

# North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians of North Students,

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year! Each fall brings much excitement and anticipation as the year begins. We look forward to all the learning that occurs for each student and all the successes our students have outside of the classroom in our extra-curricular programs throughout the year.

This year we have the amazing opportunity to open a brand new building, and your student is critical in establishing a positive culture, and engaging learning environment. Our partnership with you will help your student be successful at NMS, and in their next steps when they leave our hallways.

Sincerely,

Mitch Entler

## PTA Corner

September 2019 PTA Corner:

What an exciting start to the 2019-20 school year – in a whole new North Middle School! How fun to see new and returning students alike take pride in their school. The NMS PTA is looking forward to an amazing year in this incredible space. We hope that you will join us in celebrating and supporting our extraordinary students, teachers and community. Please take this as our invitation for you to join the NMS PTA. Your membership will help maintain important programs such as field trips, staff grants, the NMS Star Shop, dances, movie nights, field day, Operation School Bell, the shoe fund and much more. The cost to join is \$15 for an individual and \$25 for two or more family members. What we hope for most is not just your membership, but your involvement! Please join us for our first PTA meeting of the school year on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the North Middle School in the library. Being part of the NMS PTA is a great opportunity for you to help make a positive impact for all the students at North. We are sincerely looking forward to meeting you and working with you this year. Your PTA officers,

Jenny Kuehn - President  
Andrea Wells-Edwards – Vice President  
Jennifer Goodhart – Treasurer  
Mariko Thompson - Secretary

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## September 4

*First day of School*

## September 9-11

Fall Sports Tryouts

3:00-5:00pm

- Softball
- Football
- Cross Country

## September 10

Picture Day

## September 23

PTA Meeting 7:00pm

*1:35 Release*

## September 13

## September 20

## September 27

## October 4

## October 11

## October 1

*Curriculum Night 6:00pm*

## Access to public records

District records are public records. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask to view or have copies of records defined as “public” under state and federal laws. These include parents’ and legal guardians’ student’s records and records about discipline of school employees.

The district’s finance and business services office handles public records requests. Request records by writing to that office at PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213, sending an email request to [publicrecords@everettsd.org](mailto:publicrecords@everettsd.org), or calling 425-385-4150.

## New cell phone policy

The use of cell phones and personal electronic devices (PED) in the classroom can distract students from instruction, yet can be important to have accessible in case of emergency. With this in mind, the district has adopted a new personal electronic device [policy 3246](#) and [procedure 3246P](#) which will prohibit cell phone use in the classroom while still providing emergency access for students in case of emergency. Middle school students who choose to bring cell phones and other PEDs to school may only use them before or after the school day. During the school day, they must be powered off and stored (e.g., in the student’s backpack, locker, other district provided storage). There will be storage in the classroom so, in the event of an emergency, the cell phones will be accessible without leaving the classroom. There is an exception for students having an IEP, 504 Plan, or Individual Health Care Plan (IHP) that includes specific accommodations for assistive technology, following the process outlined in the student’s IEP, 504 Plan, or IHP.

## Your student’s records are confidential

Everett Public Schools is serious about protecting student records and privacy. The district uses multiple security measures to safeguard student transcripts and other education-related records. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with students (and have an educational need to know) have access to individual student records. Staff members are required to maintain confidentiality of all information in a student’s records.

## 2019-20 Immunization Changes

On July 28, 2019 a new Washington State law went into affect that removes the personal and philosophical option to exempt children from the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine required for school and preschool. This law does not affect students with a religious or medical exemption. For more information please refer to [Exemption to School and Child Care Immunization Requirements Quick Reference Guide](#).

## Access your family’s immunization information

To access your family’s immunization information from the Washington State registry visit, sign up for [MyIR](#) to view, download and print your student’s immunization records securely online. Once you register, you can access the records Everett Public Schools [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org) anytime you need them. You can print your child’s Certificate of Immunization Status for school, child care and camp programs

## Four ways to stay in touch

At the bottom of every district webpage, you can sign up for InTouch announcements and school board meeting agendas highlights delivered to your email box twice monthly. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



## Mobile app

Families can [download the district mobile app](#) to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.

## Attendance procedures

We look forward to seeing your child at school every day. Regular school attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is present to benefit from an excellent education. If your child is absent, please email the school at their attendance email address, which you can find on the school website.

If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please send a written note to the school office within 30 days after your student returns to school.



## ECEAP preschool is now enrolling 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 includes family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded in partnership with [Snohomish County Human Services](#) and [Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families](#).

The five ECEAP sites within our schools are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Additional community locations are available. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628

## Capital projects updates

Thank you for making so many capital projects possible through the April 2016 Capital Bond! You can follow progress on those projects online at [www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects](http://www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects).

Register to vote!

It's easy! You can register online at <http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration> or stop by your school office to pick up paper registration materials.

## Student opportunities and activities eflyers

We use Peachjar to email approved flyers from community organizations to parents and guardians. Schools also post those flyers on their websites. Look for the Peachjar button in the Quicklinks section of your school home page to see those flyers. You can also register there to have those flyers delivered to your email address if you aren't already receiving



## Kids in Transition program

The Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vinto Homeless Act](#). Students without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure homeless students have school supplies and provide tutoring or help students join in extended day or summer school classes. We help students with the fees required take part in activities such as sports or clubs. KIT transports eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,100 homeless students at some time during the school year. For more information, visit the [KIT website](#) or contact Amy Perusse at 425-385-4032 or [aperusse@everettsd.org](mailto:aperusse@everettsd.org).



## Attention volunteers

Our schools rely on volunteers to support many important activities!

- We are digital! All volunteer applications and background checks can only be processed online.
- We are focused on safety! Each applicant requires background check and safety training.

**Please plan ahead so your application can be processed in time for volunteer opportunities.** The new application is now available online at [www.everettsd.org/volunteer](http://www.everettsd.org/volunteer).

## Backpacks for students in need



Do you know a family who might be in need this year? Stuff the Bus for Kids ensures each child in Everett Public Schools starts the school year prepared to learn. The EPS Foundation will deliver over 1,800 backpacks, filled with school supplies, and make them available to any Everett Public School student who may need extra assistance.

Students in need of a backpack, please reach out to your school to receive your supplies. Backpacks will be available for pick up at each school beginning August 28, the week before school

## Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? Or have you perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? Report it! You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods.

Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

### 3 easy ways

- Text or call  
855-637-2095
- 1350@alert1.us
- <http://1350.alert1.us>



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O'Brien, [MO'Brien@everettsd.org](mailto:MO'Brien@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, [rballbach@everettsd.org](mailto:rballbach@everettsd.org), 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, [rcifford@everettsd.org](mailto:rcifford@everettsd.org), 425-385-5250