Dear Arrowhead Family,

Today in education, we understand the value of developing strong thinkers, readers and writers. We know as we do this work, we are potentially changing the future for these children. We know that our students are growing up in a time that given the right encouragement, the right learning environment and the understanding that their words can be powerful they will be able to achieve in a way that in days gone by were only for the elite. Students are able to read text with a critical lens, not missing the subtle messages of life lessons and even of life’s privileges and disadvantages. They are thinking about text at a much more sophisticated level than we were asked to do in our days as students. Much like the authors they read, they know they too can use words in powerful ways to share their messages. At Arrowhead you can see evidence of this work even in our primary grades because we know it is not work that magically starts in intermediate grades. This is a way of learning that spans years, with skilled teachers providing multiple opportunities for students to hone their thinking and find their voices.

Recently our students brought home their semester report cards. Likely each student had the hope that you will understand the significance of what is contained inside that small envelope. Sitting with them, listening, really listening to what they have to say about their work is one way to show them you understand, that you value their work and that you know how important it is for them to do the very best they can do. Hopefully, all of you will be able to find time to celebrate, wonder and set goals.

With the first semester behind us we will continue to provide our students with rigorous instruction. We have the upcoming mid-winter break ahead of us and are taking full advantage of the two weeks between now and then. We are already gearing up for the February return and a nice long spell of time to teach many skills and new learning.

Congratulations to your student(s) for the accomplishments of the semester!

Fondly,
Jesse Harrison
2/9  Conference EARLY RELEASE – 12:40PM
2/13  Please Remember to VOTE
2/16  Yearbook Orders Due
2/19  NO SCHOOL – President’s Day
2/20-2/23  NO SCHOOL – Mid-Winter Break
2/27  WATCH D.O.G.S. Program Begins
2/28  Yearbook Group Picture Day
3/3  PTA Pancake Breakfast & Garden Clean 8:30AM
3/6  Getting School Ready Night – Library – 6:00PM
3/9  Family Fitness Night – Gym – 7:00PM
3/12  Camp Parent Meeting – Gym – 6:00PM
3/19  NMS Visits 5th Grade
3/23  PTA Dance – Gym - 6:30PM
3/27  1st Grade Music Program – Gym – 7:00PM

Attention 5th Grade Families – Reminder for Camp Dates:

Camp paperwork was sent home February 5th – check it out for all the specific camp details
• March 9th – T-Shirt orders due to office
• March 12th – Parent Meeting at Arrowhead – 6:00pm in Gym
• March 21st – All student and counselor paperwork and payments due
• March 21st – All medications due to nurse
• April 3rd – Luggage delivered to school by 9:30am
• April 4th – 6th – Students attend camp

If you have any questions, please call the school office – (425) 408-4000

Yearbooks
Order forms came home with your students at the end of January.
The office will be accepting orders through February 16th.
Cost is $15.00 each.

Yearbooks are distributed in June for those who purchase by February 16th. There are a very limited number for sale in June at a cost of $17.00 each. Order early to guarantee your student gets one!
Calling all Kindergarteners for 2018-2019!

Kindergarten registration packets are available in the school office now. We encourage parents of prospective kindergarten students for the 2018-2019 school year to stop by the school office between 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM to register their child.

Students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2018. When you come to register, you will need: birth certificate, immunization dates, and proof of residency, family information, emergency information, doctor information, and daycare information.

Please help us advertise these dates and times. If you know a family who will have a kindergarten student at Arrowhead next year, please pass along this information. Thank you!

Arrowhead’s Getting School Ready Events

Fun with Math: March 6th - 6:00pm
Literacy Night: April 24th - 6:00pm
School Ready Dinner: May 22nd - 5:30pm

At Arrowhead, we want to make sure that all of our incoming kindergarteners are “school ready” and excited about becoming Arrowhead Hawks! One of the ways we support our incoming kindergarteners and their families is to hold school events in the spring where families can meet some staff and participate in reading or math activities. In order to ensure that all incoming kindergarten families are invited to Arrowhead’s Getting School Ready Events, we are asking that you notify us if you have an incoming kindergartener. In addition, if you know any incoming kindergarten families, please pass on the information to them. The Arrowhead School Ready Team is dedicated to supporting school readiness and the successful transition into kindergarten! Please call the Arrowhead office to RSVP at 425-408-4000. Thanks and we look forward to hearing from you!

