

# THE HUSKY VOICE

## Principal's Update

November 2021



Husky Families,

November is always a great time of year at Northwood. There are so many positives, especially this November. We just started a new quarter, which means new classes for many of our sixth grade students. November also brings new athletic and club opportunities and ways to be involved at Northwood. We also get the opportunity to honor Veterans Day in November, an investment we make each year. This November shows signs that we are moving forward to better times. Tables are now back in the cafeteria and students are excited to be sitting in new places with new and old friends. We will also be assigning lockers in November, which will take us one more step towards normalcy. Finally, perhaps my personal favorite holiday, Thanksgiving, is observed in November. Thanksgiving reminds us to just be thankful; for friends, for family, for health, and for our opportunities.

I would like to take a moment to share about Veterans Day at Northwood and mention three friends I am thankful for. We were fortunate to have Colonel Darel Maxfield, Sgt. First Class John Puletasi, and Marine Chris Runyan deliver messages of friendship, empathy, and kindness to our students. Colonel Darel Maxfield delivered another thoughtful lesson on the history of the military. We love having him come to Northwood. His words carry great value. Sgt. First Class Puletasi challenged Huskies to be kind to others, and Chris Runyan taught us what service to your community means. Our Leadership classes showed support for staff and residents of the Spokane Veterans Home in the form of cards, signs, and gifts. We were able to collect and donate \$849.47 to Spokane Golfers for Warriors (an organization run by Chris Runyan) in the name of Jarrod Lallier, a former Northwood Husky who lost his life in service. We also asked our students to spend time on Veterans Day thinking about the importance of the day.

What a great Veterans Day recognition. Special thanks to The Fairchild Air Force Honor Guard, our social studies department, our leadership students, our Jazz Choir for singing the National Anthem, our special guests, and for Mrs. Ediger's work putting together the video.

On a final note, I am thankful to be working with our great staff, our community, and our kids at Northwood. We are the same group of hardworking educators who care about your kids just like we always have for many, many years. Let's be honest, the current world can be a divisive place. We have to find common ground right now and focus on what we share. Regardless, we are unified at Northwood, and we arrive every day to challenge students to think and grow, help them navigate these critical years, and give each student a place to be accepted and to belong. We will continue this same great work we have always strived to do. There is so much to be thankful for. I am thankful to be a Husky!



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We believe in you!  
Troy Hughes  
Principal



# VETERANS DAY

## Remembering Jarrod Lallier

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Army Specialist, Jarrod Lallier, was a student here at Northwood from 2004 to 2006. He was known for his big smile and for being a friend to all. Jarrod felt called to serve our country. Shortly after graduating from Mead High School, Jarrod joined the United States Army and became a Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division. On June 18th, 2012, Jarrod died in Afghanistan while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom. We honor Jarrod's sacrifice and the sacrifice of all of the men and women who serve and protect our country everyday!

## Northwood Honors Local Veterans

**Marine & Golf Pro Chris Runyan**  
**Colonel Darel Maxfield**  
**Sgt. First Class John Puletsi**

Northwood would like to thank our 3 veteran guests for visiting Northwood and sharing the importance of grace and kindness to those around us. It was an honor and benefit for our students to hear their stories of service and their genuine love and respect they share as brothers in the military.





# VETERANS DAY

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## Letters to our Local Veterans



Meet Sarge the Bear. He sits outside the Spokane Veterans Home located on 5th Ave in Spokane. Northwood students made posters, wrote cards and letters to our local veterans. Due to covid, many of the Veteran patients have not been able to have visits from family and friends. Our hope is to let the patients and staff know that they are valued and loved!

### NMS donates \$ 849.47 to Northwest Golfers for Warriors

For the past 10 Veterans Days, Northwood has donated to organizations that care for Veterans in memory of Jarrod Lallier. This year, \$849.47 is being donated to Northwest Golfers for Warriors, which organizes the Dan Kleckner Golf Classic each year to benefit local Veteran organizations.

Thank you Northwood families for your donations!



## Husky Heroes

Ryleigh Bruce-7th grade Husky Student

Ryleigh is pointing to her proud star that lists 3 generations of family members that have served and are currently serving in the US Military. Thank you Ryleigh and family for your service!

