

North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Now that we are 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, and help guide us towards our future planning. I have included a link to the parent survey in this month's newsletter. Please follow the 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!

<https://www.research.net/r/EPS-Parent>.

- Mr. Entler

PTA Corner

Happy (almost) spring!

It is so good to be back into the swing of things after our very white blast of winter! Our fundraising auction is quickly approaching and we welcome your help! It is May 4th from 7-10 pm; tickets go on sale March 1st! Please contact Mariko Thompson at marikosmith@yahoo.com if you want tickets. They are \$20 each and include appetizers, a DJ with dancing and a great time. We are also still accepting donations for the silent auction and the ring toss.

The construction project is progressing nicely and the excitement is growing!

Golden Acorn Award/Outstanding Educator 2019: The Golden Acorn Award/ Outstanding Educator Award are offered by the Washington State PTA for recognition of an individual's dedication and volunteer service to students, school and community.

We invite you to participate in the selection of this year's recipient(s) from North Middle School, by recommending someone for this prestigious honor. All recommendations received will be considered by our PTA Golden Acorn committee, who will make the final selections based on input received. Winners receive a golden acorn/outstanding educator pin, and North PTA also contributes to the Washington State PTA Scholarship Foundation in each recipient's name. Nomination forms are available in the office and are due at the end of March.

Our Next PTA meeting is Monday, March 11th at the CRC, we would love to see you!

Thank You,

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March 1 1:35 Release

8th Grade Gear Up Field Trip
Sno-Isle Tech 8am—11:30am

March 7

Robotics Geekwire Invitational
Tournament at Century Link

March 8 1:35 Release

NAEP Testing

March 11

PTA Meeting 7pm CRC

March 13

Honor Society Induction NMS
Cafeteria 1:15—2:45

March 14

Advanced Band Festival
Evergreen MS 11:30-3:45

March 15 1:35 Release

Corridor Concert
EHS Auditorium 7-8pm

March 18

5th Grade Parent Night 6-7pm

March 22 2:50 Release

March 26

High School Transition Meetings

March 27

Students of Color Career
Conference EVCC 8am—2:30pm

Parent Link Night 5-7pm CRC

Corridor Choir Concert 7pm
EHS Auditorium

March 29 2:50 Release

April 1—5 Spring Break

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:

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- 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 and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password? Email LMS@everettsd.org.

Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins March 4, at all 17 district elementary schools.

Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, go to <http://bit.ly/2019-20PathFinder>, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144. If your kindergartner will attend the new Tambark Creek Elementary

Classified Employee Week

March 11-15, 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.

21st 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.-4:30 p.m.) or during a reception.

- Elementary school Art Show: March 4-22, viewing only
- High school Art Show: April 9-25, reception on April 24
- Middle school Art Show: May 6-31, reception on May 23



Make-up days

We have received many questions about how the district is going to make up the recent snow days, and some people have correctly referenced the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction noting that you can submit a waiver application for the recent snow days. The Basic Education Act also requires a number of minimal instructional hours, which cannot be waived. This means the solution to making up lost days due to inclement weather may result in a combination of adding days at the end of the school year and adjusting other days during the year. Once we are completely through the winter season, and all of the weather impacts are behind us, we will be able to determine the full extent of adjustments needed. The school board will be presented calendar revisions for action in the near future.

New elementary boundaries and transportation for some

Because the new Tambark Creek Elementary School is opening this fall, some elementary students will attend a different school in the 2019-20 school year. Each family affected by the elementary school boundary changes should have received a letter during winter break, but next year's school attendance and bus route information is available at <http://bit.ly/2019-20PathFinder>

Youth internship partnership

Everett Career Link is a partnership between the City of Everett and Everett Public Schools offering high school internship opportunities.

Everett Career Link's 90-hour summer internships are for students and employers seeking a proactive approach to matching local talent with local opportunities. More information can be found on the district's [internships and youth apprenticeships website](#). Interested students can complete an [internship interest form](#), and interested employers can learn more on the district's website or email careerlink@everettsd.org.





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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