North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Happy February NMS Families,

North Middle School successfully closed down the first semester of the year at the end of January, and we are moving forward into the second semester with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. Second semester is the beginning of many new classes and the continuation of engaging learning in our year-long courses. Distance learning has obviously created new challenges for us this year, but it has also created wonderful opportunities through extension activities and learning new technology skills that will enhance the overall learning experience for our students.

Distance learning is a challenge that we continue to tackle head-on, and we are so proud of our student and staff efforts into continuing our learning goals. So many areas of instruction have blossomed into new opportunities this year, and we look forward to continuing new learning throughout the year. February will lead us into new challenges that will push our ability to teach and learn in a remote setting. Our instruction will continue to focus on students learning core standards for their content areas, and our approach as a school will continue to focus on making sure every student feels safe with us.

Look for your semester one report card delivery in mid-February. Please continue to reach out to us if you have any questions along the way. Our communication with you has been critical this year, and we are dedicated to continuing our consistent accessibility. We greatly appreciate all of the support our community has given us this year, and we are excited about the opportunities our students will have access to moving forward.

Have a great February!

Mitch Entler
Principal

February PTA News

Please join PTA on Zoom at our February meeting, on Monday 2/8 at 7:00pm.

Details are
https://everettsd.zoom.us/j/3802538593
Meeting ID: 380 253 8593
Passcode: 122177

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It would be great to see you there, especially as we begin to plan for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have ever considered serving as part of the PTA board, now is the time! We are forming a nominating committee and would love to have your input. Please contact Andrea at awepta@hotmail.com for more information.

PTA is more important than ever during these very different times. We continue to provide school and staff support, community support, staff recognition, and programs and events. Your financial support is critical; if you have not yet joined us, now is a great time to become a member. Follow the online instructions at https://www.memberplanet.com/packetview/northmiddlepta/signup or email Jenny Kuehn at jennykuehnpta@gmail.com for more information.
Warmly,

Andrea Wells-Edwards, President
Trehia Rohde, Vice President
Jennifer Goodhart, Treasurer
Ann Weiss, Secretary
Jennifer Kuehn, Membership

Mitch Entler
Principal

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February 1st

Teacher Work Day-Non Student Day

February 1st-15th

Early Bird Special 2021 Yearbook Sales

February 2nd

2nd Semester Begins

Library Curbside Pickup 1-5pm

February 8th

PTA Meeting 7pm

February 9th

EPS School Board Meeting 5pm

February 12th

Report Cards Mailed

February 15th & 16h

No School

Mid -Winter Break

February 18th

Library Curbside pickup 1-5 pm

YEARBOOK

You should get

A YEARBOOK!!!

This is a historic year!
Someday, you'll wish you had a memento!

Where: Online using DEBIT or CREDIT CARD

https://wa-everett.intouchreceipting.com/

(or you can bring money to the office)

When: February 1 - 15

Why: The only way to *guarantee* you get a book is to pre-order!
(books will be available in June while supplies last only!)

How much: $ 20 for early bird sale
(price goes up to $25 after this pre-sale)

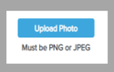
Yearbook Portrait Submission

**Have your link and photo readily available.

1) Open link and validate your information

If your info is wrong, email Ms. Bjorge

2) Click upload photo and select your portrait

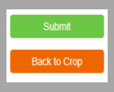


3) Click on the image and drag until portrait is within the black box.

If your box is red, the image resolution is too low.

