

North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Welcome to April, North Middle School community! We have just returned from a wonderful spring break, and students are ready to continue their learning to finish the year strong.

April is a busy month, where students prepare for exciting events to culminate their middle school experiences, as well as prepare for taking the next steps in their educational journey. We have multiple educational field trips planned over the next three months, ranging from visits to art exhibits, to touring NAVY ships. All of these experiences will give our students insight into how their learning applies to the real world.

We also have just completed student registration for the 2019-2020 school year, both for students staying at North, as well as for students moving on to Everett High School. These decisions are very exciting for all students, and help them with planning for their futures, and where they want their education to take them.

April is also an important time for our preparation toward our state testing coming up in May. Students will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessments in Math and English/Language Arts. Our 8th grade students will also be taking the state Science exam, the WCAS. All of their hard work this year is leading up to them sharing their knowledge on these exams and we are doing everything we can to support their preparation.

This is a busy time of year, filled with a lot of preparation and excitement. Thank you for your continued support of our students, and have a fantastic April!

- Mr. Entler

PTA Corner

We are now accepting nominations for the Golden Acorn Award and the Outstanding Educator Award. Do you know a volunteer or educator who has gone that extra mile for our kids? Please recognize them! Award forms are available in the office or online. You may return them to the office or email Jocelyn Sievers-Bailey at jociepie123abc@aol.com by April 5th! We are really excited about the upcoming fundraising auction which is on May 4th. Tickets are on sale now! Please contact Mariko Thompson at marikosmith@yahoo.com to get your tickets. Money raised goes to PTA programs and staff grants. This year we were able to award staff with over \$7500 in grants, mostly to enrich the kids' classroom experiences. We hope everyone had a lovely spring break and came back refreshed and ready to work!

Happy Spring!
North PTA

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April 1 – 5

Spring Break

April 10

8th Grade Gear Up Field Trip
Lake Washington Institute of
Technology 8:15-11:30

April 12

EHS Counselor Visits 8:00-2:30
2:50 Release

April 18

PTA Meeting at the CRC 7:00

April 19

2:50 Release

April 26

8th Grade Gear Up UW Visit
8:15-1:30

2:50 Release

May 3

2:50 Release

May 4

PTA Auction @ Everett Elks

May 10

2:50 Release

May 13

All Band Concert
EHS Auditorium 7-8

May 16

PTA Meeting at the CRC 7:00
All Choir and Orchestra Concert
EHS Auditorium 7-8

Kindergarten registration happening now

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

Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, click on Transportation under the Parents tab, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144. If you are in the Tambark Creek Elementary School area, register at any southend elementary school.

Easy access with district app

Download and log into the district app to quickly and easily access your student's info. Pay lunch balances, see books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.

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. Choose to read content in one of many languages in the settings.



Thank you, volunteers!

April 22-26 is Public Schools Volunteer Appreciation Week. We are grateful for the many volunteers who support students and staff, many of them each and every school day. With activities ranging from reading with students, to playground supervision support, Watch D.O.G.S., and chaperoning field trips, your help matters. Our volunteers contribute to making school the best part of a student's day. Thank you!

ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2019-20

Everett Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income.

ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Early Learning.

The five ECEAP sites within our school district are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools.



Innovation Expo June 5

Students and families will enjoy seeing and interacting at booths from schools from across the district at this year's Innovation Expo June 5, 5-8 p.m., at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena. Each school's booth is different and showcases something the students at that school are learning.

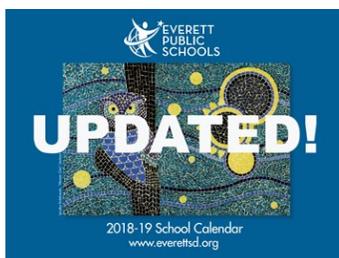
The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many students and families. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by completing them. Learn more and download forms at www.everettsd.org/expo.



Superintendent search update

The school board hired Ray and Associates as the search firm to guide the work of finding the right candidates for Everett's new superintendent. We were able to supply Ray and Associates with some very helpful information from the Thoughtexchange process many of you participated in. Thank you for taking the time to do that.

In March, Ray and Associates asked students, parents, staff and other key stakeholders to prioritize the top 10 characteristics they should look for in a candidate. Ray and Associates are now developing and sharing the superintendent profile you helped create. The board will select the next superintendent by the end of May. Follow the search process online at www.everettsd.org/supersearch.



Calendar update

June 21 is now the last day of school and a full day. Several Learning Improvement Fridays are also now full days. Be sure to download the updated calendars from the district website to make sure you have the revised dates.



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, 425-385-4106, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
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