

THE HUSKY VOICE

Principal's Update

October 2021



Husky Families,

We want to thank our community members for being so supportive of our annual Fund Run. We were unable to hold the Fund Run last year, so it is exciting to be bringing back activities that help us feel like we are moving forward. Together we have raised over 36,000 dollars that will go towards our student ASB, clubs, and activities. The Northwood Fund Run is our only fundraiser so it is vital for us to be able to support our students, especially in a time when our school budgets have been so impacted. I am so thankful to be part of such a supportive community, along with great kids who take pride in being Huskies. We can't thank you enough!

We move quickly from Fund Run right into some other major events. Next week we will begin state testing for all students in Math and ELA (science for 6th gr only). These tests are shortened versions of the assessment students missed last year. The 1st qtr ends on Nov 5th. Some classes are only one qtr long, so some qtr grades will become final on your child's transcript. A middle school schedule is a big adjustment for your kids. Please check Power School to help make sure your child is on track. Power School allows you to access your child's grades, attendance, and missing assignments. We ask you to engage at home in conversations about school and your child's learning. The workload increases with age, so set aside some time each night for your child to study. I understand how busy family life becomes, but keeping school as a priority will help guarantee success. It is always a good idea to eliminate distractions while your child works, so finding a quiet place and eliminating screen time is helpful. Habits they form in middle school will stay with them through high school and college. Organization, finding a routine, studying, and being willing to ask for help are key. Education always works best when the school and the family work together, so don't be afraid to contact your child's teacher if you have questions, concerns, or are just seeking feedback.

As we progress deeper into the fall, a valuable tradition is on the horizon. On Thursday, Nov 4th, we will honor Veterans Day. We have always honored our veterans in a great way at Northwood. We prepare for, and continue, the education in our classrooms about the importance and meaning of Veterans Day. Also, the fall brings concerts, sports, and new activity opportunities. We believe it is healthy and valuable for students to be involved in school activities and always want students to participate.

As Principal at Northwood, I continually wrestle with how to make sure that each kid gets what is needed to be ready for his or her next step. I love working with your kids and feel a great responsibility to make sure each student feels included, accepted, and challenged. Our growth and student growth is at the front of our minds. It has been a great year so far, and I am proud to be working in such a great school with your outstandi

We believe in you!
Troy Hughes
Principal



HUSKY HAPPENINGS

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Northwood Happenings

COATS 4 KIDS

Northwood is accepting donations of gently used or new coats through Nov 15th. All sizes accepted. Donation box is in the front entry of Northwood MS. Thanks for your support!



COSTUMES AND SPIRIT WEAR

Dress up days are fun! They also need to be appropriate for school and learning. Students need to make sure they can participate fully in all learning experiences while following our dress code.

Friday, Oct 29th will be designated for Halloween costumes should your student choose to wear one. Please no gore, violence or inappropriate clothing. Participation in our dress-up days is optional.

State Testing

Oct 19th-ELA 8:05-9:40am
Oct 20th-Math 8:05-9:15am

Oct 21 & 22 Science (6th gr only)
During Science classes



Use QR code to visit Northwood MS website for more information

NMS CLUBS

Please email the teacher listed below if your student is interested in joining a club

Zero Hr Jazz Band II
Tues & Thurs 7am-8am
mike.divelbiss@mead354.org

Art Club
Tues & Thurs 2:30pm-5pm
tannea.zollinger@mead354.org

Competitive Gaming Club
Day & Day 2:30pm-5pm
dana.hemmingmoore@mead354.org



Picture
Re-Take Day
Thursday
Oct 28th

No School
11/11/2021
Veteran's Day



Doors open at 0745 for Breakfast

Tardy Bell 8:05am

Dismissal Bell 2:30pm

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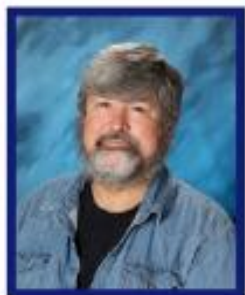
Custodial Spotlight

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Brian is the Lead Custodian at Northwood. He has been at Northwood for the last 2 years but has been with the Mead SD for 4 yrs. Brian started as a district-wide rover working in all the buildings covering when others called out or filling in where ever he was needed. Brian has been married the last 15 years and has 2 children; Isaac (10) and Elorah (8). Brian and his spouse adopted their children from foster care when they were just 1 & 3 yrs old. They also have 2 dogs, 5 cats, 20 chickens, a rooster and 2 ducks. Brian loves to play music. He has been playing the Bass guitar since he was 14 yrs old and was something fun to do while in college. He's recorded 2 albums and has played at venues in Seattle. When Brian is not at NMS, he enjoys camping with his family. They also like canning all their delicious harvest from their large family garden. Brian's favorite thing about Northwood is how friendly and welcoming the staff are here. He says it is nice to have a home and feel apart of the daily routine here.



Brian Carlton



Paul Laing

National Custodian Day

October 2nd

Shout out to our Northwood Custodial Team!
You make our building the best place to be!
Thanks for all you hard work!



Lyuda Gavrilenko



Mike Devereaux

Mike is the mid-shift custodian at Northwood MS. He joined the Husky team in March 2021. Mike has a 2 yr old border collie named Jasper that is full of energy. Mike also has an energetic 9 yr old daughter, Chryssa, who is a student in the Mead SD. When Mike is not working, he enjoys his side job of stagehand work for concerts, conventions and even Broadway shows. Mike is a 4th generation stagehand. He also likes playing recreational hockey and enjoys watching his girlfriend play softball. Mike's favorite thing about Northwood are the People; Staff & Students!

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Barbie Crimes w/ Mrs. Heissenbuttel's Class

Barbie Crimes!

Mrs Heissenbuttel's CSI class is learning about documenting crime scenes and collecting evidence this month. Because indoor space is at a premium these days, we decided to investigate some Barbie crime scenes. This idea of a "crime in a nutshell" originally came from Frances Glessner Lee's intersection of forensic science and craft in the 1940's.



Many of Lee's dioramas are still used for training forensic scientists today. Northwood students get the opportunity to practice their observational skills and decide on what evidence should be collected at each of three different scenes.

Soon these Huskies will be ready to solve complex crimes involving hair and fiber samples, fingerprints, DNA, and much more. We believe in you!



Mrs. Heissenbuttel
maya.heissenbuttel@mead354.org



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.

WOW - It's good to be back!

We are wrapping up our first season of sports. 6th grade cross country had a great season and we jumped right into 6th volleyball, which finishes up their season next Thursday. The 7th & 8th grade runners ended their season this week at the All-District Finals at Mountainside MS. The Huskies had multiple racers finish in the top 10 in all of the races. Highlighting our football season was a trip to Sandpoint where both our 7th and 8th grade teams played in action-packed, fast-paced games, and came away with 2 victories. All 3 teams will battle Mountainside at Union Stadium next Saturday, Oct. 23 and are working hard to end the season with a win. Finally, our softball teams have been especially resilient and have pulled off some great wins this season. They are looking forward to the Husky Green vs Blue JV game and a special, fast-pitch matchup for the varsity vs. Colville at home next Tuesday. GO HUSKIES!

NEXT UP: Volleyball & Wrestling - 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, please get it scheduled as soon as possible. Physicals are good for 2 years, be sure to have an update & provide a copy to the Northwood Business Office before the first day of practice.

Fees include: ASB \$15, Participation \$35, Spirit Pack \$25 (football, softball, baseball only). 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 will result in loss of activity bus privileges. If you need to register for the activity bus, please complete the Registration Survey. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BACK BUS LOOP/FIRE LANE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN AN EMERGENCY.



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