

THE HUSKY VOICE

Principal's Update

DECEMBER 2022



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. Students are doing a fantastic job this year. 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. Northwood has a history of high levels of student growth, and I know we will do it again this year. 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 fourth year, 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, nearly sixty 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. Please join our mission and have conversations with your student about being accepting of others and treating others well at school. 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!



Troy Hughes
Northwood Principal
We Believe in You!



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Assistant Principal Matt Walter

Happy December Husky Families!

I'd like to introduce myself to those of you who may not know me yet. My name is Matt Walter, and I am your new assistant principal this year. I come here from Central Valley, where I spent 10 years as a teacher, coach, and Athletic Director, and 3 years as the assistant principal at Liberty Lake Elementary. I absolutely love this district, and am proud to be part of the Husky community!

You'll hear from me each month in our newsletter, mostly about attendance. We'll celebrate successes and I'll give you some tips that may be helpful if your child needs to miss some time.

We know it is important for students to be in school every day, but do we really know how important? A 2007 study by the University of Chicago (mdrc.org) helped shed light on the value of attendance. According to the study, missing five to nine days per semester can drop a student's on-time graduation probability by 24%! Student attendance is one of the top two most closely linked indicators of academic success and graduation, the other being GPA.

That being said, here are a few simple things we ask parents and guardians to follow through with:

- If your child is sick, please keep them home! They need time to get better and help lower the spread of the various illnesses we run into this time of year.
- Call us! If your child will be absent from or late to school, please call our attendance line and excuse them (509-465-7580).
- Have your child reach out to teachers through email. Every student has a district email address. If they are feeling well enough to get a little work done it will lighten the amount they need to do when they get back.
- If your family has an extended vacation coming up, reach out to teachers as early as possible.

Wishing you all the best this holiday season!

Matt Walter
Assistant Principal
Northwood MS



HUSKY ATHLETICS

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MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS MATTER!

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, transportation, or other conflicts.

Parents as Partners in Sports

Check out this short article - "9 Things Good Sports Parents Avoid" - <https://ilovetowatchyouplay.com/2016/12/02/9-things-good-sports-parents-do-not-do/> Middle school is often when student athletes get really interested or more committed to sports. It's natural as a parent to want to support them and do the same. It is always a good idea to think about how you guide your student athlete as they try to get the most out of their experience.

7th GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL

Starts January 3rd - Registration is Open (8th Basketball Starts in February)

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.

Athletics Elevate Academics!

Participation in physical activity and team sports has a positive impact on academic performance.

Students-athletes are required to maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or better and cannot have two or more F's in their classes. Motivation to play helps improve their efforts. In addition, playing sports can build confidence, reduce depression, and bolster communication skills that carry over into the classroom. Finally, physical fitness results in better overall health and personal wellness, and by increasing oxygen levels in the brain, even builds neurological connections. Now is a great time to fight back against COVID and get your student back on track!

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.

If you need to register for the activity bus, please complete the registration survey on our athletics website.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BACK BUS LOOP/FIRE LANE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN AN EMERGENCY.



Use QR code to access
Husky Athletics Page

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HUSKY HAPPENINGS

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Northwood Happenings

Need a gift idea for
your husky?

We have new Husky
swag in the student
store!



Sweatpants are \$22
Sweatshirts \$25!

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

Tues, Dec 6th @ 7pm
Winter Orchestra Concert
Ms. Hocutt's Students



Tues, Dec 13th @ 7pm
Holiday Choir Concert
Mr. Divelbiss

Thurs, Dec 8th @ 7pm
Winter Band Concert

Mr. Comstock



Wed, Dec 7th @ 7pm
@ Mead High School
Holiday Orchestra Concert
Mrs. Forster

SPIRIT WEEK

Dec 12th-16th

Mon- Pajama Day
Tues- Ski vs Surf Day
Wed- Santa Hat Day
Thurs- Flannel Day
Fri- Crazy Sweater Day

Winter Breaks
begins, Mon
Dec 19th



School resumes
Tuesday,
Jan 3rd, 2023

FROM THE HUSKY STORE

Need a gift idea?