Northwood students had the opportunity to design a star in their social studies class to honor the Veterans in their lives. The Northwood Commons is filled with stars recognizing Veterans that Huskies hold dear to their hearts.



# HUSKY HAPPENINGS

## Northwood Happenings

November 2021

Need a gift idea  
for your husky?



Husky Hoodies and  
more for Sale!  
See included Flyer

## SPIRIT WEEK

Nov 15th-19th

Monday- Pajama Day

Tuesday- Dress like a Teacher Day

Wednesday- 80's Day

Thursday- Favorite Band T-shirt Day

Friday- Flannel Day



Dan's Turkey Trot  
Thanksgiving Morning Thursday, Nov 25th  
5k Run/Walk @ 9:00 a.m.  
Midway Elementary School  
[www.dansturkeytrot.com](http://www.dansturkeytrot.com)  
See Attached Flyer



Use QR code to  
visit Northwood  
MS website for  
more information

## Lockers are back next week



Students can use the website  
below to practice using a  
combo lock.

[https://www.hoodamath.com/  
games/combinationlock.html](https://www.hoodamath.com/games/combinationlock.html)



No School  
Nov 24-26  
Thanksgiving  
Break

No School  
11/11/2021  
Veteran's Day



Doors open at 0745 for Breakfast

Tardy Bell 8:05am

Dismissal Bell 2:30pm



# HUSKY ATHLETICS

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS MATTER!

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Check out our Athletics Website and Athletic Calendar for updates for all sports, as well as access to a variety of important resources and information. Please note that schedules can change as games are affected by weather, COVID related issues, and other conflicts.

### Wrestling and Volleyball are in full swing!

We're excited to continue our athletic success and have 50 wrestlers and over 120 volleyball players participating this season. We're mixing it up in wrestling this season and competing against the IEML. These schools include: Newport, Colville, Deer Park, Lakeside, Riverside, and Medical Lake. Northwood is looking forward to hosting three different meets, including our final competition versus our district rivals, Highland & Mountainside. Our volleyball teams will compete in the GSL, which includes: Salk, Chase, Sacajawea, Garry, Shaw, and Glover. The final volleyball tournament for 8th grade will be held at Highland, our brand new middle school, at the end of the season. GO HUSKIES!

### COVID Testing for Basketball - 2022

Basketball is considered a high contact indoor sport. Athletes that are vaccinated do not have to undergo testing unless a positive case has been identified on their team. Unvaccinated athletes will need to be tested 2x per week to participate in basketball. Test will take place before school from 7:15-8:00am. It would be very helpful if you are able to drop your athlete off during that time period. If they must take the bus, they will need to report to room 142 as soon as they get off of the bus.

In order to be tested, ALL athletes must have testing registration and a consent form complete. The form can be found on the district COVID Testing website. A link will be sent out via email through FamilyID. Please make sure this is completed prior to the start of the season.

### 7th BASKETBALL Starts After Winter Break - Registration is Open

Please register your student-athlete on FamilyID, which is found under the "Activities" tab on our website. Our registration numbers determine our game/practice schedules, coaching positions, and how we can utilize our facilities.

Athletes with incomplete paperwork or unpaid fees two school days prior to the start of the season WILL NOT be able to begin practice until completed and could lose the ability to participate for a portion or all of the season.

If your child does not have a physical (good for 2 years), please get it scheduled & provide a copy to the Northwood Business Office before the first day of practice.

Fees include: ASB \$15 & Participation \$35. Fees can be paid at the business office or online through TouchBase, which can be found on the "Quick Links" under the "Our School" tab.

### After School Activity Buses Must Be Reserved

Activity buses will be available for athletes that need a ride after practices. Pick-up time at Northwood will be at 5:00pm. All athletes must wear a mask. Failure to comply or other misconduct wi



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access Husky  
Athletics Page*

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# HUSKY HAPPENINGS

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## Top Honors in Northwood Choir



Jaxton Brower: 7th Grade, Alto Voice, Jr.  
All-State Mixed Choir

Jillian Buchmann: 7th Grade, Soprano Voice,  
Jr. All-State Treble Choir

Ellie Henshaw: 8th Grade, Alto Voice, Jr.  
All-State Treble Choir

Eleanor Weitz: 8th Grade, Soprano voice, Jr.  
All-State Mixed Choir

Outstanding fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade music students from across Washington have received top honors by being selected to participate in the annual WMEA Junior All-State bands, choirs, and orchestra. The students listed below will join more than 500 other outstanding young performers in Yakima for this gala event.

