

North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians of North Students,

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. We are also moving into new seasons for athletics and clubs, creating more opportunity for students to find their connection with our school and making strong relationships with their peers.

One of our recent exciting additions to the NMS campus is the finalization of our safety features to our exterior entrances. When you visit our campus now, our doors are controlled by electric locks for an added level of security during the school day. Guests will now interact with our office staff through a digital communicator before entering the building, and be able to see how safe our students and staff are throughout the day. This feature is being completed district-wide, and we are fortunate to have it as part of our daily routines now.

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!

Now that we're out of the snow, we turn our attention towards March, and much better weather! This is also the time of year we start preparing for the next school year. Soon, students will be signing up for exciting opportunities in new classes, and our incoming fifth grade students will be learning about their next step into preparing for middle school. It is a very exciting time, and we look forward to working with families as students plan their futures with us.

March is also the month that we ask for critical feedback, in the form of our Educational Effectiveness Surveys. This is a critical tool for us, which is used to give us information from the staff, students, and community, which will help us guide our future planning. I have included a link to the parent survey in this monthly newsletter. Please follow this link, select North Middle School, and answer the survey questions. This will not take longer than ten minutes, and will give us valuable feedback for how we can build better partnerships with our community, and continue our focus on meeting the needs of every student. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Mitch Entler

Hello North Middle School Families!

Tickets for our Annual Fundraising Auction go on sale February 1st. This is always a fun event and it's looking to be a great one! Mark your calendars for May 2, 2020 from 6 PM - 10 PM, at the Everett Elks. This year's event will be a sports theme, with games to play, a silent auction, food and beverages, and dancing! We hope you can make it!! Please see our NMS Facebook page for more information!

The NMS Star Shop is up and running! Students have been accessing items such as toiletries, feminine hygiene products, and dental care items from their counselors and teachers. It is such a fantastic resource for our students and families. Thank you to all who have donated supplies for the Star Shop. We will be holding a Star Shop Supply Drive at the NMS Auction, but donations of deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, shaving supplies, dental care items, feminine hygiene products and other toiletries are always welcome.

Thank you for all your support for our students!

- NMS PTA

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February 17 & 18

Mid-Winter Break

February 19

Co-Ed Wrestling
Starts

February 24

PTA Meeting @ 7:00pm

1:35 Release

February 7

February 14

February 21

February 28

March 6

Everett School Board Welcomes Two New Members

This November voters elected two new members to the Everett School District Board. April Berg will fill position 2, the seat vacated by the retirement of longtime school board director Carol Andrews. Berg lives in Mill Creek and is a planning commissioner for the city. She has six children, two university graduates, two in university, one at Henry M. Jackson High School and one at Heatherwood Middle School



Andrew J. Nicholls will fill position 1, the seat held by Jamyang Dorjee Nhangkar who was appointed to the board in September 2018. Nicholls is a research social worker with the VA Puget Sound Medical Center and has two children who will soon be entering school in the district's north end.



Lunch payments are easy with the app

Want to see your student's lunch balance and pay a balance from your phone? If you're logged into the district's mobile app, you can find and pay your student's lunch balance under your student's info. An icon inside the app also gives a shortcut to deposit funds for your student's lunch account. To make a payment, look for the green chef's hat icon.



The latest school news and information in Everett Public Schools is available on smartphones and mobile devices with a mobile app. The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores. Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children.

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.common sense media.org.

Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins on March 2, 2020, at all district elementary schools.

Did you know?

Every year OSPI publishes a report card for each district and each school within the district. This year OSPI is using a new application to do this and will require a little more effort to find the data available for Everett Public Schools. You can [access the 2017-18 data](#) on the OSPI website.

I want to see data for a school or school district

School or District Name:

[clear](#)

[See all schools and districts](#)

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

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 SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).

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Harvest of the month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you beans! Be sure to give them a try this month in our homemade hummus, black bean burger or vegetarian chili!

Did you know that there are over 40,000 different varieties of beans and are an excellent of protein and fiber? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at <https://www.everettsd.org>



2020 capital projects bond - community open house meetings

Everett Public Schools is placing a \$317.4 million bond on the April 2020 ballot. This measure will provide crucial funding to build permanent classroom space to accommodate growth, improve safety and security and make necessary school improvements.

Upcoming Community Open House meetings are scheduled, and we encourage everyone to attend one:

THURSDAY,  FEB 6 6 – 7 p.m. CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL 801 E Casino Road Everett WA 98203	THURSDAY,  FEB 13 6 – 7 p.m. EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL 2416 Colby Avenue Everett WA 98201	TUESDAY,  FEB 25 6 – 7 p.m. JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL 1508 136th St. SE Mill Creek WA 98012
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What the 2020 capital projects bond will fund?

Please see the attached flyer.

<https://www.everettsd.org/Page/30400>



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
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