

North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

I hope everyone had a wonderful October, and is looking forward to an enjoyable November. As we continue our journey through distance learning, we have a lot of celebrations to recognize. Student and family commitment to attendance has been a consistent strength. We are so grateful for the dedication to showing up every day, and we are going to keep working hard to make student learning fun and engaging this year. The continuous communication and feedback loop between school and home has also been a major strength this year. We will continue to be accessible throughout distance learning, helping problem solve and assist with putting all of our students in positions to be successful. Your partnership is so valued ... thank you for walking beside us as we move forward.

November is also a time for us all to be mindful of our families and loved ones, as well as our greater community. Through our recognition of Veteran's Day and the Thanksgiving holiday, students and families will have time to reflect on the importance of this community. Times are not easy for all of us, right now. But our efforts to learn together, communicate with each other, and laugh together will keep us grateful through this month.

I hope everyone in the NMS community has a wonderful November. As always, continue reaching out to us with any questions. We will continue working to make sure our students and families have what they need to be successful this year.

Take care, all!
Mitch Entler
Principal
North Middle School

PTA Update:

We have certainly started this year off a bit differently, but the North Middle School Parent Teacher Association (NMS PTA) is here to support, engage and encourage the students and staff of North Middle School, whether students are learning remotely or in a traditional classroom.

The NMS PTA is a collection of parents, teachers, school staff members, and engaged community members who collaborate with the school and student organizations to help create an inclusive and equitable school community. Some of the ways the NMS PTA provides assistance include student and family events, supplemental materials, student enrichment, scholarships, supplies, family assistance, and volunteer support with numerous school activities and administrative needs. With your annual membership enrollment, you are contributing to the success of every North Star!

We are very excited to offer an online registration and payment option for membership this year! Visit the following link to sign-up online:
www.memberplanet.com/s/northmiddlepta/signup

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any membership questions: jennyku-chnpta@gmail.com.

PTA meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm (currently on Zoom). Our next meeting will be held on November 9, and we will email all members with the meeting link.

We wish you all a great school year, and we thank you for your continued support of NMS staff and students!

Andrea Well-Edwards, President
Trehia Rohde, Vice President
Jennifer Goodhart, Treasurer
Annie Weiss, Secretary
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November

Native American
Heritage Month

November 3rd

VOTE

November 9th

PTA Meeting 7:00pm

November 10th

Library Curbside
Checkout Time: 1-3pm

November 11th

No School

November 20th

Progress Reports

November 24th

Library Curbside
Checkout Time: 1-3pm

November 25th

My College Journey
Day
Early Release

November 26th & 27th

No School

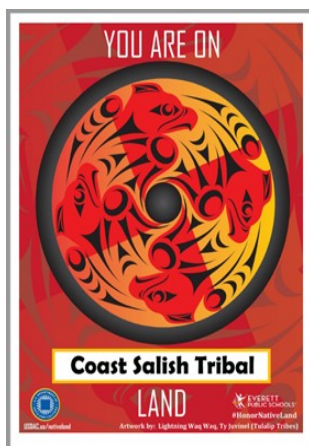


Native American History Month

November is Native American History Month. What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

Land acknowledgement

In the district’s sustained work to build a culture of inclusive belonging for students, teachers, staff and the community, we join local, state, national and international efforts to acknowledge Native land.



According to the U.S. Department of Arts and Culture, “In countries such as Canada, New Zealand and Australia, it is commonplace, even policy, to open events and gatherings by acknowledging the traditional Indigenous inhabitants of that land.” Our Equity & Access Department encourages opening school and district events with this impactful Native land acknowledgment:

“We respectfully acknowledge that we gather today on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish Peoples, who have lived in the Salish Sea basin, the San Juan Islands, and the North Cascades watershed since time immemorial. You are on Coast Salish Tribal Land.”

Learn more at Everett Public Schools Equity & Access [webpage](#) or at www.usdac.us/nativeland.

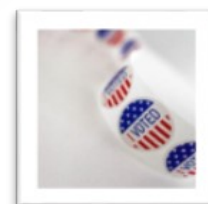
Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 1, 2020, Daylight Savings Time Ends and we “fall back” one hour.



