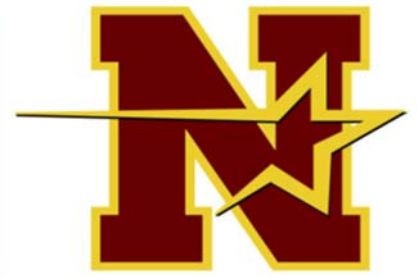


North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

NMS Families,

It is so exciting seeing all our students back at school! Now, we know that we're not *physically* in school, but even through our computer screens we're energized by seeing so many faces back with us for a new year. There are so many celebrations to highlight with our launch of 2020/2021, and all of them happened because of the strong partnership between our school and this community. Whether it was helping students get logged in to classes, seeing smiling faces for one of our "pick-up" days, or helping families on the phone, our experiences with you to start the year have been a critical piece to our students having success. Your patience and collaboration have enabled us to help get so many of our students connected to their digital classrooms this year! Additionally, the feedback we have received has been helpful in ensuring that our systems are supporting students in a remote setting. Thank you for the early and consistent communication to start this year. We are here to support you and our students, even when they are at home.

As we get deeper into the year, you will see changes in daily routines and activities during classes. With our alternating "A/B" schedule, we want students to have both synchronous and asynchronous engagement with learning. This will mean that students will experience face-to-face time with teachers balanced with time to work independently. This will help students with focusing on the work, and not necessarily be tied to their computer screens. This will continue to evolve throughout the year, so please reach out to us if you have any questions moving forward.

We will continue to send out frequent communication from the school to make sure you are up to date on any new developments throughout the year. Keep reaching out with questions and feedback for us. We will continue to make sure all our students get what they need to be successful this year. Have a great October!

Mr. Entler

North PTA wants to welcome everyone back to the start of another great school year! Even though things look a little different right now, we are still an active group that functions in support of students, parents, and staff at North. This year, our goals include supporting North in its equity work, as well as finding creative ways to help address our students' social/emotional needs.

If you are interested in a role with us, we do have some committee vacancies, including fundraising and staff appreciation. Even if you don't want to take on a specific job, we welcome your membership and participation! You can join at <http://www.memberplanet.com/s/northmiddlepta/signup> - your membership is more important now than ever before!

One specific way you can help - if you are already shopping on Amazon, register with Amazon Smile and use that portal for your purchases. We are listed as "North Middle PTA Everett Council 7 3 73" with the location as Tacoma (state PTA headquarters). Thank you in advance!

Finally, join us at our next meeting, October 12 at 7 pm on Zoom. If you are interested in attending, email awepta@hotmail.com for the link. Please also like us on Facebook: North Middle School PTA!

PTA Corner

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October 12th

* **Curriculum Night**

5:30pm—7:30pm

* **PTA Meeting 7pm**

Zoom

October 13th

Library Curbside

Checkout Time: TBD

October 16th

No School

October 19-23

**High School &
Beyond**

October 27th

Library Curbside

Checkout Time: TBD

October 30th

Progress Reports



2020 High School & Beyond Event

The High School & Beyond event will be completely virtual this year. The Pacific Northwest Association for College Admissions Counseling has been in the process of designing remote opportunities for students and families to connect with colleges and universities from all over the country. The Washington-specific portion will take place live from October 19-23. The presentations will also be recorded and will remain available until December 31st.

The virtual event site is available here: <https://pnacac.swoogo.com/PNACAC>.

In order to participate, register using the blue button in the top right-hand corner of the page. Once registered, you will be able to preview the college fair booths beginning on September 15 all the way through December 31. College representatives and presentation will be “live” during the days and times below:

Washington student week live times October 19 - 23, 2020	
Date	Time
Monday, Oct 19	9 a.m. - noon
Tuesday, Oct 20	4 - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct 21	10 a.m. - 1 p.m. AND 4 - 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct 22	4 - 7 p.m.

Parent University

Everett Public Schools Parent University is available 24/7 online and mobile, for you to access important resources to help support your student’s remote learning. You can find details on how to access and log in to Canvas, how to view your student’s schedule, where to get meals, and much more. Resources will continue to be added throughout the year. You will find Parent University, and all other information related to remote learning, at www.everettsd.org/COVID2020-21



Website refresh

Feedback from families and the community to improve navigation and the layout of the district’s website was integrated into the redesign, which launched October 1. The new site features inviting visuals, reduced clicks and a standard experience with navigation among all school sites. The interface is user-friendly, attractive and a welcome change.

Community survey about strategic plan

The district is engaging the community as we start the process of creating a new strategic plan. Please look for a survey coming out on October 12 on the district website to provide your input.

