

March
2026

Northwood Newsletter

Dear Northwood Families,

March is here. The days are getting longer. Spring is starting to peek around the corner. Schools feel it too. The energy in the building picks up, students get busy, and our hallways stay full of activity. This is a great time of year at Northwood. Students are preparing for next year's classes, our music programs are performing, and many of our clubs and activities are hitting their stride. A lot is happening in classrooms every single day. Our students continue to show what it means to be a Husky.

I also want to take a moment to recognize the incredible classified staff who support our school every day. Our office staff, paraeducators, custodians, nutrition staff, nurses, and bus drivers keep Northwood running smoothly. They greet students, help solve problems, keep our building safe and clean, and support learning in ways most people never see. If your student has the chance, encourage them to say thank you. Those simple moments mean a lot.

March is also the time when we begin preparing students for state testing this spring. These assessments give us valuable information about student learning and growth. Our teachers are working hard to make sure students feel confident and prepared. The best preparation is simple. Come to school ready to learn, stay organized, and give your best effort every day. Hard work in the classroom always pays off.

We have noticed that some students are starting to slip a little with missing assignments or grades that do not reflect their true ability. Middle school can get busy. A quick check of PowerSchool can help families stay on top of how things are going. If you see something concerning, please reach out to your child's teacher. Our teachers care deeply about your kids and want to help them succeed.

We also continue to encourage students to stay organized. A backpack that looks like it survived a tornado usually means a student is struggling to find what they need. A few minutes at home to clean out folders, organize materials, and prepare for the next day can make a big difference.

Most importantly, thank you for continuing to partner with us. The strongest schools are built on strong relationships between families and teachers. When we work together, students know they are supported both at home and at school. That support helps every student feel confident, capable, and that they truly belong here at Northwood.
Thank you for being part of the Northwood community. It is a great place to learn, grow, and be a Husky.

Rick Pelkie
Principal
Northwood Middle School



Check out our Student Led Newsletter Here

THE MONTHLY PAWS

Mar 1
2026/27 School Year Registration Open

Mar 3
5th Grade Visits

Mar 8
Day Light Savings-time to move clocks forward 1 hour

Mar 9
Band Concert @ 7pm
Beginning Band

Mar 17
St. Patrick's Day

Mar 20
No School
Learning Improvement Day

Mar 30
Band Concert @ 7pm
Symphonic and Wind Ensemble

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2026-27 Registration Opens
Mon, Mar 1st, 2026

St. Patrick's Day
Tues, Mar 17th

No School
Fri, Mar 20th, 2026
LID day

6th & 7th gr Registrations

March 2 - March 6

Your 6th and 7th graders are registering for next year's classes in Social Studies this week. Students are able to choose their English class and electives. The counselors are keeping the registration link open so parents can see the registration form which we sent to each students' gmail account. Changes are able to be made live on the link until March 20. For more information, below are links to the course guides for 7th and 8th grade if you want to learn more. Several links are also embedded in the registration form.



7th Grade Course Guide

8th Grade Course Guide



Monday, Mar 9 @ 7pm
Beginning Band Concert
Northwood MS

Monday, Mar 30 @ 7pm
Symphonic & Wind Ensemble Band Concert
Northwood MS

Thurs, Apr 2 @ 7pm
Spring Choir Concert
Northwood MS

Spirit Week

Mar 30 - Apr 3

Mon Mar 30:	Camo vs Animal Print Day
Tues Mar 31:	Decades Day
Wed Apr 1:	Teacher Student Swap Day
Thurs Apr 2:	Patriotic Day
Fri Apr 3:	Granny vs Gramps Day

MUSIC NEWS



Choir students from Northwood, Highland, Mountainside, Mt. Spokane HS, and Mead HS came together for the inaugural Mead School District Choral Festival. Each school brought their intermediate and upper level ensembles to share music that they are currently working on performing. Dr. Meg Stohlmann from Gonzaga University worked with students and the event culminated in a combined performance led by Dr. Stohlmann with 250+ voices! It was a great event and we were so thankful to be a part of it!

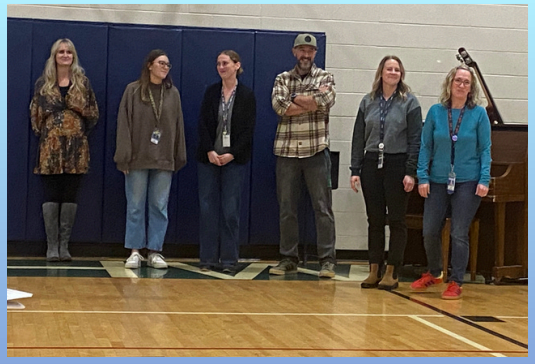


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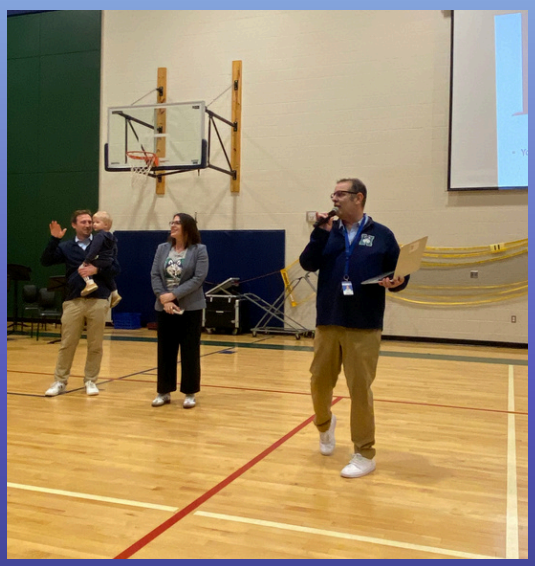
Incoming 6th gr Parent Night

Thanks to all our families that were able to attend our parent night on February 24th! We look forward to seeing you all this August for our Open House!











Helpful Links

all things 6th grade

Husky Voice Parent Newsletter Link

5th Grade Transition Timeline

6th Registration Preview

Northwood 6th Grade Course Guide

Middle School Math Pathways

Math Placement NW Flowchart

Middle School ELA courses

Frequently asked ?'s about 6th Electives 6th Elective videos

Northwood Music Department

Northwood Website

Athletics information

Northwood After School Clubs

Combination Lock Practice

6th Grade Supply List

Academic preparation tips for Northwood

Parent Night Presentation