

North Star News

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Hello North Families,

June is here, and that means the testing season is almost over! As we approach the end of the school year, our staff and students get ready to celebrate the culmination of another fantastic school year. Our staff and students are excited to welcome our incoming 6th graders as these future North Stars learn about our campus and school culture.

The events we have planned to celebrate our North Stars are the following:

- Orchestra Concert on Thursday, June 1st.
- Choir Concert on Tuesday, June 6
- Celebration of Learning on Monday, May 12.

The end of the school also means we get to review current systems and plan for the next school year.

We want to thank every community member that has contributed to our school community, supported all North Stars, and continues to be a partner as we continuously work on making North Middle a great place. We want to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer break!

Sincerely,

Dr. Melvin Bustamante

Principal

Raising The Bar!

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June 1

NMS and Evergreen
End of the Year
Orchestra Concert in
NMS Gym

@7pm

June 6

Choir Concert in NMS
Gym

@6pm

June 6

Band Concert in NMS
Gym

@7:30

June 9

Early Release

@12:20

June 12

Celebration of Learning
at NMS

@5pm-8pm

June 13

PTA Screens and Teens
in NMS Commons

@5:30pm-7:30pm

June 19

Juneteenth-

No School

June 22

Last Day of School
Early Release

@12:20

Hello North families!

Welcome to June and the LAST PTA newsletter for this school year. A very heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has come to support, help with and donated to our PTA activities. This doesn't work without your help. Here's a recap of all the activities PTA has been busy with this year:

Back-To-School Night

Supported School Picture Day

District Shoe Fund

Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival

Kindness Week

Fall Teacher Grants

Teacher Room Service

Winter Wreath Sales

Restaurant take-over nights at New Mexicans, MOD Pizza and Panda Express

Partnered with ASB for the school dance

World Language Assessment Funding for 20+ students

Spring Teacher Grants

Two Family BINGO Nights

Provided snacks & drinks for SBA Testing

Teacher Week Celebration

Helped NMS TSA Club fundraise for Nationals

Hosted a Parent Workshop for Social Media & Teens

Provided food and decor for 8th Grade Celebration of Learning

Provided volunteers for Field Day

We are excited to announce our 2023-2024 PTA Executive Board! Please join in welcoming these new additions to our team!

Dora Watson as Vice President

Heather Reid as Treasurer

Meaghan Swanson as Secretary

Tiffany Nash and Heather Rodriguez will remain on the Executive Board as co-presidents.

The past few years have presented many challenges for all PTA's, our exiting Board members stepped up during that time to help when it was needed most. Please join us in sending our departing board members off with gratitude!

Annie Weiss has been acting secretary for two years and never fails to greet you with a warm smile or step in when she's needed most. Thank you Annie for all your hard work and dedication.

Stacia Tentoea has been acting Treasurer for two years and her keen eye for detail and spreadsheet prowess is unmatched! Her honesty, kindness and sense of humor were so very needed and appreciated! Stacia, thank you for all of your diligent persistence and hard work!

And a big thank you to Mary Chase who stepped up to head the membership committee this year!

And while she's not departing, I'd like to take a moment to give an extra big shout out of gratitude to our VP, Heather Rodriguez. Your time, efforts and knowledge are invaluable. I'm very grateful for your leadership and expertise. THANK YOU!

While we are ever so close to this year being over, we still have much to do! Our remaining time will be spent planning for next year, assisting with food and decor for the 8th grade celebration and eagerly awaiting our upcoming parent workshop featuring Lisa Honold from the Center for Online Safety. She'll be at NMS on June 13 at 6:30 PM talking about Teens & Screens. This workshop is free for caregivers of teens. You can find more information in the attached flyer and a link to submit anonymous questions for Lisa to cover at the workshop.

Again, we extend our most sincerest gratitude for all your support this year! We are looking forward to more exciting events for next year! Have a restful summer filled with all your favorite things!

In gratitude,

Tiffany Nash, President

Heather Rodriguez, VP

Stacia Tentoea, Treasurer

Annie Weiss, Secretary

Mary Chase, Membership

***North Middle School PTA
invites you to:***

Screens and Teens:

Healthy Relationships Begin with Intention

June 13th | 6:30pm

North Middle School Commons



You're invited to this in-person workshop!

Lisa Honold from the Center for Online Safety will cover:

- ***Your child's online world and who influences them***
- ***Setting limits on screen time***
- ***The popular apps kids are using***

***Submit your questions for Lisa now at
<https://www.centerforonlinesafety.com/north-ms>***



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The Center for Online Safety has a mission: To keep children and teens safe online. Our programs teach parents how to manage screen time and help kids develop a healthy relationship with technology.
Visit [CenterForOnlineSafety.com](https://www.CenterForOnlineSafety.com) for more details.