Let’s Connect

You are invited to connect with district leaders and engage in conversation on October 19 from 5 – 6 p.m. (topic to be determined). We want to hear from you and hope you can attend a zoom meeting to share your thoughts. Please check your email for an invitation to connect with your school’s regional superintendent and other district leaders. Be sure to check your email, RSVP required to receive the link for the zoom meeting. Let’s Connect!

Website tools for you

The website has tools to make your life easier. Sign in with your LMS password to:

- Add your student’s school and teachers’ calendars to your calendar view
- Filter calendar items by category
- Export calendar items to your personal calendar
- Access *Grades & More*, lunch menus and staff contact information from the home page
- Find directions and maps to event locations listed on the calendar



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.



Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls.

Is your contact information up-to-date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

Homeless resources

We care about all our Everett Public Schools families and know many are experiencing economic impacts due to changes in the economy. If not your family directly, you may know others who are starting to question whether there is any help available. If you are staying temporarily with someone else because you lost your housing, or are staying in a motel, campground, shelter, outside or are in an inadequate place, you and your children have special rights at school. Everett Public Schools' Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vento Homeless Act](#). Students without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success. If you believe your child qualifies, please complete the [online Housing Questionnaire](#). For more information, visit the [KIT web-site](#) or contact the KIT office at 425-385-4032.

Rights include:

- Keeping your children in the same school even if you move, and receiving transportation to that school, as long as it is in the student's best interest;
- Enrolling in school immediately without the documents schools usually require;
- Receiving free school meals;
- Getting help with school supplies and other needs;
- Receiving extra support for youth who are on their own;
- Connecting young children with early childhood services;
- and referrals to other community resources.

Get resources and activities for your children from [Sesame Street in Communities](#), including tips for [how to talk to your child about homelessness](#) and [how to create a feeling of home](#) even if you are moving around a lot.

If you find yourself in a dangerous situation, or in need of medical, emotional, or physical support, please see [this list of national hotlines](#) that provide an array of services. All hotlines listed are national hotlines providing 24/7 support across the United States. In Snohomish County, you may call 425-25-ABUSE (425-252-2873) **In an emergency, call 911 for the police, get yourself and your children to a safe place, seek medical attention and call DVS for assistance.**



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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



Evento de Preparatoria y Más Allá 2020 (High School & Beyond)

El evento de “High School & Beyond” será realizado completamente virtual este año. El consejo de la asociación de admisiones universitarias del pacífico noroeste (Pacific Northwest Association for College Admissions Counseling) ha estado en el proceso de diseñar oportunidades virtuales para que los estudiantes y sus familias se conecten con colleges y universidades de todo el país. La porción específica de Washington se llevará a cabo en vivo del 19 al 23 de octubre. Las presentaciones también serán grabadas y estarán disponibles hasta el 31 de diciembre.

El sitio para el evento virtual se encuentra aquí: <https://pnacac.swoogo.com/PNACAC>.

Para poder participar, regístrese usando el botón azul en la esquina superior derecha de la página. Una vez registrado, podrá tener una vista previa de los stands de la feria a partir del 15 de septiembre hasta el 31 de diciembre. Los representantes de las universidades y sus presentaciones estarán en “vivo” durante las fechas y horas siguientes:

Horarios en vivo para los estudiantes de Washington del 19 al 23 de octubre de 2020

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estudiantes de Washington del 19 al 23 de octubre de 2020

Fecha	Horario
Lunes 19 de octubre	9 a.m. – medio día
Martes 20 de octubre	4-7 p.m.
Miércoles 21 de octubre	10 a.m.-1 p.m. Y 4-7 p.m.
Jueves 22 de octubre	4-7 p.m.

Universidad para Padres

La Universidad para padres de las escuelas públicas de Everett está disponible 24/7 en línea y en medios móviles para que usted acceda a recursos importantes que le ayuden a brindarle apoyo a su estudiante, en su aprendizaje remoto. Puede encontrar detalles de cómo acceder e ingresar a Canvas, cómo ver los horarios de su estudiante, dónde conseguir comidas, y mucho más. Se seguirán agregando recursos durante el año. Encontrará la universidad para padres y toda la información relacionada al aprendizaje remoto en www.everettsd.org/COVID2020-21



Actualización a nuestro sitio web

La retroalimentación de las familias y de la comunidad para mejorar la navegación y la distribución del sitio web del distrito fueron integrados como partes del rediseño que será lanzado el 1 de octubre. El nuevo sitio contiene visuales atractivas, reducción en clics y una experiencia estandarizada de navegación en todos los sitios escolares. La interface es amistosa, atractiva y un cambio bien recibido.

