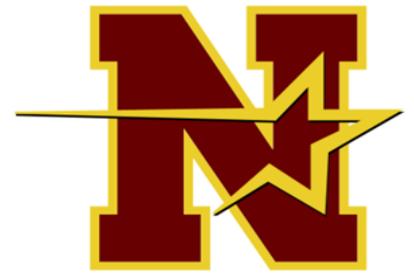


# North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Welcome to March, NMS community! This is an exciting time of year with moving away from the cold and rain, and into warmer weather and the sun. It's also the time of year when we begin making preparations for the next school year, both for our returning students and for our students moving on to high school. Students are now learning about course offerings for their next steps, and we will soon begin meeting with our incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders to show them how exciting middle school will be. We are looking forward to working with our families and students to plan their next steps.

March is also the month that we ask for useful feedback for our planning, 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. I will be sending a survey link to all NMS families later this month, and ask everyone to give us their input on how we can continue to make NMS a wonderful place for our students. 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!

Thank you, all!

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### Happy March NMS Families!

At our February PTA meeting we were joined by guest speaker Valerie Cunningham from the ESD Special Education PTSA. She is the co-president of the district Special Ed PTSA as well as the Special Ed Liaison for the Everett PTA Council. Did you know that the Special Ed PTSA serves all schools in the Everett School District? They provide advocacy and education, support and resources to all schools and PTA's to help make all the schools in the Everett School District more inclusive for all. Another major part of their mission is to provide support and resources to families and students who have students needing special education services. They can provide assistance with student IEP's, family resources and more. Please visit the ESD Sp Ed PTSA site at <http://www.everettptsacouncil.org/esd-special-ed-ptsa> visit them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EverettSpecialEducationPtsa/> or contact Valerie directly at [valcunningham25@gmail.com](mailto:valcunningham25@gmail.com), for more information.

At our January meeting we had David Jones from the Citizens Committee for the Everett Public Schools present to us the specifics regarding \$317.4 million bond measure on the April 2020 ballot. This measure will provide necessary funding to build permanent classroom space to accommodate growth, improve safety & security and make vital school improvements. Please visit [www.everettsd.org/bond2020](http://www.everettsd.org/bond2020) to watch the video presentation for further details and don't forget to vote in April!

Tickets for our Annual Fundraising Auction happening May 2, 2020 from 6 PM - 10 PM, at the Everett Elks, are ON SALE NOW. 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 the events tab on our NMS Facebook page for more information! If you are unable to attend, but want to help support this event, we are always looking for auction item donations. Please contact our auction chairperson, Jennifer Goodhart ([jgoodhart@everettsd.org](mailto:jgoodhart@everettsd.org)) for ticket purchases and/or auction donations.

Thank you for your support in making North Middle School a GREAT community school!

Jennifer Kuehn, President  
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Jennifer Goodhart, Treasurer  
Mariko Thompson, Secretary

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**March 2nd**

**Band Concert**

**March 3rd**

**8th Grade Family**

**Night @ EHS**

**March 23**

**Honor Society In-**  
**duction 7-8pm**

**PTA Meeting 7-8pm**

**April 2**

**ASB Spring Dance**

**Choir Corridor Con-**  
**cert**

**April 6-10**

**Spring Break**

**1:35 Release**

**March 6**

**March 13**

**March 20**

**March 27**

**April 17**

**April 24**



## FREE learning tools for your entire family

Did you know that with your parent LMS user name and password, you have access to a powerful resource provided also to students and staff with their district logins? Hoonuit (formerly Atomic Learning) is a key partner in our dedication to providing the highest quality technology training resources.

Our subscription to Hoonuit includes training resources in:

- The Microsoft® Office Suite
- Adobe Suite
- Google Drive/apps/doc/form
- Internet Safety
- Career Skills training for personal career advancement
- Completing a FAFSA training for college planning
- Access for staff, students and their families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- More than 50,000 step-by-step technology tutorials.

Go to [www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd](http://www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd) and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password? Email [LMS@everettsd.org](mailto:LMS@everettsd.org).

## Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2020? Registration begins March 2, at all 18 district elementary schools.

Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, go to our school search page [here](#), or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144.

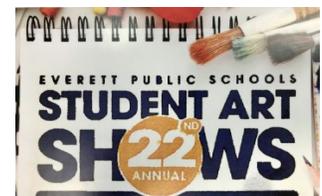
## Classified Employee Week

March 2 - 6, help us recognize the important work classified staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to take a moment and say thank you to office staff, crossing guards, paraeducators, maintenance staff, bus drivers and the many other classified staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.