The WMEA Junior All-State large ensembles perform Saturday, February 19th, 2022. These outstanding musicians will rehearse together under the direction of outstanding music educators and present a final concert that evening. Thousands of students auditioned to participate in this prestigious event, which is sponsored by the Washington Music Educators Association.

Many professional musicians credit their All-State experience as crucial in their decision to choose music as a career. Thousands of others whose career paths took them in other directions have great memories of participating in this inspiring and motivating musical experience and claim that it was a life-changing experience for them.

Please help us congratulate the students who were selected for this honor!

Mr. Divelbiss  
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# FROM THE HUSKY STORE

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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



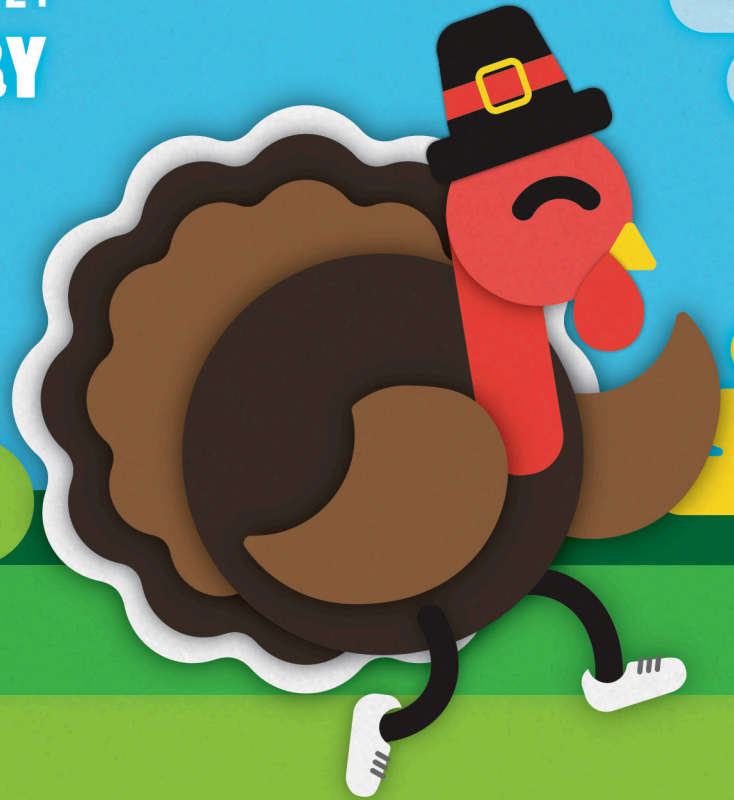
**Hoodies \$20.00**  
**Tees \$12.00**

Limited stock so get 'em  
while supplies last



# DAN'S TURKEY TROT

THANKSGIVING DAY • 9AM • 11/25/21  
AT **MIDWAY ELEMENTARY**

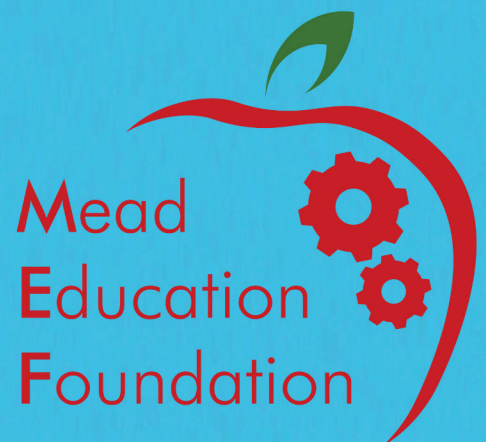


## ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MEAD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

- A 5K (3.1 MILES) LOOP THROUGH BLACKHAWK & GLENEDEN
- COST \$12 // PRICE INCREASE AFTER 11/15
- SIGN UP AT : [WWW.DANSTURKEYTROT.COM](http://WWW.DANSTURKEYTROT.COM)

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WANT TO VOLUNTEER?**

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