

North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hello North Middle School Community,

I want to begin this month's message with a huge "Thank You" to our community, for all of the support and positive communication with us as we prepare our students for our new normal. Covid-19 has changed how we are educating students this year, and the North community encouragement has been a huge part of fueling our efforts. We did not have a plan for this kind of situation, and the efforts of our teachers, staff, and district to prepare our students and families have been inspiring. Thank you for your patience and encouragement.

Our primary efforts right now are keeping all of our students connected with NMS during the closure. We are using every resource that we have available to reach out to families and students. Many of our students are connected with their classrooms, but we want to make sure that all of our students are engaged with learning. A big part of this is getting all of our families connected with technology. We have held multiple laptop check-out distributions as a district, but still have more to hand out. If you are a NMS family, or know of a NMS family, that still is in need of a device, please email either myself at mentler@everettsd.org, or our assistant principal: kbjorge@everettsd.org.

This is a very different message than I originally planned on sending for the month of April. We are looking forward to returning to our normal scheduling and routines, but want to make sure that everyone is safe before that happens. The public health situation has shown how strong this community is, and I am so grateful to work with all of you. I look forward to continuing this partnership through these uncertain times. Continue to take care of yourselves and your families, and be well!

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School Closed

March 16-

April 24

Spring Break

April 6-10

Staff will not be available during this time.



Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.

(Albert Einstein)

**PTA**[®]*everychild.one voice.*[®]**Hello NMS PTA Families,**

First and foremost, we encourage families to visit the Everett School District (ESD) website at <https://www.everettsd.org/> to get the most up to date information regarding free meal availability, family tech support, student enrichment materials and much more. Did you know that the ESD also has a free mobile app? This gives students and families an even easier way to stay connected than visiting the website. The app is free and can be found in the Apple App Store or on Google Play, just search Everett School District.

We all have been made acutely aware of just how important our school communities are. Schools provide a framework for learning content and curriculum, but more importantly they provided every child a social, emotional and physical safety net that is hard to replicate virtually and at home. Our PTA team will be working on ways to help keep students engaged with one another and with their beloved teachers during the next few weeks. Please make sure to “Like” our Facebook page and stay tuned for more details.

The NMS PTA Executive Board and Membership Meetings are now being held virtually via the Zoom platform. Our April meeting will be held on the 27th at 7 PM. We hope to “see” you there, connected at home! Links and instructions to these meetings will be on our Facebook page.

Lastly, if you are looking for some fun and engaging things to do with your middle-schooler (and other children) while at home, please see the address below for a great page of resources developed by the National and European PTA’s. We thank them for this incredible page of links and more, which will surely help to curb the “*I’m so bored*” moments found during this physical distancing directive.

<https://www.wastatepta.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Online-Resources-for-Parents-and-Students-During-School-Closures-links-work.pdf>

We wish you all to be healthy and well during this unprecedented time. We are stronger together, even when we are made to stay apart. Take care.

PTA Corner

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School closure resources

Watch for all Coronavirus updates at www.everettsd.org/COVID-19.

Kindergarten registration happening now

During the current school closure, you can register for kindergarten in 3 ways:

1. Online! Scroll down and register online in the language of your choice.
2. [Download and print the paper forms.](#)*
3. Pick up a pre-printed registration packet from the reception desk at the Community Resource Center, located at 3900 Broadway in Everett, during business hours.* (The CRC will be closed March 19, 20 and 23).

*For options 2 and 3, please complete the paper registration materials and gather the required documents listed [here](#). Once school reopens, please take the completed forms and required documents to your neighborhood elementary school to complete your student's enrollment.

If you have questions, please email the Early Learning Department at EarlyLearning@everettsd.org. Thank you!

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. Search for “Everett Public Schools.”

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 20-24 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 2020-21

Everett Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE pre-school 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. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628 or visit the [district ECEAP website](#).



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Title IX/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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