

North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal:

Hello North Middle School Families,

We enter every June preparing our students for moving on to their next stages in schooling, and in life. This June will look so much different than anything we have prepared for, though. We have faced the challenges of distance learning as a true community for the last two and a half months, and the staff at NMS wants to tell everyone how appreciative we are with your collaboration and leadership in ensuring our students continue with their education. We miss our hallways being active with students, and the relationships we get to foster face-to-face during a normal school day. Your help with keeping students engaged has benefited both them, and us!

June will give us all opportunities to reconnect at different time, and in different settings. We are planning celebration activities for the conclusion of the school year, with a special emphasis on sending our 8th graders off to high school. The specific details for these events will come over the next couple weeks, but we are working hard to honor as many of the end-of-year events as we can. We are excited about celebrating the conclusion of the year with all of our students!

This memorable school year is winding down, but our efforts and focus remain on student learning and engagement. We value every interaction we have with students in this setting, but look forward to the days when we are able to see them in person. Thank you for your partnership, strength, and support this year. We will all see each other again, soon!

Mitch Entler
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YEARBOOKS on Sale

**Only \$25 June 1-19!
Last chance to order!**

Buy your yearbook ONLINE and one will be reserved for you!
<https://wa-everett.intouchrecipiting.com/>

Save the MEMORIES!!

Someday, you'll enjoy looking back at your middle school days, from your friends and teachers to the activities you were a part of. Don't miss out on your own copy of the book containing it all, especially during this historic school year unlike one we've ever seen before.



2019—2020

Yearbook distribution expected to take place in August, following state guidelines. Details to follow when guidelines are set.

Mitch Entler
Principal

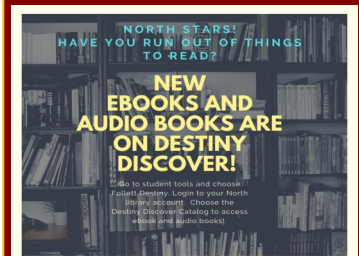
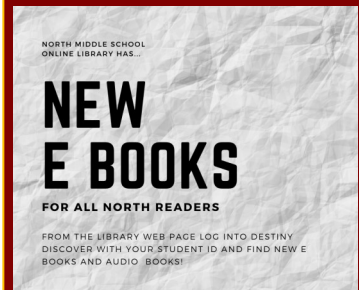
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January 1 –19

Yearbooks on Sale

Don't miss out. If you never purchased a yearbook, now is the time. They go on sale Monday. On-line Sales.

Below is the link.

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If you have any questions or concerns please email Ms. Odell at

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Hello North Families,

And all of a sudden - it's June! A time where we look forward to much-needed respite and renewal of our mind, body & spirit. It has been a tumultuous time for students and teachers these past few months – navigating life without the structure of our classroom and school environments, exploring new learning platforms and trying finding strategies that work for students, families, and teachers.

We would once again like to say “Thank you” to the teachers, administrators and staff members of North Middle School who have worked tirelessly for all students. Thank you for helping students stay engaged and helping them feel supported throughout this health crisis that has touched so many of us. We want to thank the parents, guardians and families who have helped to keep students on task and learning now that “going to school” has meant “going to the living room”. We want to thank the fabulous students of North Middle School – you have shown tremendous strength and courage during this stressful time. You have shown true resolution in times of adversity.

Finally, we want to say “Thank you” to all the PTA volunteers and supporters throughout the entire school year. With you so generously volunteering your time, providing supplies, flowers, food stuffs and more, we have been able to plan and organize activities and events that have supported both the students and teachers of North Middle school all year long and we could not have done it without you! We are so appreciative of your teamwork and collaboration!

We send you all sincere wishes of well-being and healthfulness now and all summer long.

Sincerely,

Your North Middle School PTA Executive Board:

Jenny Kuehn - PTA President

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COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage

Stay informed by visiting the COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage www.everettsd.org/COVID-19. Here, you will find messaging to families, information on family tech support, learning engagement, Class of 2020 support, helpful resources, FAQ's and more related to school building closure.

What will the 2020-21 school year look like?

Thank you for understanding the complexity of decisions for the fall. Right now, we are focused on finishing the school year well, and are following the guidance of OSPI and the state for developing plans for the fall. Realistically, with the current unknowns, we won't be able to finalize a plan until early August.

Essential item pick-up

We understand your student may still have personal items at their school which are essential to continue their learning from home, such as calculators, books or medications. Schools will be conducting personal item pick-up days in late-May for families to collect your student's essential items, which will be pre-bagged and labeled by staff. You will receive more specific information on pick-up times from your school next week, but the dates are: elementary schools, May 26 and 27; middle and high schools, May 28 and 29.

There will be a second parent pick-up event at our schools on select dates between June 12-19 for families to collect any remaining student items and to return library books, textbooks, musical instruments, etc. More information about the June pick-up events will be shared with parents in the coming weeks.

When does school end this year?

June 5 is not an early release day but will follow the current modified structure.

Learning Improvement Fridays (LIF) are suspended through June 19 to follow the current modified structure.

June 19 is the new last day of school. June 12 is the last day for seniors.

Stuff the Bus is coming!

With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 11th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. Last year the Foundation delivered over 1,900 backpacks to students and hope to deliver the same number this year. Look for collection bins at local businesses during the month of August and look for big yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way Aug. 14-16. For questions, please contact Kirsten Hansen at khansen@everettsd.org.





Kindergarten Registration (Class of 2033)



If your child will be five years old by August 31, 2020, it's time to register for kindergarten! Online registration is available at www.everettsd.org. Register now to access information about your school's kindergarten program and receive a parent resource and children's book "Kindergarten, Here I Come!" Registration also reserves your child's spot in *Everett Ready*, our transition-into-kindergarten program scheduled for August 17-21, at our elementary schools. Contact EarlyLearning@everettsd.org with any questions.

To find out which school your kindergartener will attend, click on Path Finder on the district's transportation webpage or call the transportation

Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls next fall. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child's school. We'll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall.

Summer school

Everett Public Schools offers a variety of summer learning opportunities. Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific stu-

Summer Reading Program

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. Please watch your school's website for details about this summer's reading program.



School supply lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year's school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on your school's website under *Our School* around the last week of school.

Summer meals

Did you know that all children ages 1-18 can participate in the summer meal program? Summer meals will start on June 22nd at select locations and times. Find more details on the [Food and Nutrition Department website](#).



The 2020 capital projects bond



Now, more than ever, schools are the heart of our community. Investing in our schools continues our focus on not only academics, but the well-being of every student in our district. Schools are a community resource and they need to be invested in.

Due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 24, 2020 the school board approved Resolution 1228 postponing the April 28 bond proposition until a future time to be determined by the board.

On May 5, the school board approved Resolution 1230 to place the unchanged \$317.4 million bond proposition on the August 4, 2020 special election ballot.

The 2020 bond focuses on STEM, Safety, Equity and Space.

To find out more details on all of the bond 2020 projects, visit www.everettsd.org/bond2020.

Please remember to vote on August 4, 2020



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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