

# THE HUSKY VOICE

## Principal's Update

DECEMBER 2021



Husky Families,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and December finds you healthy and happy. Our students have been working hard in their courses, and many of them are learning new content in their new electives. A high number of students are engaging in after-school activities like clubs, sports, and music. Our students have also adjusted well to the normalcy of sitting at lunch tables with their friends and using lockers again. Students have adapted to many changes and have shown success in every scenario. Being a student these past couple years has been difficult, but, like anything worth doing in life, school takes hard work, commitment, and gritty determination. Students are consistently displaying their determination and we are proud of their commitment, positive attitudes, and growth; however, we have further to go. High expectations from all (students, parents, and staff) will help us maximize growth, and commitment to growth will continue to be our focus.

For the third year in a row, Northwood and our Community Equity Advisory are running the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Art Contest in conjunction with the January recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Creating art is a great way for a student to be involved. Last year, 53 students from high school and middle school submitted magnificent art communicating the message of acceptance. Student's filled our halls with positive messages. Dr. King's legacy can teach us acceptance, leadership, the power of our voices, that we have purpose and can be impactful, and that we are stronger together. Giving our students a chance to create lets them help decide the culture of Northwood. Are we doing what's right? When we see something wrong, are we speaking up? Are we accepting of others? Are we always striving to identify and eradicate our own biases? Are we inclusive? Are we using our voices for good? Our goal is to make certain these values are not isolated to one day or one week, but are ingrained in Northwood's culture every day. Submissions for artwork are due on January 5th. Contest rules can be picked up at the front office or found on Northwood's website.

Thank you for continually supporting our Northwood community. Have a wonderful Christmas and new year, and take time to enjoy your friends and family. We are excited to start the new year with you and your kids. The students at Northwood make everyday fun and valuable. Northwood is the right place for your child, and we believe in your kids. Proud to be a Husky!



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Troy Hughes  
Northwood Principal  
We Believe in You!



# HUSKY ATTENDANCE

DECEMBER 2021

## Attendance Matters

~Please call the 24 hr attendance line @ 465-7580 by 8:30am if your student will be late, absent or leaving early. Tardy bell rings at 8:05am.

~Late arrivals must be reported with a Dr note, parent note or parent phone call or the late arrival will stay unexcused.

~All absences not excused with Dr note, parent call or parent note will be changed to a Truancy. Please excuse absences no later than 24 hours.

~Items dropped off for your student will only be delivered to your student during 1st, 3rd or 6th period to keep classroom disruptions to a minimal. Please have your student pack their bags the night before to reassure they have what they need for their school day.

~If you need to get a message to your student by the end of the school day, please notify the school office no later than 1:30pm to ensure your student receives the message in time. 509-465-7500



*Use QR code to  
visit Northwood  
MS website for  
more information*

### Helpful items on our Website

- ~Student handbook with attendance policies
- ~Truancy & Becca Law Information
- ~Contact information for attendance support

# HUSKY HAPPENINGS

## Northwood Happenings

DECEMBER 2021

Need a gift idea  
for your husky?



Husky Hoodies and  
more for Sale!  
See included Flyer

## DIVERSITY ART CONTEST

Deadline to submit Artwork-Jan 5th by noon

The goal of the contest is to create  
a culture where all students feel  
valued, accepted, and believed in.

1st Place Art-\$100

2nd Place Art-\$60

3rd Place Art-\$40

Artwork will be displayed all  
throughout Northwood  
Hallways for the remainder  
of the school year

## SPIRIT WEEK

Dec 13th-17th

Mon- Winter Hat Day  
Tues- Candy Cane Day  
Wed- Hawaiian Shirt Day  
Thurs- Crazy Sweater Day  
Fri- Pajama Day



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NMS Holiday Band Concert

Wed, Dec 8th @ 7pm

NMS Holiday Choir Concert

Mon, Dec 13th @ 7pm

NMS Holiday Orchestra  
Concert

Thurs, Dec 16th @ 7pm



Winter Breaks  
begins, Mon  
Dec 20th

Return Monday  
Jan 3rd, 2022

Doors open at 0745 for Breakfast

Tardy Bell 8:05am

Dismissal Bell 2:30pm

# FROM THE HUSKY STORE

December 2021

Need a gift idea?



Keep your husky warm  
and show your school  
spirit with a Hoodie or  
a short-sleeve tee!  
Available at the  
Northwood student  
store