2018 - 2019 NSD Kindergarten Orientation Information

Northshore School District kindergarten orientations will be held Wednesday, March 7th or Thursday, March 8th, 7:00pm, at the Northshore Performing Arts Center, 9130 N.E. 180th St., Bothell. At the orientations, a panel of educators will present and overview of kindergarten in Northshore. The intent is to give parents information about the district, the specifics of the kindergarten program, and what is needed to register your child for school. No registration required for orientation. These presentations are intended for parents only and will not be of interest to children. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Elementary Education at 425-408-7705.

A multilingual kindergarten orientation will be held on March 14th, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Woodmoor Elementary School Library 12225 160th St. Bothell. Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese interpreters will be available. Childcare will be provided for our multilingual families

Detailed information on Northshore’s kindergarten program is available at www.nsd.org/kindergarten.
Northshore Bond and Levy Campaign – Please VOTE on February 13th

Northshore School District voters will see three measures on the Feb. 13, 2018 ballot to continue support for student learning: Educational Programs and Operations Levy Renewal, the Capital Projects Bond and the Technology Levy Renewal.

PROP 1: Educational Programs and Operations Levy Renewal
The Educational Programs and Operations Levy would supply 20 percent of the district’s budget for daily operations and educational programs. It would renew the current four-year levy that expires in 2018 and would generate up to $234 million over the next four years. Renewing these levy funds provides for:

• Special education
• Academic support for advanced learners and interventions for struggling learners
• Extra-curricular activities
• Basic education needs not funded by the state
• Transportation costs beyond what the state will fund

PROP 2: Capital Projects Bond
The $275 million bond would continue the district’s long-range facilities plan to maintain its schools and provide a safe and secure environment for Northshore students to support learning. The bond measure supports enrollment growth by funding construction of a new K-5 school. And it funds renovation of aging schools and replacing or updating building infrastructure such as HVAC, gutters, roofs and flooring. Every school in the district will benefit from the projects completed by the bond measure.

Safety and Security Upgrades At All Schools

• 24/7 recording and deterrence systems
• A verbal and visual building notification alarms for both staff and the district, working in conjunction with local law enforcement systems
• Interior and exterior door locking mechanisms
• Staff training on safety and security

School Construction/Renovation

• Build a new K-5 school at Maltby Road site and a 3-classroom flexible use building and improved traffic flow at the Skyview Middle/Canyon Creek Elementary campus to help provide a longer-term solution to north end enrollment growth
• Build a performing arts and instructional building and improved traffic flow at Inglemoor High School

District wide Projects

• Replace outdated heating, ventilation and mechanical systems, roofs and flooring
• Renovate outdoor instructional spaces, such as playfields, tennis courts and athletics

PROP 3: Technology Levy Renewal
The Technology Levy Renewal would maintain and enhance classroom technology to support student learning. It would replace the current levy that expires in 2018 and would provide $62 million over the next four years. The levy would:

• Provide 1:1 computers/tablets for all grades. The district will engage parents and the community to determine an implementation strategy for 1:1 computers/tablets
• Teacher training for classroom technology use
• Continued student training for online safety, including digital citizenship
• Technology to improve district communications to families

Want to learn about what’s in the bond or levies for our school? Visit www.nsd.org/2018bondlevies
Partnership with City of Kenmore - Arrowhead School Pool/Walk to School Program

We have a growing community partnership with the City of Kenmore. Part of this partnership is the School Pool carpool website. Another part is Walk to School. There are two main reasons we are participating:

1. To cultivate healthy habits in our students.
2. To decrease traffic congestion around our school.

On Tuesday, February 6th, there will be two booths (one across the street and one on campus in front of the office). The city will be handing out walking safety information and materials (vests, flashers, etc.) to walkers. In the morning, there will be city managers and council people here. In the afternoon, our Superintendent, Dr. Reid will be here.

This is a great community event and the purposes of cultivating healthy habits and decreasing traffic congestion around our school are the important things to focus on.

NEW! K-5 Parent Partnership

Northshore School District families are invited to attend a community forum on Thursday, February 8th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. regarding a new K-5 parent partnership program scheduled to begin next fall. The forum will be an opportunity for the community to hear about the new program and provide input and ideas that will assist in preparations for a September 2018 opening. The forum will be held at the Northshore Administration Building in the Board Room. On-site childcare will be provided during the forum for children of age 4 and higher. Please call 425-408-7682 to reserve childcare for the event and/or if you have questions.

Smarter Balance Testing Windows – Please Plan Ahead

Students in grades 3rd, 4th and 5th will participate in standardized testing during April, May and June. All students will be using the computer to complete the Smarter Balance Assessments. Please watch for information about specific test dates from the classroom teachers.