Encuesta comunitaria sobre el plan estratégico

El distrito está involucrando a la comunidad en su inicio del proceso de crear un nuevo plan estratégico. Por favor esté pendiente de la encuesta que se emitirá el 12 de octubre en la página del distrito para que nos proporcione con sus opiniones y comentarios.

Conectémonos

Está invitado a conectarse con los líderes del distrito y participar en la conversación del 19 de octubre de 5 a 6 pm. (el tema por determinarse). Queremos escuchar de usted y esperamos que pueda asistir a la junta vía Zoom para que comparta sus opiniones. Por favor esté pendiente de su email para la invitación a conectarse con su superintendente escolar regional y otros líderes del distrito. Verifique su correo. Requerimos que confirme su presencia a la junta para que reciba la liga a la junta Zoom. ¡Conectémonos!





Herramientas del sitio web para usted

El sitio web tiene herramientas para hacer su vida más fácil. Regístrese con su contraseña (password) de LMS para:

- Agregar los calendarios de la escuela de su estudiante y de sus maestros a su vista del calendario
- Filtrar elementos del calendario por categorías
- Exportar elementos del calendario a su calendario personal

Aplicación Móvil

Las familias pueden [descargar la aplicación móvil del distrito](#) para tener fácil acceso a la información del estudiante, calificaciones, almuerzos, saldos, libros prestados de la biblioteca, calendarios ¡y más! Traduce avisos y funciones de la aplicación en el idioma de su preferencia.



¿No alcanzó a contestar una llamada de nosotros?

Si no alcanzó a contestar una llamada de su escuela, por favor verifique su correo de voz, email o aplicación móvil para ver el mensaje en lugar de llamar a la escuela. Las escuelas frecuentemente están inundadas con llamadas telefónicas de los padres después de haber recibido una llamada automatizada y no podemos atender todas las llama-

¿Está su información de contacto actualizada en la escuela?

Si su información de contacto ha cambiado, por favor infórmele a su escuela del cambio para que se puedan comunicar con usted.

Recursos para personas sin hogar

Nos preocupamos por las familias de las escuelas públicas de Everett y sabemos que muchos están pasando crisis económicas debido a los cambios en la economía. Si su familia no fue impactada directamente, puede que conozca a otras que se empiezan a preguntar si hay ayuda disponible. Si ustedes se están quedando temporalmente con alguien más porque perdieron su vivienda, o viven en un hotel, campamento, albergue, a la intemperie o están un lugar inadecuado, usted y sus hijos tienen derechos especiales en la escuela. El programa de las escuelas públicas de Everett de "Kids in Transition" (KIT) da apoyo a los estudiantes que califican como personas sin hogar bajo [la ley federal McKinney-Vento de personas sin hogar](#). Los estudiantes que no cuenten con una residencia fija, regular y adecuada para pasar la noche pueden calificar. El programa KIT trabaja para eliminar las barreras del estudiante para que logre su éxito académico. Si usted cree que su hijo/a califica, por favor llene [este cuestionario en línea de vivienda](#). Para mayores informes, visite [el sitio web de KIT](#) o contacte la oficina de KIT al 425-385-4032.

Los derechos incluyen:

- Mantener a sus hijos en la misma escuela incluso si usted se muda, y que reciban transporte a esa escuela, siempre y cuando esté en el mejor interés de los estudiantes.
- Inscribirse de inmediato a la escuela sin los documentos normalmente requeridos por la escuela.
- Recibir comidas gratis de la escuela.
- Conseguir ayuda con útiles escolares y otras necesidades.
- Recibir apoyo extra con los jóvenes que están solos.
- Conectar a sus hijos menores con los servicios infantiles de temprana edad. Y,
- Remisiones a otros recursos comunitarios.

Consiga recursos y actividades para sus hijos de [Sesame Street en las comunidades](#), incluyendo consejos de [cómo platicar con sus hijos sobre el desamparo](#) y [cómo crear un sentimiento de hogar](#) incluso si se están mudando y moviendo mucho.

Si se encuentra usted en una situación de peligro, o necesita de apoyo médico, emocional o físico, por favor vea [estas líneas de ayuda nacionales](#) que ofrecen una cantidad de servicios. Todas las líneas de ayuda son nacionales y ofrecen soporte 24/7 en todos los Estados Unidos. En el condado de Snohomish, puede llamar a 425-25-ABUSE (425-252-2873) **En caso de emergencia, marque al 911 para la policía, busque usted y sus hijos estar en un lugar seguro, busquen atención médica y llame a DVS para recibir asistencia.**



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• Section 504 Coordinator:
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