## 22nd annual student art shows

Everett Public Schools, in partnership with Everett Public Schools Foundation, is pleased to display the work of student artists at the Community Resource Center. See the art on display during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or during a reception.

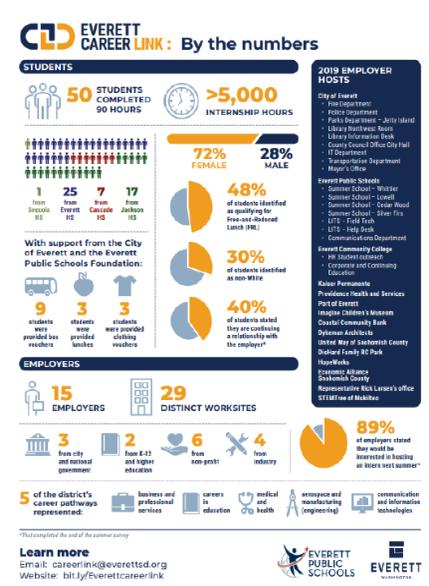
- Elementary school Art Show: February 25 – March 20, viewing only
- High school Art Show: April 6-24, reception on April 15
- Middle school Art Show: May 4-28, reception on May 27



## High school summer internships

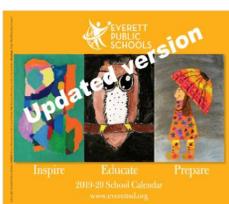
Summer 2020 will be year two of Everett Career Link, a partnership between the City of Everett and Everett Public Schools which offers high school students internship opportunities. Last summer, 50 students completed the Everett Career Link 90-hour summer internship and received high school credit. These students were hosted by employers representing 29 worksite locations. An overview of last summer's program can be found below and you should expect more information about the summer 2020 program to be available soon.

Questions about the program can be directed to each high school's Career Specialist or Career Connected Learning Internship (CCLI) Facilitator at each school. The CCLI Facilitator at JHS is Daniel Mills ([dmills@everettsd.org](mailto:dmills@everettsd.org)), at CHS is Bree Youngberg ([byoungberg@everettsd.org](mailto:byoungberg@everettsd.org)) and at EHS is Tammy Price ([tprice@everettsd.org](mailto:tprice@everettsd.org)).





## Calendar update



On January 28, 2020 the school board approved the 2019-20 school calendar update. We've had three snow days, so the last day of school has changed. As of today, the last day of school is June 18 (keeping in mind this date is subject to change).

Go to [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org) for updated At-a-glance and student art calendars, English and Spanish versions.

## Harvest of the month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you broccoli grown in the PNW! Be sure to give it a try this month by choosing our broccoli salad or roasted broccoli menu option.

Did you know that broccoli is an excellent source of so many vitamins and minerals like Vitamin A, K and folate? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at <https://www.everettsd.org>

Brocc and Roll!



## Remember to register to vote

By registering to vote, either in person or online, you are able to exercise a basic democratic right.

1. In person -- You may register to vote or change your registration at Snohomish County Elections, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, 1st Floor, Admin Bldg West.
2. Online -- If you have a valid Washington state driver's license, you may register with the [Secretary of State](#) quickly and easily online. You may also download a voter registration form in several languages from that site.
3. Online -- Visit the district's bond 2020 page at [www.everettsd.org/bond2020](http://www.everettsd.org/bond2020) and click on "register to vote" on the left hand side.

## Daylight savings time begins March 8

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 8, 2020 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening. Also called Spring Forward, Summer Time and Daylight Savings Time.

## Do not miss out!

Our school is using Peachjar to send flyers home electronically.

Just go to the front page of our school website and click on the Peachjar Eflyer button to check it out. You do not need to login to receive or view school eflyers.



No action is required on your part. You should have already received a welcome email from Peachjar that includes a username and password. This is provided to give you the opportunity to manage your account and flyer delivery preferences. Don't worry if you've forgotten your password, you can reset it at any time.

This system is used exclusively for distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

## Update emergency contacts

Please call your school if your phone number or emergency contact information changes at any time during the school year. This is the contact information used by the Everett Public Schools automated phone system in emergencies and to share important school information with families.



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

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Title IX Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Mary O'Brien, [MO'Brien@everettsd.org](mailto:MO'Brien@everettsd.org), 425-385-4108
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, [rballbach@everettsd.org](mailto:rballbach@everettsd.org), 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104