Spring is a time when family schedules and routines are disrupted due to longer days and nicer weather along with many sports and activities in the evening. To ensure that the Smarter Balanced assessment reflects your child’s best effort, make sure he or she is well rested and well fed each day during the testing window. It is important that your child be at school for the entire testing window so please try to schedule appointments outside of these times.
Highly Capable Screening and Assessment

In December Northshore families of students in grades K-8 received a letter indicating a new process for Highly Capable Screening and Assessment. This included the administration of a universal screening tool for all students in grades K-8 called the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT3). This tool provides a cognitive measure of potential that has been shown to be culturally and linguistically accessible by diverse populations. Between January 8 and January 31 our district screened over 16,000 students as a first step in Northshore’s Highly Capable program eligibility process for services beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Families of students moving on to assessment were notified on February 2, 2018. The next opportunity for potential program eligibility will be winter of 2019. More information on the winter process will be available Fall 2018.

Any parent or guardian seeking specific score information regarding the Naglieri should email the Highly Capable Department, hicap@nsd.org, stating their request. A percentile score will be provided. Families interested in obtaining a full student score report generated by the publisher, Pearson Assessments, can register at this URL: goo.gl/bZiwqs. Full score reports along with instructions and resources for understanding your student’s score report will be emailed to families beginning the week of February 26, 2018. We appreciate your patience as we navigate a new, more equitable eligibility system.

Because the Naglieri is a nonverbal ability measure and not based on Northshore’s assessments or curriculum, the percentile score is not a predictor of a student’s academic success during their K-12 education. All of our staff members work diligently to provide rigorous and differentiated learning opportunities for all students. Many of the skills fostered by Highly Capable Services will be available to your student in general education classrooms.

You can find further information on the Highly Capable website at www.nsd.org. To speak to a member of the Highly Capable staff, please email hicap@nsd.org.

Most Frequently Asked Questions Related to Universal Screening:

How do I obtain my student’s percentile score? Any parent or guardian seeking specific score information regarding the Naglieri should email the Highly Capable Department, hicap@nsd.org, stating their request. A percentile score will be provided.

How do I obtain my student’s Naglieri score report? Families interested in obtaining a full student score report generated by the publisher, Pearson Assessments, can register at this URL: goo.gl/bZiwqs. Score reports along with instructions and resources for understanding your student’s score report will be emailed to families beginning the week of February 26, 2018.

Is there an appeals process? There is no appeal process for universal screening. It is not typical that a universal process includes an appeal as the screening tool is delivered to an entire system of students, during the school day, in a familiar environment, administered by their classroom teacher. We agree that your student has unique abilities and talents, however this screening tool focuses on only one aspect of your student’s potential. The percentile score from a Naglieri is not a predictor of a student’s academic success during their K-12 education, even when enrolled in the most challenging academic courses. Students without Highly Capable designation have access to advanced level resources and courses within their K-12 education.

When is the next opportunity for my student to be considered for Highly Capable eligibility? The next opportunity for potential program eligibility will be winter of 2018. More information on the winter process will be available Fall 2018.

How do I talk with my student about their Naglieri result? The decision to speak with your student about their Naglieri result is parent choice. We assume that all students gave their best effort during this screening wherein the goal was to remove any test pressure. Students shine in a variety of ways. The Naglieri measured only one aspect of your child’s ability and is not a reflection of their ability to achieve in their classroom community or here in Northshore School District.
Notes from the Health Room

For 5th grade students attending Camp Cedar Springs this April: All information regarding medications for camp is in your camp packet that came home with your student. Please read this over carefully and have your provider complete the forms before they are due on March 21st. Your provider signature is required for any medication used at camp whether it is prescription or over-the-counter, including topical creams. Please call if you have questions. I will have a limited time at the camp meeting on March 12th to discuss this and it is best to address any individual concerns regarding your student ahead of time.

Cough and cold season is upon us! Go to: http://www.nsd.org/Page/8186 for a reminder about our policy around illness. If your student has been ill and is able to return to school but has a nagging cough, please be aware that they must be able to attend to their work and others around them must be able to work in order for them to stay at school. We do not have any cough remedies at school other than ice chips, or water. Cough drops may be sent if your student is responsible enough to use them appropriately and not share with others. They must bring only enough for one day (not the entire bag), together with a parent note, dated and signed, that states they have your permission to use cough drops at school. Please call Nurse Anne if you have any questions regarding this or if you are unsure if your student should come to school.

