

Northwood Newsletter

October 2025



Dear Northwood Families,

The school year is rolling, and we're off to a great start. We've seen students settling into routines, making connections, and bringing energy into classrooms. In some cases, a lot of energy. (You know who I am talking to :)) Your children are amazing. They bring curiosity, kindness, laughter, and drive. We don't say that lightly. They deserve a school that helps them feel like they belong, that they matter, and that what they do here counts.

Belonging isn't just a feel-good idea. When students feel connected to teachers, peers, and the school community, they show up more often, engage more deeply, and perform better. Research shows that in middle school, a positive school climate and student satisfaction are linked to fewer absences and stronger grades.

Speaking of attendance: it matters. A lot. Missing just 10 percent of school (that's about 18 days over a year) can already damage a student's performance. In more recent data, about 26 percent of students nationally missed a month or more of school in a year, and these absences contributed heavily to drops in reading and math scores. In short, building good attendance habits now pays off big-time.

Your partnership matters. This is not on you alone, and it's not on the teachers alone. It's on all of us, working together. If you haven't already, log in to PowerSchool and take a peek at your student's grades, assignments, and progress. Don't wait until December to raise questions. The earlier we see concerns, the quicker we can act. If you have questions about how to use PowerSchool, please reach out to the counseling office @ 509-465-7527 or email kristen.stevens@mead354.org. If you are unsure what the grades mean, your student's teacher is ready to walk you through it.

If something worries you, grades slipping, absences creeping up, or your child seeming disconnected, reach out to your child's teachers. Start the conversation now. Don't wait until problems become urgent. Together, you and the teacher can make a plan, adjust supports, and put your student back on track.

Let me close with this: your children are worth the work. Every time they walk into our building, they bring potential worth honoring and protecting. Thank you for trusting us, for supporting them, and for partnering with us. We're committed to helping each child feel that they belong here, that their voice matters, and that with your involvement, this school year can be stellar.

Rick Pelkie
Principal
Northwood Middle School

Sept 19 - Oct 6
FundRun Fundraiser
Let's go Huskies!

Oct 2
National Custodian Day
Northwood Custodions are # 1

Oct 9
FundRun Day-Activity Day

Oct 10
No School-LID Day

Oct 13
Vision & Hearing Screenings

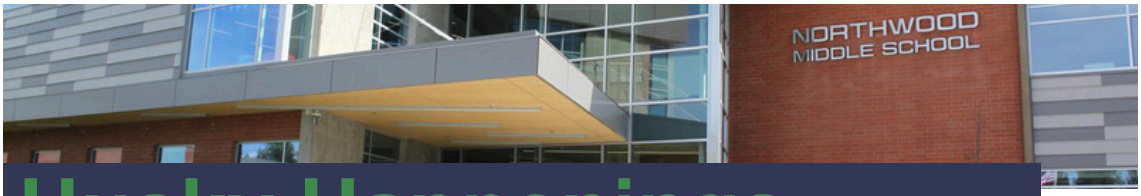
Oct 15
No Late Start-Doors open @ 7:35am for breakfast

Oct 21
Northwood Band Concert @ 7pm

Oct 23
Northwood Choir Concert @ 7pm

Oct 30
Northwood OrchestraConcert @ 7pm

Oct 31
Halloween-See Costume policy on pg 2



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Husky Happenings

Fall Music Concerts

Band
Tues, Oct 21 @ 7pm

Choir
Thurs, Oct 23 @ 7pm

Orchestra
Thurs, Oct 30 @ 7pm

Costumes & Spirit Wear

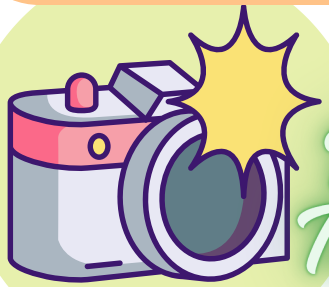
Dress up days are fun! They also need to be appropriate for school and learning. Students need to make sure they can participate fully in all learning experiences.
October 31st will be designated for Halloween costumes should your student choose to wear one. Please no gore, violence, masks, full-coverage face paint or inappropriate clothing. Participation in our dress-up days is optional.