4) Click 'Crop Photo'

5) Click Submit



QR Code to Video with tutorial

Need help? Email kbjorge@everettsd.org

Black History Month
North Middle School

Parent safety tip

Six ways your student can protect their online identities:

1. Share carefully – don't give out any personal information to unknown sites or strangers

2. Go private – keep privacy settings high and limit location services when possible

3. Log out – especially after using shared computers

4. Mix up passwords – use different passwords for different apps and websites

5. Avoid clickbait – avoid quizzes and random questionnaires

6. Choose wisely – pick an appropriate username

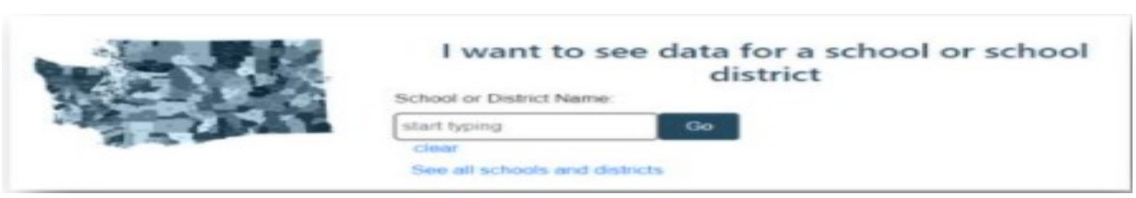
Learn more about online safety, digital wellness, cell phones and learning with technology with age-specific tips and tools on www.commonsensemedia.org.

Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2021? Registration begins on March 1, 2021. During school building closure, you can complete enrollment forms for kindergarten online! A step-by-step parent walkthrough video is also available as a resource.

Did you know?

Every year OSPI publishes a report card for each district and each school within the district. You can access the 2019-20 data on the OSPI website. To review the data for the school district or a school, start typing in the name and a drop box will appear with choices. Click on your choice to view the report card



Optionally you can click on 'See all schools and districts' and navigate to the district or school you want to select.

Free meals continue through the end of the school year!

Breakfast and lunch will be available at no charge for students learning on-site. Five-day meal kits will continue to be available for pick up each Wednesday for all kids; both remote learners and on-site learners. Meals include; fruit, veggies, whole grains, lean protein and milk. This program is available for all kids age 1-18, no qualification necessary. Follow @eps_cafe on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for the most up to date information.

Free internet access

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has announced a K-12 Internet Access Program and we invite our families who qualify for this support to apply. Reliable connectivity in remote learning is key and in partnership with OSPI, Everett Public Schools can connect qualifying families to local internet providers including Comcast/Xfinity, Presidio and Ziply. Please visit the family tech page on the district's website for eligibility and application instructions or https://www.everettsd.org/freeinternet.

Frequently Asked Questions

This is a reminder the COVID 2020-21 Frequently Asked Questions page is updated regularly. If you have a question that is not answered on the page, please fill out the form located on the page. We value your input as many of our families will benefit as we navigate this remote learning scenario together.

Do you have a student in special education?

Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families, and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the

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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Title IX Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104

Consejos de seguridad para padres

Seis maneras en que su estudiante puede proteger sus identidades en línea:

1. Comparte cuidadosamente – No des información personal a sitios desconocidos o a extraños.

2. Usa el modo privado – Manten tus ajustes privados a lo más elevado y limita los servicios de ubicación cuando sea posible.

3. Cierra tu sesión (log out)- Especialmente después de usar computadoras compartidas.

4. Mezcla las contraseñas- usa contraseñas diferentes para diferentes aplicaciones y sitios

5. Evita las trampas de los clics (clickbaits)- evita hacer quizzes y cuestionarios raros.

6. Elige inteligemente- Escoge un nombre de usuario (username) apropiado

Aprende más acerca de la seguridad en línea, bienestar digital, celulares y consejos adecuados para tu edad de cómo aprender en línea con tecnología y herramientas en www.commonsensemedia.org.