With the extra cold weather this winter, we are very low on our supply of chapstick. Donations of any kind of chapstick would be greatly appreciated! Also — if your student has borrowed clothes from the health room, please return them after washing. Our supply of small boy’s pants has dwindled to almost nothing.

Thank you,
Nurse Anne
ajanssen@nsd.org  - 425-408-4006

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*Talk with your child's doctor before using over the counter medications

These are general cold and flu symptoms - please see a doctor for specific diagnosis
Would your Birthday Boy or Girl like to donate a book to the Arrowhead library? Then join the Birthday Book Club for students to donate a book in honor of their birthday or other significant event. Although you may purchase a book at the store of your choice, Mrs. Sepessy keeps several lists of books on Amazon divided into: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Bridge, MakerSpace, Graphics and Picture Books/Early Readers. A special Bookplate will be posted inside each donated Birthday book and the student or someone from the class will have first chance to check it out. I can’t keep up with all the great new books so just ask Mrs. Sepessy if your student wants to purchase a book that is not on the lists. If you sign up for Amazon Smile a small percentage of your purchase will be sent to the Arrowhead PTA. You can search Amazon for Lona Sepessy for the book lists or find the lists at: https://smile.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/GDDVRMLZ9Y8N/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1

Thanks for supporting your Hawk’s Library and the Arrowhead PTA
Contact Mrs. Sepessy with questions at lsepessy@nsd.org.

We recently had a wonderful author visit from Matt de la Peña and Loren Long. Matt is the Newberry Award winner, Caldecott and Coretta Scott King honor winner for his book, Last Stop on Market Street and Loren is best known for his books about the tractor, Otis.

Together they have written, Love. Arrowhead was honored to hear them talk about their book and Loren left a beautiful drawing for the school to enjoy.

News from Coach Miller

March 9th – 7:00PM – Arrowhead Gym
Family Fitness Night: The HUNGER Games (Nutrition Games)

Track season opens for registration beginning in early March. To register and pay online go to https://schoolsales.nsd.org. The cost for elementary track is $35. You will need your Touchbase user name and password to use the online system, please contact the school office if you don’t have this information.

Track Season is for 3rd - 5th graders. Look for the parent track letter of information located here: http://www.nsd.org/Page/28297 when registration begins.

Track Practices are during lunch recess.
Track Meets are Tuesdays - Start time: 4:30PM – the dates and locations will be posted on the Arrowhead website calendar. Please look at the track letter of information or the Arrowhead calendar for more information.

The track schedule and locations are coming soon – check back for more details and look for the letter that comes home with your student. Arrowhead will host a track meet and will need parent volunteers – please come if you can and help out.
Thanks so much!!
Coach Miller
Tools for Parents - ParentVUE, Touchbase & NSD App

ParentVUE
Northshore School District implemented a parent portal called ParentVUE in August 2015. ParentVUE is a wonderful tool to monitor your student’s education. It provides you with important information about your student’s attendance, quarter/mid-term and semester grades, class schedule, teacher messages, and other information as well as the ability to check progress of class assignments and grades for 7th-12th grade students.

Through ParentVUE, you will also be able to update your personal information, such as phone numbers and email address, and your student’s contact information, health conditions, and emergency contact information. If you have more than one student in the Northshore School district, you will be able to access information for all of them with one username and password.

Students also have access through their own StudentVUE portal once they become middle school students. They will have their own logon and password and be able to monitor their assignments and grades. Students and parents can be on the same page when it comes to understanding where a student is with assignments and grades. This information is updated frequently on ParentVUE – this is a great tool for parents and students alike!

For more information about ParentVUE and a short instructional video check out www.nsd.org/parentvue.

Touchbase
This system provides parents of students in grades K-12 with a secure online credit card payment option for program registrations such as Athletics, Camp Cedar Springs, Elementary Band and Orchestra and other student fees and fines including some field trips and other school related items. This payment option does not include food services. To log on go to https://schoolsales.nsd.org.

Mobile App
Anyone can download the app to view news, calendars, menus and more, but families can take the additional step of logging in to access a wealth of individual student information and school notifications. Families will be able to follow their students’ schools, track lunch balances, see checked out library books, access grades and attendance, and much more! The app is available in the App Store or Google Play. Search for Northshore School District and install the Blackboard app.

All of these tools require a logon and password. This information was sent home earlier this school year. Please contact the school office if you need assistance with either of these systems.