Remember to vote Nov. 3

Remember to deliver your ballot to a ballot drop box near you or put it in the mail by Nov. 3 – postage is not required for ballots.



School performance report

Our school’s performance report is available online on each school’s website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). Click on “State Report Card” and select Everett from the list of districts.

Let’s Connect

You are invited to connect with district leaders and engage in conversation on November 16 from 5-6 p.m. (topic to be determined). We want to hear from you and hope you can attend a zoom meeting to share your thoughts. Please check your email for an invitation to connect with your school’s regional superintendent and other district leaders. Be sure to check your email, RSVP required to receive the link for the zoom meeting. Let’s Connect!

Childcare Support

Snohomish County is offsetting a portion of childcare costs, in partnership with two nonprofits through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

In cooperation with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County and YMCA – Snohomish County, please [share this information](#) and visit their [FAQs](#) page and [Child Care Locator Map](#)





Is your family prepared?



[Snohomish County Emergency Management](#) has helpful online resources to help you create, and practice emergency response plans with your family and neighborhood in preparation for bad weather.

Social Media Directory

Follow our social media sites including school pages, district pages, teachers, clubs, and student groups. Stay connected to learn all the latest news!



Not sure your school has social media? Visit our [social media directory](#) for a list of accounts.

Online safety tips

- Keep the computer in a busy area of your home.
- Use an app to keep an eye on your child's online activity on their device.
- Talking about cyberbullying; ask if someone they know has been a victim. Ask if they have been victimized.

Set up email and social media accounts with your children. Know their screen names and passwords and explain the reasons for not including any personal information in profiles.

Know who is in the "buddy lists." Get to know the cyberfriends as well as you do those who visit your home. Parents and guardians may find the following resources helpful to begin a conversation about the dangers of engaging in cyberbullying and how to stay safe online:

- [Stop Bullying Now](#)
- [Ms. Parry's Guide to Correct Online Etiquette](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)



Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the district [Learning Management Services website](#).

FAFSA season has begun!

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an office of the U.S. Department of Education. FAFSA coordinates with postsecondary schools and financial institutions to help students and families pay for college. Watch for FAFSA completion events happening around the district. Find more information at www.fafsa.ed.gov.



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

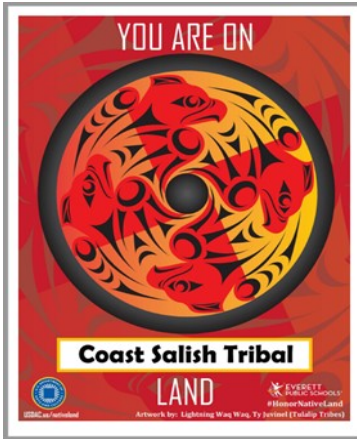
- Title IX Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4108
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104



Mes de la Historia de los Indígenas Americanos

El mes de noviembre es el mes de la historia de los indígenas americanos. Lo que inició al inicio del siglo como un esfuerzo para obtener un día de reconocimiento por las significantes contribuciones hechas por los pueblos originarios americanos al establecimiento del crecimiento de los Estados Unidos, ha resultado en un mes completo designado para ese propósito.

Reconocimiento territorial



En el trabajo sostenido del distrito para construir una cultura de pertenencia inclusiva para los estudiantes, maestros, personal y la comunidad, nos unimos a los esfuerzos locales, estatales, nacionales e internacionales para reconocer las tierras indígenas.

De acuerdo al departamento de artes y cultura de los Estados Unidos, “En países como Canadá, Nueva Zelanda y Australia, es habitual, incluso una política, el abrir eventos y reuniones para reconocer a los habitantes tradicionales indígenas de esa tierra”. Nuestro departamento de Equidad y Acceso exhorta abrir los eventos escolares y del distrito con este reconocimiento de tierra indígena poderoso:

“Reconocemos respetuosamente que estamos reunidos el día de hoy en las tierras tradicionales de las Personas de la Costa Salish, que han vivido en la Cuenca del Mar Salish, las Islas San Juan y la Cuenca de las Cascadas del Norte desde tiempos inmemorables. Usted está en territorio de la Tribu de la Costa Salish (Coast Salish Tribal Land).”

