

NVMS Notes Home-----April 3, 2020

April 6-10

Spring Break, **no** school work sent, Notes Home, Bingo cards

Weekly Notes Home and BINGO can be found on the website: nv.k12.wa.us. Choose middle school and scroll to bottom of page under Bulletin Board. Bingo cards will be updated each Tuesday.

Dear Families:

I want to communicate how grateful I am to our students and parents for the perseverance you all showed in getting online, navigating Teams, and engaging with the change to our online learning platform. This has been a major change in the way we deliver instruction and there are still changes and new challenges we are facing as we continue with our online/remote learning implementation. Currently, we have 94% of our students connected to Teams, which enables them to have access to their teachers. This response has been outstanding. The remaining 6% we are mailing work home, while working with many of those families to get them connected via Comcast or a cell phone hotspot. The benefits of being online are many as students can get their assignments, communicate with their teachers, communicate with other students, and can receive feedback from their teacher on their next steps regarding their learning.

Next week there will not be a Bingo sheet coming home, but students can complete any squares on their Bingo grid they have not already completed. The next Bingo grid will be coming home on Monday, April 13th.

A few students have made the statements to the effect of why do they need to do the work as its not graded. If your child has made this statement, please let them know we will be sending out school work that will help prepare them for the next grade level.

For the next four weeks we will be sending a Tips for Teen Parents regarding internet safety for your students. Please take time to read those tips and explore the links provided.

Thank you,

Joel VanderYacht
NVMS Principal

Online Safety Tip #1:

STAY SAFE ONLINE- PARENT RESOURCES

With younger students spending more time on the internet, communicating with them about online safety and cyber bullying is more important than ever. Please find below resources that parents can use to help them have these key conversations. WSRMP recommends that parents review the material and videos before sharing with their children.

- Provided by the Federal Trade Commission these “Protecting Kids Online” resources are available both online and in printable PDF form. Topics include cyber bullying, online safety, mobile phone safety and tips for how to have the conversation with your kids. <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/protecting-kids-online>

Packets:

IF you don't have internet or a computer and expected a packet to be mailed home, you should have received one by now. The second packet is being mailed today and you should receive it later this week. If you are not receiving the packets you expected, please contact the school, 8am-12pm, Monday-Friday. *These packets are ONLY for those who are not using computers.*

Meal Program:

- Next week, during Spring Break, there will only be TWO days, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Next week, during Spring Break, there will only be ONE time, 11-1pm.

News from the library.

If you want to check out a book, email me with the book you would like. Please be aware there might be substitutions. You must have your requests in by Wednesday noon, pick up time is Thursday 9:00-12:00. Please note the change in pick up time. Pick up your books in the vestibule through the main entrance. If you have books to return the book return cart will be there also. Thank you very much.

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Link for free Xfinity internet for 60 days:

<https://www.internetessentials.com/>

Can your cell phone be a WiFi hot spot?

Need Wifi? Need better WiFi? Check with your cell phone provider, many are offering to let cell phones be FREE hot spots for WiFi for several weeks.