Attendance Information

This year Arrowhead has focused on attendance and making sure our students are here as much as possible. The state has implemented a yearly attendance letter which we sent home at the beginning of the year and again with the report cards. This form is just to make you aware of the attendance policies and procedures and is required for each student every year. Thank you for your assistance in returning these forms as soon as possible.

Arrowhead has several ways to report attendance information. Our 24-hour voicemail is always available for reporting absences and late arrivals. We also have an online absence reporting tool. If you know you will be late to school, have a sick child or some other excused absence, you can go to the form and report it to school via the online tool. Along with the reporting tool, we have a pre-approved absence request form. We are asking parents to fill out this form to report if your student will be missing more than two days of school. The form can be found on the Arrowhead website under the “Parents” tab in “Attendance”. You can check out these two attendance forms here: http://www.nsd.org/domain/2125.

If you have any questions about either of these attendance items, please call the school office.

At Arrowhead we review attendance on a weekly basis and as required by Washington State law, follow up on all unexcused and excessive absences and chronic tardiness. It is very important to have your child to school on time and in attendance for the entire day. Appointments should be made before and after school.

While we know that parents make every effort to try not to schedule appointments that require children to be pulled out of school early, lately we have noticed a trend where parents are picking up their students early at the end of the day. The last few minutes of each school day are critical for giving out important information, homework and for proper cleaning up and packing up. Having this time disrupted is hard on both the students and the teacher as focus is pulled away from the task at hand each time a student leaves. When the need arises to pull a student out early, it is important to send a written note with the student so that both the teacher and office staff are aware that the student is leaving. Thank you for your assistance.
PTA Pancake Breakfast and Garden Clean-Up

Date: March 3rd  
Time: 8:30-10:30 am  
Cost: $4 per adult, $3 for kids under 12 or $12 per family

Come fuel up with a delicious pancake breakfast, including pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, hot chocolate and juice. Be sure to join in the pancake eating contest or have your face painted! The fire truck will be here along with other exciting happenings. It is a fun event for the whole community.

After your hearty breakfast, head outside and help with our garden beautification projects. Bring gloves and any special tools you want to use (rakes, brooms, wheel barrows...).

We are in need of lots of volunteers for this event! **Coming Soon** – a sign up for a volunteer spot on the Sign up Genius found on the PTA website.

Questions?

Contact Pancake chair:  
Chris Johnson - seeepjay@gmail.com

Thank you to all of the students, dads and volunteers who came to the kickoff of the first year of WATCH D.O.G.S. – over 200 people packed the gym to hear more about the program and sign up to volunteer at school. All of our spots are filled – we are so excited to have our D.O.G.S. here are school working in classrooms, out at recess and before and after school. D.O.G.S. stands for “Dads Of Great Students”. For more information, check out the website: [https://dadsofgreatstudents.com](https://dadsofgreatstudents.com). Please email watchdogs@ptaarrowhead.org with any questions.

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**Interpreter/Translation Services for Parents**

Your child’s education is very important. As the parent/guardian of a Northshore student, you have the right to participate in your child’s education, including communicating with teachers and staff about your child. Northshore offers interpreter and translation services to parents free of charge. We encourage you to tell someone at your child’s school if you need an interpreter or a translation. Please contact your school office or Sue Moeller at 425-408-7723 if you have any questions or concerns about Northshore’s language services.

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**WATCH D.O.G.S.**

Sự giáo dục của con quý vị là tất cả quan trọng. Làm gì huy hiệu/ ngày càng gia tăng sức mạnh học hỏi, giống có việc liên lạc với giáo viên và nhân viên liên quan đến con quý vị. Northshore cung cấp dịch vụ thông dịch và biên dịch miễn phí cho phụ huynh. Chúng tôi khuyến khích quý vị nên thông báo cho một nhân viên tại trường học của con quý vị nếu quý vị cần thông dịch hoặc bài giảng dịch. Vui lòng liên hệ với phòng nhà trường hoặc Sue Moeller qua số 425-408-7723 nếu quý vị có bất kỳ thắc mắc hay quan ngại nào về các dịch vụ ngôn ngữ của Northshore.

La educación de su hijo(a) es muy importante. Como padre/tutor de un alumno de Northshore, usted tiene derecho a participar en la educación de su hijo(a), esto incluye comunicarse con los profesores y el personal para hablar sobre su hijo(a). Northshore ofrece servicios de traducción e interpretación sin costo para los padres. Si usted necesita un intérprete o una traducción por favor contácte con algún miembro del personal de la escuela en el número de teléfono 425-408-7723, es posible que necesite alguna pregunta o consulta relacionada con los servicios de traducción e interpretación de Northshore.