Entérese más en [página web](#) de Equidad y Acceso de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett o en www.usdac.us/nativeland.

Se termina el horario de verano

El 1 de noviembre de 2020, el horario de verano se termina y retrasamos el reloj una hora.



Recuerde votar el 3 de noviembre

Recuerde entregar su boleta en una urna buzón para boletas de votos cerca de usted o enviarla por correo antes del 3 de noviembre. No se requiere de estampillas postales para enviar las boletas.



Reporte de desempeño escolar

Nuestro reporte de desempeño escolar está disponible en línea en cada uno de los sitios web escolares. Para más información visite [El sitio web de la oficina del Superintendente de Instrucción Pública](#). Haga clic en “State Report Card” y seleccione “Everett” de la lista de distritos.

Conectémonos

Está invitado a conectarse con los líderes del distrito y participar en una conversación el 16 de noviembre de 5-6pm (el tema está por definirse). Queremos escuchar de ustedes y esperamos que pueda asistir a esta reunión vía Zoom para que comparta sus opiniones e ideas. Por favor revise recibir una invitación en su e-mail para que se conecte con el superintendente escolar regional y otros líderes escolares. Asegúrese de verificar su e-mail. Se requiere que confirme su asistencia para que reciba la liga a la junta en Zoom. ¡Conectémonos!

Apoyo al cuidado infantil

El condado de Snohomish está compensando una parte de los costos del cuidado infantil en conjunto con dos organizaciones sin fines de lucro a través del paquete de estímulo económico por el Coronavirus conocido como “la ley CARES”

En cooperación con los clubs de “Boys & Girl” del condado de Snohomish y el YMCA del condado de Snohomish, por favor [comparta esta información](#) y visite sus página de [preguntas comunes](#) y el [mapa localizador de cuidados infantiles](#).





Está su familia preparada?



El departamento de manejo de emergencias del condado de Snohomish (Snohomish County Emergency Management) tiene recursos de mucha ayuda para crear y practicar planes de respuesta de emergencia con su familia y sus vecinos en preparación al mal estado del clima.

Directorio de redes sociales

Siga nuestros sitios de redes sociales incluyendo páginas escolares y distritales, maestros, clubs y grupos estudiantiles. ¡Permanezca conectado para enterarse de todas las últimas noticias!

¿No está seguro si su escuela tiene redes sociales? Visite nuestro [directorio de redes sociales](#) para consultar la lista de cuentas.



Consejos de seguridad en línea

Mantenga la computadora en un área ocupada de su hogar.

- Use una aplicación para vigilar las actividades de su hijo/a en línea en su dispositivo.
- Platiquen sobre el ciberbullying. Pregúnteles si conocen a alguien que haya sido víctima. Pregúnteles si han ellos sido víctimas.
- Establezca cuentas de email y redes sociales con sus hijos. Conozca los nombres en sus pantallas y contraseñas y

Conozca quién está en la “lista de amigos”. Conozca a los amigos cibernéticos de sus hijos, así como los que visitan su hogar. Los padres y tutores legales pueden encontrar de gran ayuda los siguientes recursos para iniciar una conversación sobre los peligros de participar en un bullying cibernético y cómo permanecer seguros en línea.

- [Detenga el bullying ahora](#)
- [Guía de etiqueta correcta en línea de Ms. Parry](#)
- [Sentido común en las redes](#)

Averigüe lo que los alumnos de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett aprenden sobre el civismo digital en el sitio web del distrito de [Servicios de Gestión del Aprendizaje](#).



¡La temporada de FAFSA ha comenzado!

La oficina de solicitud gratuita para la ayuda federal de estudiantes “Free Application for Federal Student Aid” (FAFSA) es una oficina que coordina a las escuelas de educación superior y a las instituciones financieras para ayudar a los estudiantes y sus familias a que paguen la universidad. Estén atentos a los eventos de finalización del FAFSA que ocurren en todo el distrito. Encuentre más información en www.fafsa.ed.gov.



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