**Hoodies \$20.00**  
**Tees \$12.00**

Limited stock so get 'em  
while supplies last





# A very Husky Christmas

December 2021

13 Days of Christmas

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
		<b>1</b> <i>Holiday Shirt</i> Wear your favorite Holiday Shirt 	<b>2</b> <i>Christmas Green</i> Wear as much green as possible 	<b>3</b> <i>Holiday Sock Day</i> Wear your favorite Holiday Socks 
<b>6</b> <i>Gingerbread Day</i>  Dress like a gingerbread boy or girl	<b>7</b> <i>Flannel Day</i> Wear your favorite Flannel or Buffalo Print 	<b>8</b> <i>Hat &amp; Scarf Day</i>  Brrrr.....Wear your favorite Hat & Scarf	<b>9</b> <i>Gift Wrapped</i>  Dress like a Holiday Present	<b>10</b> <i>Holiday Character</i> Dress like your favorite holiday character  Pictures with Santa
<b>13</b> <i>Holiday Hat Day</i>  Wear your favorite Holiday Hat or Headband	<b>14</b> <i>Candy Cane Day</i> Candy Cane Day Wear red/green & white stripes 	<b>15</b> <i>Hawaiian Shirt Day</i> Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt 	<b>16</b> <i>Crazy Sweater</i> Wear your Crazy Holiday Sweater 	<b>17</b> <i>Pajama Day</i> Get comfy and cuddle up in your favorite Pajamas 
20	21	22	23	24
<div>❄️ Winter Break ❄️</div>				
27	28	29	30	31
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### Purpose:

Northwood wants to build a stronger learning community where every student feels valued, accepted, and believed in. Our hope is that Northwood’s walls would encourage inclusivity and acceptance of all students and set the example for students walking our halls.

### Task:

Create an art piece that can be hung on Northwood’s walls that is a **celebration or reflection of diversity**. Please make sure that the message and images are appropriate and positive for the middle school age group.

### How to Enter Contest and Submit Work:

Please complete the information section of this form and attach it to the back of your artwork. **Submit your work to Northwood’s office by Wednesday, January 5th at noon.** The top art pieces will be hung in Northwood’s hallways with credit given to the artist. **A \$100 prize will be awarded to the winning artist, \$60 to 2nd place, and \$40 to the 3rd place artist.** Winners will be selected by Northwood’s Equity Advisory, a group of diverse community leaders.

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Your Name (first and last):\_\_\_\_\_

Your Year in School (6th, 7th or 8th grade):\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Your Artwork:\_\_\_\_\_

One sentence describing the message of your artwork:\_\_\_\_\_

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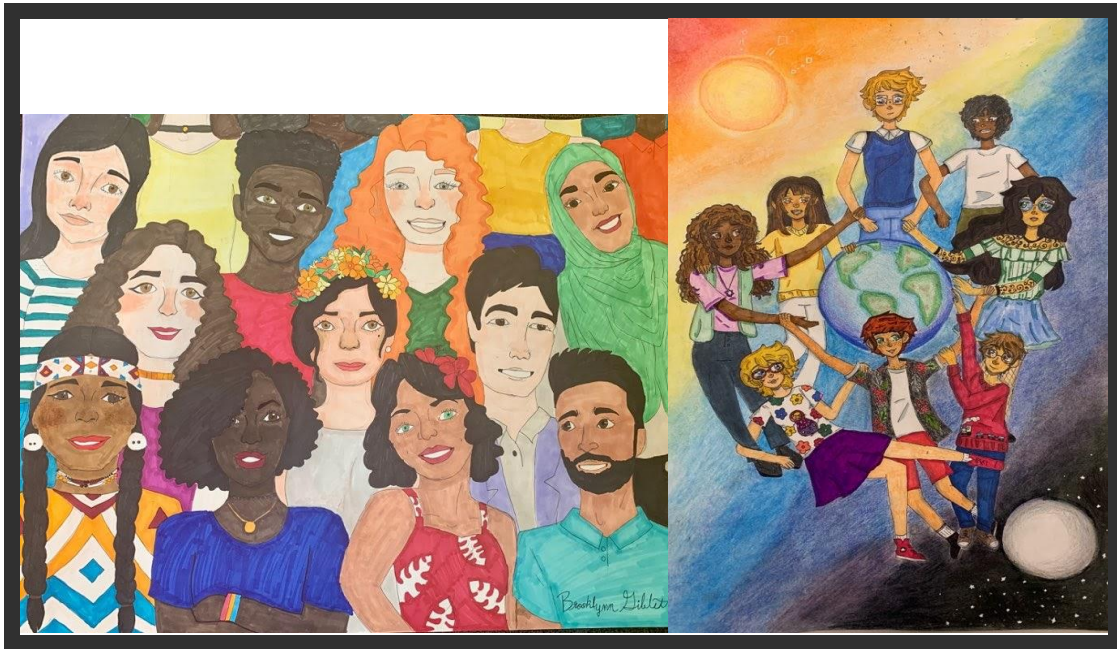
I give Northwood permission to keep my artwork and post pictures of it.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature for submission of work and photo taken of artist\_\_\_\_\_

### **Overall Rules and Guidelines for Contest:**

- Art pieces must be original drawings and paintings
- Message must be clear to viewers with no words or limited words (image is the focus)
- Focus of the art piece must be on **celebrating diversity**. Diversity means “understanding that each individual is unique, and recognizing our individual differences. These can be along the dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, or other ideologies.”
- Art pieces can range in size from 11” x 14” to 30” x 40” (larger than a piece of paper). Art pieces that do not meet the size requirement will not qualify for the prizes.
- Artists can submit more than one piece of artwork, but need to complete a submission form for each piece of art that is entered in the contest



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