December 2022



Limited stock so get 'em
while supplies last

Hoodies \$25.00
Sweatpants \$22.00



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NORTHWOOD CLUBS



Academic Enrichment
Thursdays 2:35-4:45
Room 214
Runs thru June 8th, 2023
Coordinator: Mrs. Geiter
danielle.burrisgeite@mead354.org

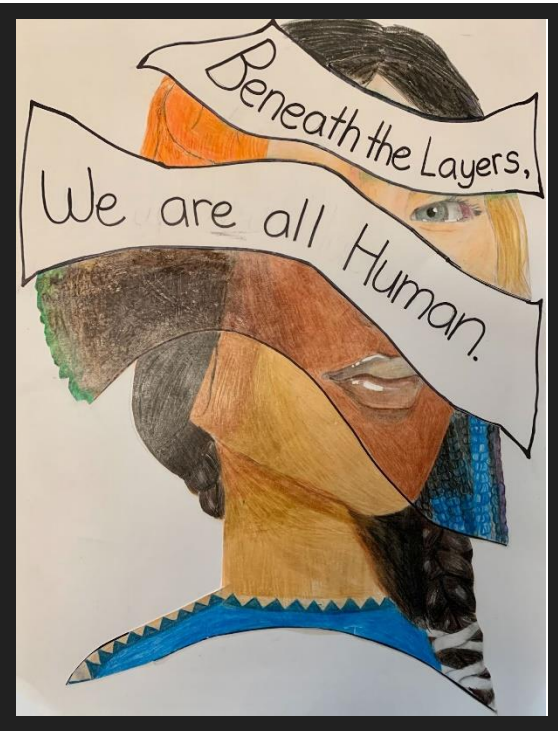
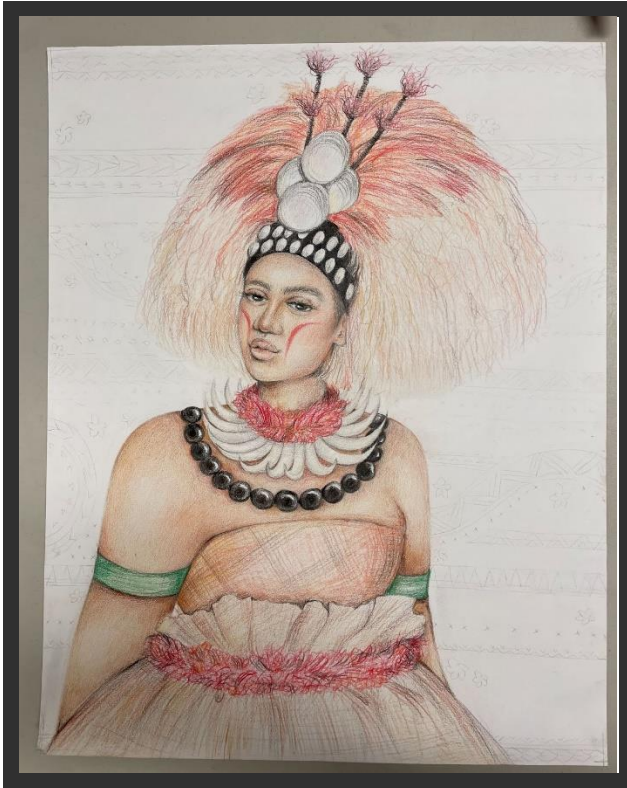


Art Club
Session 2: March 7th-April 27th
Coordinator: Tannea Zollinger
tannea.zollinger@mead354.org
Co-coordinator: Julie Aton
julie.aton@mead354.org
Meets in Room 136
Tuesday's & Thursday's
2:35pm-4:45pm

Robotics Club
Wednesdays 2:45pm-4:45pm
Room 218
Begins Dec 7th - April 26
Coordinator: Maya Heissenbittel
maya.heissenbittel@mead354.org



**Celebrate
Every
Husky.**



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 original 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. Flyers with detailed information about the art contest can be picked up at the Commons stage at lunch.

How to Enter the Contest and Submit Work:

Submit your work to Northwood's office by **Thursday, 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.

HUSKIES HELPING HUSKIES

**See Something
Hear Something
Say Something**

24-Hour Regional Crisis Line

1.877.266.1818

Operated by Frontier Behavioral Health



Emergency Call 9-1-1

Suicide Concerns
call 1.877.266.1818 or
text 741741

The Northwood Counseling Team is available to help



Use QR code for direct access to Northwood Counselor's Page

Call 509.465.7527 to speak with one of our counselors

Alana Cummings

Brock Salzman

What should I do if...

I believe someone may want to injure themselves?

I'm having thoughts of injuring myself?

Find a trusted adult, call 911 & report

(you can remain anonymous)