Las inscripciones al Kínder inician en marzo

¿Tiene a un niño/a que va a tener 5 años cumplidos para el 31 de agosto de 2021? Las inscripciones inician el 1 de marzo de 2021. Durante el cierre del plantel escolar, ¡puede completar sus formularios de inscripción al kínder en

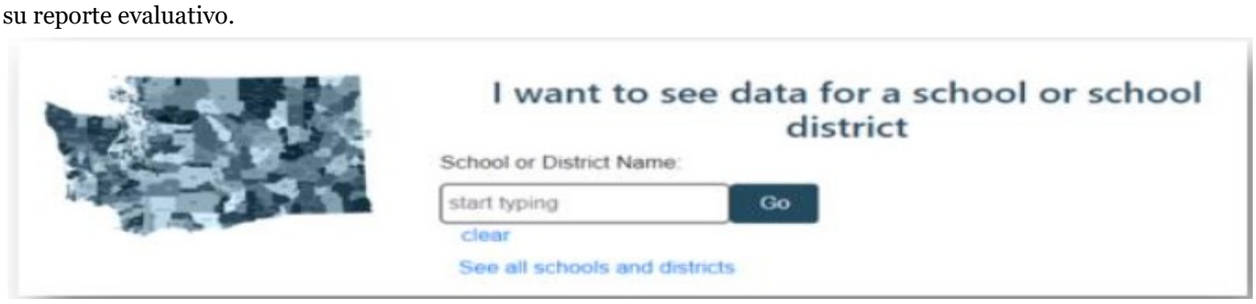
en línea! Contamos con un video paso a paso en detalle como un recurso adicional.

¿Sabía usted que?

Cada año OSPI publica un reporte evaluativo (report card) para cada distrito y cada una de sus escuelas en ese distrito. Puede acceder a los datos 2019-20 en el sitio web de OSPI.

Para consultar los datos del distrito escolar o de una escuela, inicie tecleando el nombre y aparecerá automáticamente

un menú desplegable con la lista de las escuelas para que la seleccione. Haga clic en la escuela seleccionada para ver su reporte evaluativo.



De manera opcional, puede dar clic en See all schools and districts' y navegar al distrito o escuela desuelección.

¡Las comidas gratis continuan hasta el fin del año escolar!

Tenemos disponibles y sin ningún costo desayunos y almuerzos para los estudiantes que estén aprendiendo en el plantel escolar. Para todos los niños y niñas, continuaremos teniendo kits de comidas de cinco días para que las recoja cada miércoles. Esto aplica para alumnos remotos en línea y alumnos presencialmente. Las comidas incluyen: Frutas, verduras, granos integrales, proteínas magras y leche. Este programa es para todos los niños y niñas en edades de 1-18 años, no se requiere calificar. Síganos en @eps_cafe en Facebook, Instagram y Twitter para la información más actualizada.

Acceso gratis al internet

La oficina del superintendente de instrucción pública (OSPI) ha anunciado un programa de acceso al internet K-12, al cual estamos invitando a nuestras familias que califiquen para soporte que apliquen. La conectividad confiable en el aprendizaje remoto es clave, y en conjunto con OSPI y las Escuelas Públicas de Everett podemos conectar a las familias elegibles con los proveedores de internet local como Comcast/Xfinity, Presidio y Ziply. Por favor visite la página de tecnología para las familias en el sitio web del distrito para verificar su elegibilidad e instrucciones para aplicar o en https://www.everettsd.org/freeinternet.

Preguntas frecuentes

Este es un recordatorio de que la página de Preguntas Frecuentes sobre el COVID 2020-21 se está actualizando regularmente. Si tiene una pregunta sin responder en esta página, por favor llene el formulario localizado en la página. Apreciamos sus opiniones y comentarios de los que muchas familias se benefician en la navegación de este aprendizaje virtual todos juntos.

¿Tiene a un estudiante en educación especial?

¿Sabía usted que existe una asociación de padres, maestros y estudiantes (PTSA) de educación especial en el distrito? Esta asociación sirve a alumnos, familias y educadores en Educación Especial. Exhortan a los estudiantes, familias, educadores y a la comunidad que trabajemos en conjunto para proveer programas y actividades que reconozcan el potencial de cada estudiante y mejoren las oportunidades educativas de los niños que reciben y/o buscan servicios especiales en nuestro distrito. Conéctese con el SEPTSA en su página de facebook.

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