Mark your Calendars

NO SCHOOL
Fri, Oct 10
LID Day



NO LATE START
Wed, Oct 15



Picture ReTake Day Tues, Nov 4th

Vision & Hearing Screenings

Monday, October 13th

Our school nurses will be conducting vision and hearing screenings for all 7th grade students during the months of October or November. These screenings help identify children who may need further evaluation to support their learning. Families will be notified if follow-up care is recommended. Please contact the school nurse @ 509-465-7534 if you have questions





Find all sports & start dates HERE.
Registration for all sports now open!
Next Up:7th/8th Volleyball & 6/7/8 Wrestling





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Middle School Sports Cultivate Community!

Fund Run Support

A huge thank you to all of those who have supported our Husky Fund Run! Your support is critical in maintaining quality athletic programs. The funds raised are used to purchase and maintain equipment and uniforms, pay for event associated cost including event workers as well as a variety of other associated costs. Without these funds, our sports programs would be drastically impacted. If you have not donated yet it is not too late, click here to help keep our athletic program strong.

Our first winter sports season is drawing near! As we prepare to begin our next sports season, please consider — Some Important Reminders for Families:
Next up—Winter season 1— 7/8 Volleyball & 6/7/8 Wrestling begins October 27th
REGISTER IN FINAL FORMS:
Click Here for Northwood Sports Registration

PAY ASB & PARTICIPATION FEES:

Students that participate in a sport at Northwood will pay an ASB Fee ($15) and Participation Fee ($35). You only need to pay these one-time per school year for any/all sports your student participates. Click here to pay fees

PHYSICAL ON FILE:

Students must have a current physical on file in order to participate in sports. Please make sure to double check that your child's physical is current and will not expire during the season. The physical must have the doctor's signature verifying their cleared to participate.
Click here for a physical form

For more information and resources including game schedules & activity bus sign-up, please be sure to visit our athletics pages on our school website. Click here to visit athletic page
Reminder: Activity buses are available for your athletes after practice Monday- Thursday. The bus leaves Northwood each day following practice at 5:00pm. Please remind your students that misbehavior or misconduct on the bus will result in loss of riding privileges. One final note, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS/ FIRE LANE behind the school at any time for any reason other than an emergency!

Thank you for your continued support for Northwood Athletics! Go Huskies!
Jeff Allen
NW Athletic Director

PACE CHARACTER TRAITS

SEPTEMBER
RESPECT
Recognizing, considering, and properly honoring people, places, and property

OCTOBER
RESPONSIBILITY
Being accountable, the pursuit of excellence, and the exercise of self-control

NOVEMBER
CITIZENSHIP
Positively contributing to society and community as well as dutifully respecting authority, common expectations, and the law.

DECEMBER
CARING
Showing a genuine concern for the welfare of others and being a kind, supportive, helper.

JANUARY
FAIRNESS
Treating people and ideas with justice and impartiality

FEBRUARY
HONESTY
Sincerity and reverence for the truth

MARCH
DILIGENCE
Persistence dedication, and hard work

APRIL
TRUSTWORTHINESS
Inspiring complete reliability and confidence in his/her truthfulness, integrity and discretion.

MAY
COURAGE
Displaying integrity in spite of obstacles and challenges.

JUNE
INTEGRITY
Living a set of values which includes honesty, respect for others and a sense of personal responsibility

JULY
GENEROSITY
Unselfish giving and sharing of resources, time and talents with others.

AUGUST
GRATITUDE
Feeling and expressing thankful appreciation for benefits received.

At Northwood, we believe that academic success goes hand in hand with the cultivation of strong character. These character traits are not just words on paper; they are the guiding principles that shape how we interact.