Summer learning activities

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of summer learning. This year's theme is "Wild About Learning." Please check out the [Summer Opportunities](#) website for the following activities:

- Engage in each week's new science, math, reading and writing activities
- Read good books
- Participate in community library programs
- Access iReady for reading and math digital lessons
- Track your participation so next fall you can tell your teacher about your summer learning

Summer meals

Every summer when school ends, millions of children and teens are at risk of going hungry without access to the free or reduced-price meals they receive in school. The USDA's **Summer Food Service Program** (SFSP) provides free healthy meals to children and teens in communities with high rates of poverty. For more than 30-years, Everett Public Schools (EPS) Food & Nutrition Professionals have been serving summer meals to all children up to 18-years old. This year EPS will be partnering with a variety of new community organizations to offer free meals from July 5 – August 18. Check in with our [website](#) regularly to find out which parks, libraries, community centers will be providing complimentary meals all summer long.

Stay connected over the summer

We invite all Everett Public Schools families, students, friends, and community members to follow our social media sites including YouTube. On our main district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages, you will find emergency district communications, photos, videos, event postings, content highlighting students and staff and accomplishments.

Visit our social media directory at www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory to follow school pages, district pages, teachers, clubs, student groups and more. Stay connected with us to learn the latest news! We can't wait to see you there!

When does school end this year?

The last day of school this year is Thursday, June 22, and will be early release for all students. June 16 is the last day of school for seniors.

Graduation dates

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming high school graduations in June. Ceremony details will be shared soon from individual schools.

- Sequoia High School, June 15, 6 p.m. at Civic Auditorium
- Jackson High School, June 17 at 11 a.m. at The Angel of the Winds Arena
- Everett High School, June 17 at 3 p.m. at The Angel of the Winds Arena
- Cascade High School, June 17 at 7 p.m. at The Angel of the Winds Arena



Preliminary scores release

Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) preliminary scores will be coming soon and will be available in the online Home Access Center (HAC). These scores will be released by grade level once 95% of the grade level's results are in, to ensure scores are accurate and stable. Families will also receive a hard copy in the fall. Go to www.everettsd.org/SBAinformation to learn more.



- **How do I get the test scores?**
Under Quick Links, click [How to view SBA scores for instructions](#). If you do not have a HAC account or have questions, contact LMS@everettsd.org.
- **Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science scores.**
These assessments are scored over the summer and will be available in the fall.

Music4Life

The Music4Life Everett Booster Club, which supports Everett School District's ongoing commitment to instrumental music across the district. These instruments are donated to Music4Life, refurbished by our repair partners and then distributed throughout the district wherever there's a need. If you have an instrument you'd like to donate, contact info@Music4Life.org or go to www.Music4Life.org to learn how to make a tax-deductible donation to support music programs in Everett Public Schools.

Stuff the Bus is coming!



With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 14th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. This year the need is greater than ever. We need your help to deliver over **2,900 backpacks** to Everett Public Schools students and families this fall. Look for collection bins at local businesses during August and look for big yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way Aug. 11-13. For questions, please contact Kirsten Hansen at khansen@everettsd.org.

Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child may need before they return next fall. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations as soon as possible and provide documentation to your child's school health room staff. Providing this information before the new school year will help you avoid getting calls and letters as well as the potential exclusion from school in the fall. As a reminder, students entering 7th grade usually require a Tdap booster before they can start school. More information can be found on the district's [immunizations webpage](#).

School supply lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year's school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on our website under the Our Schools tab around the last week of school.



Kindergarten registration is open

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2023? Registration is open. You can complete enrollment forms for kindergarten [online!](#) A [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) is also available as a resource.

Family Resource Center

Everett School District’s [Family Resource Center](#) (FRC), which is part of our Categorical Kids in Transition (KIT) Program, is celebrating the completion of its’ first full school year in operation. The FRC mainly serves EPS families experiencing homelessness or housing instability, supporting them while they navigate the various social service programs in the community.

The FRC serves as a hub for a limited supply of donated basic needs items and provides a welcoming space for our students and families to receive support, have some basic needs met and connect to school and community resources. Families are identified and referred to the FRC by KIT building point people located in each school throughout the district.



Since its’ inception, FRC staff has built valuable partnerships with many community agencies, which has helped to better serve Everett Public Schools’ families. As of mid-May, the FRC has connected almost 200 families to community resources, 60 families specifically to housing services, supplied over 100 families with basic needs items (including clothing, hygiene items and diapers) and distributed over 1,000 pounds of food.

