

North News Update

2013

Calendar Items



Nov. 1-**EARLY RELEASE 12:15 PM**
 Nov. 4--Boys Basketball & Girls Volleyball Tryout
 Nov. 5- Avid Parent Night 6:00-7:00
 Nov. 5- PTA General Meeting 7:00
 Nov. 8- **EARLY RELEASE 1:30**
 Nov. 11-**NO SCHOOL**
 Nov. 15--**EARLY RELEASE 1:30**

Nov. 21-Advanced Choir & Band Concert
 6:00-7:00 @Everett High School
 Nov. 22-Club Picture Day
 Nov. 22-**EARLY RELEASE 1:30**
 Nov. 27-**EARLY RELEASE 12:15**
 Nov. -28 & 29 **NO SCHOOL**

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 2514 Rainier Ave.
 Everett, WA 98201

Web site:
www.everett.k12.wa.us/north

Mary O'Brien
 Principal

Daniel Natividad
 Assistant Principal

Important Phone Numbers

Main Office
 425-385-4800

24 Hour
 Attendance Line
 425-385-4805

24 Hour Info Line
 425-385-4811

Safety Tip Line
 425-385-5050

Health Room
 425-385-4806

Translation @ 425-385-4011
 (425) 385-4011 ترجمه
 통역 @ 425-385-4011
 Перевод @ 425-385-4011
 Traducción en el 425-385-4011
 Thông dịch @ 425-385-4011

Everett Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:
Affirmative Action Office – Carol Stolz, cstolz@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104

504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
ADA Coordinator – Kristine McDowell, kmcdowell@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250
 Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201

North Learning Community,

Great news! North Middle School is the recipient of the 2013 School of Distinction Award. This award celebrates a multi-year improvement in the content areas of Reading and Math. The top 5% of highest improving elementary schools, middle/junior high schools, and high schools in Washington State are recognized with this award and designated as a School of Distinction. North staff will be recognized on November 26, 2013 at the School Board meeting. Students will be recognized in December at a school assembly. Join me in celebrating our improvement efforts that make a difference for North students!

It is a fact that parents/guardians make a great difference in their son or daughter's school performance. Studies show that successful students have parents/guardians who are supportive and involved in their student's learning. This support can be expressed in many ways, among them:

- ◆ Making sure students attend school every day
- ◆ Setting high expectations for academic success
- ◆ Providing a place and time for students to study
- ◆ Volunteering in the classroom
- ◆ Signing and returning papers
- ◆ Checking school work before it is turned in
- ◆ Signing the daily planner (agenda)
- ◆ Communicating regularly with your student's teachers

Parents are their child's first teachers, and we are proud to be your partner in providing an outstanding education for each child at North Middle School.

Mary O'Brien, Principal

Delayed start or closed schools



If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning after 5:45 a.m. with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Schools, school is on the regular schedule.**

To see more information about preparing and resources for school closures or delays, see the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- listen for media announcements;
- view the district's website at www.everettsd.org; or
- call our district information line 425-385-4636.

North Middle School is receiving support from the state funded Learning Assistance Program. The LAP Program is designed to provide supplemental support to eligible students who are identified in need of additional assistance to meet state and local reading and math academic standards. Funds provide additional reading teaching staff, extended day opportunities, and opportunities to afford parents with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children. If you have questions about the LAP program, please contact Mary O'Brien or Cynthia Jones, Director of Categorical Programs, 425-385-4030

PTA reflections contest theme this year is **"Believe, Dream, Inspire"**

You can enter in the categories of photography, dance, music, literature, film and visual arts.



Deadline is November 19th

Entry forms and rules are available in the office or from Ms. Gaub.

PTA CORNER

Thank you to all who have joined our membership group this year! We now have 118 members for this school year, and have earned the Bronze Membership Award by enrolling 50% of last year's membership total by September 30! We are so grateful to each and every individual who has supported us!

We invite you to join us for our first General Membership meeting of the year, on Tuesday, November 5 at 7pm. We'll meet in the cafeteria with some refreshments and hopefully some new faces! Our agenda will include approval of our 2013-14 budget, the selection of our nominating committee, and review/approval of our standing rules, and we'll give some brief updates on what's happening with upcoming events. Additionally, we will have a representative from Clothes for Kids and from the District's LMS grading system there to present and answer any questions you may have.

