



EVERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL “NEWS TO KNOW”

APRIL 25 – APRIL 29, 2022

“At Everson Elementary we are committed to helping all students reach their full academic potential - by providing high quality curriculum and instruction in a safe and supportive learning environment.”

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Every year in May, thousands of communities take time out to honor their local educators and support staff and acknowledge the contributions they make to be sure every child receives a quality education. At Everson Elementary, we are very proud of our staff! We will be celebrating “Staff Appreciation Week” May 2 – 6.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION -All of the elementary schools in Nooksack Valley School District recently held kindergarten registration for children who are planning to attend kindergarten in the fall of 202. In case you missed it and you are planning on sending your child to kindergarten, please register your child as soon as possible! Our schools are planning for next year’s classes and it is very helpful to know our kindergarten enrollment numbers.

SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS SURVEY FOR GRADE 4 & 5 STUDENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

During the week of May 2nd, our elementary schools will be conducting school effectiveness surveys for our grade 4 and 5 students. A survey will also go out to families. These surveys will ask for feedback in several areas related to school improvement. NVSD will be partnering with the Center for Education Effectiveness who will support implementation, data gathering, and analysis.

The survey will focus on characteristics of high-performing schools, specifically:

- Clear and Shared Focus
- High Standards and Expectations
- Effective Leadership
- Supportive Learning Environment
- Parent and Community Involvement
- Monitoring Teaching and Learning

While there is no single solution to school and district improvement, community and student voice is a key component. It is our goal for all students and parents/guardians to complete a survey to ensure that all voices are heard and taken into consideration as we update our strategic plan.

Please reach out to your building principal if you have any questions or concerns.

We are excited to hear your feedback as we continue to move forward.

Sincerely,
Matt Galley
NVSD Superintendent

HEALTH UPDATE - There has been an uptick of positive COVID cases in Whatcom County in general and we are seeing more positive cases in our schools since returning from Spring Break.

Please help keep our community healthy and classrooms open by keeping students home who are symptomatic or ill. Call the school and speak to one of our health staff to review symptoms or to report an exposure to COVID and to schedule testing if needed. Rapid COVID testing at every school site is readily available.

Should an outbreak occur in a classroom or within a specific group (sports or clubs), the health department may require short term use of masks, testing and/or moving to remote learning.

For those who are eligible for COVID vaccine, you can find Whatcom County pop up clinic information at <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3530/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information#popup>

The health department will host a free vaccine clinic at Nooksack Valley Middle School on April 30th and May 14th from 10:00-1:00. Walk-ins welcome!

CALLING ALL ARTISTS! - We have an opportunity to enter WA529's First Annual Art Contest! "What is your dream job?" Twelve winners will be chosen across four age categories (K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th & 9th-12th) will receive their choice of an iPad Air, Surface Go, or Chromebook Spin. The three schools generating the most student entries will each receive \$500 for their library!

Contest entry pages were sent home with your child. If you need another one, they are located in the library. Families may submit their own entries or return to school, and we will submit. Entries must be 8.5 X 11 or smaller. Deadline is May 25, 2022

LOST AND FOUND - Our lost and found closet is overflowing with jackets, sweatshirts and other belongings. Please take a moment to see if any of these items belong to your student. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the school year.

NON-RESIDENT TRANSFERS - In order for a non-resident student (living outside of Nooksack Valley's boundaries) to attend one of Nooksack's schools, a Choice Transfer Request must be submitted to the school district and accepted by school administration. Non-resident acceptance into Nooksack Valley School District is for one academic year only. All nonresident student applications expire at the end of each academic year. Families must re-submit a transfer request form each year for continued enrollment in Nooksack Valley Schools. You may pick up a form at our district office or obtain one online at: nooksackschools@nv.k12.wa.us.



FUTURE DATES

May 8
May 11
May 30
June 17

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

12:50 p.m. – Early Release
No School – Memorial Day
12:50 p.m. – Early Release – Last Day of School