Please consider donating to help keep the shelves of the EPS Family Resource Center filled.

- View and purchase from the [list of needs](#)
- Donations ordered online can be shipped to: Family Resource Center c/o Hawthorne Elementary, 1110 Poplar St., Everett 98201
- Monetary donations can be made online at [Everett Public Schools \(intouchreceipting.com\)](#) select “Everett School District Office” under School and for now the activity auto populates with Family Resource Center



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Actividades de aprendizaje de verano

Las Escuelas Públicas de Everett esperan otro año exitoso de aprendizaje de verano. El tema de este año es "Locos por aprender". Consulta el sitio web [Summer Opportunities \(Oportunidades de verano\)](#) para las siguientes actividades:

- Participa en las nuevas actividades semanales de ciencias, matemáticas, lectura y escritura
- Lee buenos libros
- Participa en programas de bibliotecas comunitarias
- Accede a iReady para lecciones digitales de lectura y matemáticas
- Haz un seguimiento de tu participación para que puedas contar a tu maestro el próximo otoño lo que has aprendido

Comidas de verano

Cada verano, cuando termina la escuela, millones de niños y adolescentes corren el riesgo de pasar hambre si no tienen acceso a las comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido que reciben en la escuela. **El Programa de Servicio de Alimentos de Verano** (Summer Food Service Program, SFSP) del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA) ofrece comidas saludables gratuitas a niños y adolescentes de comunidades con altos índices de pobreza. Durante más de 30 años, los profesionales de la alimentación y nutrición de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett (Everett Public School, EPS) han servido comidas de verano a todos los niños y jóvenes hasta los 18 años. Este año, las EPS se asociarán con una serie de nuevas organizaciones comunitarias para ofrecer comidas gratuitas del 5 de julio al 18 de agosto. Consulte nuestro [sitio web](#) de forma regular para saber que parques, bibliotecas y centros comunitarios ofrecerán comidas gratuitas durante todo el verano.

Manténgase conectado durante el verano

Invitamos a todas las familias, estudiantes, amigos y miembros de la comunidad de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett a que sigan nuestras redes sociales en [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) y YouTube. En las cuentas de Facebook, Twitter e Instagram de nuestro distrito principal encontrará comunicaciones de emergencia del distrito, fotos, videos, publicaciones de eventos, contenido que destaca a estudiantes, al personal y los logros.

Visite nuestro directorio de redes sociales en www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory para seguir las cuentas de escuelas, distritos, maestros, clubes, grupos de estudiantes y mucho más. ¡Manténgase en contacto con nosotros para conocer las últimas novedades! ¡Esperamos verlo allí!

¿Cuándo terminan las clases este año?

El último día de clase de este año es el jueves 22 de junio, y será de salida anticipada para todos los estudiantes. El 16 de junio es el último día de clase para los estudiantes de último año.

Fechas de graduación

Marque su calendario para nuestras próximas graduaciones de secundaria en junio. Próximamente se comunicarán los detalles de las ceremonias a las distintas escuelas.

- Escuela Secundaria Sequoia, 15 de junio, 6 p. m. en el Auditorio Cívico.
- Escuela Secundaria Jackson, 17 de junio a las 11 a. m. en el estadio The Angel of the Winds
- Escuela Secundaria Everett, 17 de junio a las 3 p. m. en el estadio The Angel of the Winds.
- Escuela Secundaria Cascade, 17 de junio a las 7 p. m. en el estadio The Angel of the Winds.



Publicación de puntuaciones preliminares

Las puntuaciones preliminares de las Evaluaciones Smarter Balanced (Smarter Balanced Assessments, SBA) llegarán pronto y estarán disponibles en línea en el Centro de Acceso desde el Hogar (Home Access Center, HAC). Estas puntuaciones se publicarán por grado una vez que se haya obtenido el 95% de los resultados del grado, para garantizar que las puntuaciones sean precisas y estables. Las familias también recibirán una copia impresa en otoño. Visite www.everettsd.org/SBAinformation para obtener más información.



- **¿Cómo obtengo las puntuaciones de las pruebas?**
En Quick Links (Enlaces rápidos), haga clic en [How to view SBA scores \(Cómo ver las puntuaciones de las SBA\)](#) para obtener instrucciones. Si no tiene una cuenta del HAC o tiene alguna pregunta, póngase en contacto con LMS@everettsd.org.
- **Puntuaciones de la evaluación general de Ciencias de Washington**
Estas evaluaciones se califican durante el verano y estarán disponibles en otoño.