We had our first-ever North MS football tailgate party on the Wednesday prior to the last 8th grade home game, and it was a raging success! Thank you all who came out to support the team - we have fantastic fans! - and a special thank you to Christina Church, Mr. Natividad, and many of the 8th grade parents who helped to organize and make this event happen. We love starting new traditions and look forward to this for many seasons to come!

If you have not signed up this year, it's not too late to join. Email us at northmiddleschoolpta@gmail.com and ask for a membership flyer or stop by the main office and pick one up. We welcome old and new faces, and would appreciate the many talents our members provide.

-Your North PTA Co-Presidents
 Melissa Murphy and Lillie Yates



BOYS BASKETBALL

8 th Grade	Opponent	Location	Time
4 Nov (M)	First Practice	North	
21 Nov (Th)	Gateway	North*	3:45
26 Nov (T)	Evergreen	Evergreen	3:45
3 Dec (T)	Bye		
5 Dec (Th)	College Place	North*	3:45
10 Dec (T)	Olympic View	Olympic View	3:45
12 Dec (Th)	Brier Terrace	Brier Terrace	After 7 th
16 Dec (M)	Eisenhower	North*	3:45
17 Dec (T)	Voyager	North*	After 7 th
19 Dec (Th)	Heatherwood	Heatherwood	After 7 th

7 th Grade	Opponent	Location	Time
4 Nov (M)	First Practice	North	
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26 Nov (T)	Evergreen	Evergreen	After 8 th
3 Dec (T)	Bye		
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10 Dec (T)	Meadowdale	Meadowdale	3:45
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*=Home Games
 5=8th Grade Home Games
 8=8th Grade Games
 Season= November 4- December 19

5= 7th Grade Games
 8= 7th Grade Games



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

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NORTH SPORTS!



Attendance Message

One of the most important things you can do to help your child succeed in school is to make sure he or she is there every day. When students miss school, they miss critical opportunities to learn and participate. Each lesson and class is critical to learning. The material covered each day before and introduces ideas for the next day. When your child must be absent, be sure to let us know the reason for the absences. For absences of five or more days, we ask for a written note from your doctor. Call the 24-hour attendance line at 425-385-4805

Comcast Internet Essentials



Comcast Essentials is a program that offers internet for about \$10 per month for qualifying families, a low-cost laptop for about \$150 and free internet training. If you are not currently a Comcast customer and your student qualifies for free or reduced meals at school, go to www.internetessentials.com or call 1-855-8-(1-855-846-8376) to learn more.

Free research-based tools to help stop bullying

The National Association of School Psychologists has a concise, well-documented, and timely resource, *A Framework for School-Wide Bullying Prevention and Safety*: www.nasponline.org/resources/bullying/Bullying_Brief_12.pdf



Stopbullying.gov has lots of bullying prevention information and strategies. There are training modules, Power Points, toolkits, videos, resources, state-by-state laws and policies, suggestions about how to talk about bullying with your kids and much more.

Access to public records
 Many records and documents in the Everett Public School are available to the public. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask the school district to view or have copies made of records defined as "public" under state and federal laws including their own student's records and public records about discipline of school employees.

Everett Public Schools public records requests are handled by the district's business and finance office. Records can be requested by writing that office at 3715 Oakes Ave., Everett, WA 98201, or sending an email to publicrecords@everettsd.org or you may call 425-385-4150.



SAVE the Date

"An Evening of the Arts" will be held March 4, 2014.

(Please note this is a NEW date)
 Join us for an evening of music, drama, poetry and art at North Middle School.

Your student's records are confidential

Everett Public Schools takes very seriously its duty to protect student records and privacy. Student transcripts and other education-related records are protected by multiple security measures. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with the student and have an educational need to know about the student have access to individual student records. Staff members are expected to maintain confidentiality about information contained in a student's records.

School Performance Report

Our school's performance report is available online from our school website. More information is available on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) website, www.k12.wa.us. Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

Register to vote!

Voter registration information and materials are available in an area in your school's main office. You can also link to voter registration online from the Community section of our district website or at: <http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration>.



Student opportunities and activities on the Web

We post approved fliers from community organizations on the district website. From the *Parents* tab on the homepage, select "[Student Opportunities](#)" to view the fliers listed by category. If you do not have internet access, copies are available in the school office.

Electronic e-fliers extend the time community information is available, reduce paper waste, printing costs for organizations and the sorting and distribution work done in schools.