event at 17512 Lakeshore Road in Lutz on Saturday, November 12 from 9 am to 3 pm. The Fair features over 100 vendors of beautiful handcrafted and fine quality items, bake sale, plant sale, music and lots of fun.

Community Calendar

November 1, 2016
Owls Monthly Meeting and
Pot Luck Lunch: 11 AM
Northdale Park

November 8, 2016
NSTD Meeting: 7 PM
Northdale Park
BCG Conference Room

November 21, 2016
NCA Board Meeting: 7 PM
Northdale Park
BCG Conference Room

December 1, 2016
Owls Monthly Meeting and
Pot Luck Lunch: 11 AM
Northdale Park

December 13, 2016
NSTD Meeting: 7 PM
Northdale Park
BCG Conference Room

December 18, 2016
Holiday Lighting Contest
Final Judging: 6 to 9 PM
Northdale Neighborhoods

There is no NCA Board Meeting scheduled in the month of December.

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As we head into the 4th quarter of 2016, people often wonder if the coming holidays will slow down home sales. Well, this year, sales are

not expected to slow much at all.

The first reason is that inventory is still very low. In 2016 so far, Northdale averaged about 22 active homes for sale at any given time. 65% of homes in Northdale sell within the first 30 days on the market.

The median sale price has continued to climb in 2016. So far this year, the median sale price in Northdale is \$264,000. There were a record breaking 9 sales above \$300,000 with the top sale coming in at \$425,000.

With low mortgage interest rates, moderate taxes and no HOA fees, many find owning a home in Northdale is affordable.

Another reason home sales won't slow down this holiday season is the warm climate. Southern states, Florida in particular, don't experience the extreme winter weather. Floridians are more active in the winter!

So if you have a home to sell, there is no need to wait. Get it listed and you will likely get it sold by the new year!

Happy Holidays!

Jessica Kingsborough

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One of Northdale's great annual events is right around the corner, the Annual Holiday Lighting Contest! This annual event is proudly sponsored by the Northdale Civic Association to support those who keep our community beautiful.

The contest this year kicks off this year on Sunday, December 11 and the rules are simple:

1. Decorate the exterior of your home for the holiday season.
2. Leave your lights on in the evenings from Sunday, December 11 through Saturday December 16. A group of finalists will be selected for final judging.
3. Final judging is Sunday, December 18. Be sure your holiday lights are on from 6 to 9 PM.
4. Only current paid members of the NCA are eligible to win one of the \$50 gift certificates.

Good Luck!

NCA membership annual dues are \$35. Join today at www.northdale.org

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Locally owned company Air Masters of Tampa Bay has been providing air conditioning and heating services since 1983, servicing over 10,000 residents throughout the greater Tampa Bay area. Specializing in residential replacement comfort systems, Air Masters uses reliable, high-quality, energy-efficient equipment.

In today's market, replacing an older HVAC unit can be

expensive. However, the efficiency of a new system can actually decrease energy costs by a significant margin, with the unit essentially paying for itself.

Before you're ready to call in the experts, however, you may want to check your malfunctioning unit first.

"We always tell people to do three simple things before giving us a call," shared John DeYoung, owner and CEO of Air Masters.

"First, check your thermostat and make sure it's at the proper temperature. Then, make sure the filter is clean. And, finally, check your circuit breaker.

"If your system is still having issues, it's time to call us. We'll handle the rest."

Air Masters welcomes customers with good and bad credit alike to consult with one of its many HVAC-certified experts, who are available 24/7 for timely emergency service. With several programs to finance a new unit, the company is committed to finding the right products that meet your home and budgetary needs.

"By keeping our technicians up to date on the latest technologies, we're able to provide the best service possible – day in and day out," DeYoung added.

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Claywell Elementary

2016–2017 School Year

November

K–5 Mock Voting

All students were able to come to the media center on Nov. 2nd to vote for the President and State Senator. Students were provided lessons about all the candidates and our democracy prior to voting.

Dads–N–Donuts

Dads came to Claywell on November 4th to share their love of reading with their children's classes. The Dad's Club PTA Chair, Mr. Guerra, along with the Media Specialist, Mrs. Kline provided books and donuts for the occasion.

Battle of the Books

Fourth graders enjoyed the Battle of the Books kick off on November 7th. The Sunshine State Readers program chooses 15 books from a variety of fictional genres. Fourth graders are challenged to read them all and then compete in April.

Veteran's Day

Students participating in an essay contest and an assembly on Nov. 10th. Veterans from around the county were invited to be a part of the ceremony. Girl-scouts and Boy-scouts presented the flag and more. Select students shared information about each branch of the military.

Chess Club

We have started our first Chess Club. Students in grades 3–5 practice every Wednesday. If you have any chess sets to donate or are able to speak to our group about chess please contact Deborah.kline@sdhc.k12.fl.us. Our club is sponsored by our PTA and run by a parent, Gabriella Hamilton.

Thanksgiving Show

You'll just want to gobble up our first graders. They will present a choral performance on Nov. 14th–15th to students and parents respectively directed by our music teachers, Jennifer Moats and Ibi Simon.

Great American Teach-In

Please contact Deborah.kugler@sdhc.k12.fl.us if you have a career that you would be willing to share with our students. This is a grand event and we are hoping to involve as many community members as possible. It takes place November 17th.

Thanksgiving break–No school Nov. 21–25

December

Musical Performances

Dec. 5 Third graders will perform in the chorus and 4/5th graders will play off.

Dec. 6 4/5 chorus will perform as well as our new Rock band and Hand bells group. Parents are invited to attend to hear our 3rd graders on Dec. 6th and our 4/5th graders with chorus/handbells and rock band at 6:30 pm.

Polar Express

The Polar Express will be arriving at Claywell on December 14th for our Prek–K students. They will hear the story by Chris Van Allsburg, wear their pj's or robes, and drink hot chocolate.

Winter Break–Dec. 19– Jan. 2nd



Howdy Gaither parents and students! As we approach the end of the first semester, here is a preview of events coming up on our campus during November and December. The Pony Express wishes the entire Northdale Community a happy Holiday season!

Important Dates
Club Day – November 8 th
Veteran’s Day, NO SCHOOL - November 11 th
Fall Break - November 21 st -25 th
Holiday Spirit Week – December 5 th -9 th
Semester Exams – December 12 th -16 th
Winter Break – December 19 th - January 2 nd



Congratulations to our Starlight Homecoming King and Queen!
Seniors Stephen Slay and Paula Sierra



The Great American Teach-In is an event that happens every November in schools across the nation, where family and friends present the professional world and their careers to high school students. Thank you to everyone who takes time out their busy schedules to make this event a success at Gaither High School!

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