Music4Life

El Music4Life Everett Booster Club apoya el compromiso continuo del Distrito Escolar de Everett con la música instrumental en todo el distrito. Estos instrumentos se donan a Music4Life, son reacondicionados por nuestros colaboradores de reparaciones y luego distribuidos por todo el distrito donde haya necesidad. Si tiene un instrumento que le gustaría donar, póngase en contacto con info@Music4Life.org o visite el sitio web www.Music4Life.org para saber cómo hacer una donación deducible de impuestos para apoyar los programas de música en las Escuelas Públicas de Everett.

¡Ya viene Stuff the Bus!



Con el apoyo de nuestra generosa comunidad, la Fundación de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett organiza su 14.ª campaña anual de donación de material escolar Stuff the Bus for Kids. Este año la necesidad es mayor que nunca. Necesitamos su ayuda para entregar este otoño más de **2,900 mochilas** a los estudiantes y familias de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett. Busque los contenedores de recogida en los comercios locales durante el mes de agosto y busque los grandes autobuses escolares amarillos de Durham estacionados frente a Fred Meyer en Mill Creek y QFC en Evergreen Way del 11 al 13 de agosto. Si tiene alguna pregunta, póngase en contacto con Kirsten Hansen en khansen@everettsd.org.

Vacunas para el próximo año

Ahora es el momento de planificar las vacunas que su hijo(a) pueda necesitar antes de su regreso el próximo otoño. Lo animamos a que reciba estas vacunas lo antes posible y aporte la documentación al personal del aula de salud de la escuela de su hijo(a). Facilitar esta información antes del nuevo año escolar lo ayudará a evitar recibir llamadas y cartas, así como la posible exclusión de la escuela en otoño. Como recordatorio, los estudiantes que entran en el 7.º grado por lo general requieren un refuerzo de la vacuna de tétanos, difteria y tos ferina (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tdap) antes de que puedan comenzar la escuela. Obtenga más información en el [sitio web sobre vacunación](#) del distrito.

Listas de material escolar

¿Quiere empezar a comprar el material escolar del año que viene este verano? Encontrará la lista de material escolar en nuestra página web, en la pestaña Our Schools (Nuestras escuelas), hacia la última semana de clase.



Está abierto el plazo de inscripción en el kínder

¿Tiene un hijo(a) que cumplirá 5 años el 31 de agosto de 2023? La inscripción está abierta. ¡Puede rellenar los formularios de inscripción para el kínder [en línea!](#) También está disponible un [video explicativo paso a paso para padres](#) como recurso.

Centro de Recursos Familiares

El [Centro de Recursos Familiares](#) (Family Resource Center, FRC) del Distrito de Escuelas de Everett, que es parte de nuestro programa categórico de Niños en Transición (Kids in Transition, KIT), está celebrando la finalización de su primer año escolar completo en operación. El FRC atiende principalmente a familias de las EPS que se encuentran en situación de carencia de hogar o inestabilidad en la vivienda, apoyándolas mientras exploran por los diversos programas de servicios sociales de la comunidad.

El FRC sirve como centro para un suministro limitado de artículos de primera necesidad donados y brinda un espacio acogedor para que nuestros estudiantes y familias reciban apoyo, satisfagan algunas necesidades básicas y se conecten con recursos escolares y comunitarios. Las familias son identificadas y remitidas al FRC por las personas de contacto de KIT ubicadas en cada escuela del distrito.



Desde su creación, el personal del FRC ha establecido valiosas asociaciones con muchas agencias de la comunidad, lo que ha ayudado a servir mejor a las familias de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett. Hasta mediados de mayo, el FRC había puesto en contacto a casi 200 familias con recursos comunitarios, en concreto a 60 familias con servicios de vivienda, había suministrado a más de 100 familias artículos de primera necesidad (ropa, artículos de higiene y pañales) y distribuido más de 1,000 libras de alimentos.

Considere hacer una donación para ayudar a mantener llenos los estantes del Centro de Recursos Familiares de las EPS.

- Consulte y compre de la [lista de necesidades](#)
- Las donaciones ordenadas en línea pueden enviarse a: Family Resource Center c/o Hawthorne Elementary, 1110 Poplar St., Everett 98201.
- Las donaciones de dinero pueden hacerse en línea en [Escuelas Públicas de Everett \(intouchreceipting.com\)](#) seleccione "Everett School District Office" ("Oficina del Distrito Escolar de Everett") bajo School (Escuela) y por ahora la actividad se rellena de forma automática con Family Resource Center (Centro de Recursos Familiares).



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