

April 2026

Northwood Newsletter

Northwood Families,

We have officially hit the stretch run of the school year. Spring always moves fast. If we are not intentional, it can get away from us in a hurry. This is the time to lock in, not coast.

First, attendance matters right now. Every day counts. We are seeing great effort from many of our students, and we need that same consistency from all. Being in class, on time, and ready to go gives students their best chance to finish strong.

Second, academics. Take a few minutes this week to sit down with your student and check their progress in PowerSchool. Missing work, low grades, or incomplete assignments do not fix themselves. This is the time to address them. Our staff is ready to help, but we need students to take that first step and follow through.

State testing is right around the corner in May. This is an opportunity for students to show what they know. The best preparation is simple and old school. Pay attention in class. Complete assignments. Ask questions. Put in the work now so there are no surprises later.

We are also entering the spring sports season. This is an exciting time for many of our students. With that comes responsibility. Student-athletes must stay on top of their academics and represent Northwood well in the classroom, in the building, and in the community.

A quick reminder on expectations. We are tightening things up as we head into the final months of school.

- Class time is valuable. Students need to be in class, not in the hallways.
- The first 10 minutes and last 10 minutes of class are off-limits for leaving.
- Chromebooks are tools for learning, not for filling downtime.

These are not new expectations. They are the basics that help all students succeed. When we are consistent as a school and as families, students benefit.

As always, thank you for your partnership. The work we do together makes a difference. We believe in our students, and more importantly, we want every student to know this:

You belong at Northwood.

Rick Pelkie
Principal
Northwood Middle School



Check out our Student Led Newsletter Here

THE MONTHLY PAWS

Apr 6 - 10
No School - Spring Break

Apr 13
7th & 8th Baseball begins
6 - 8 Track begins

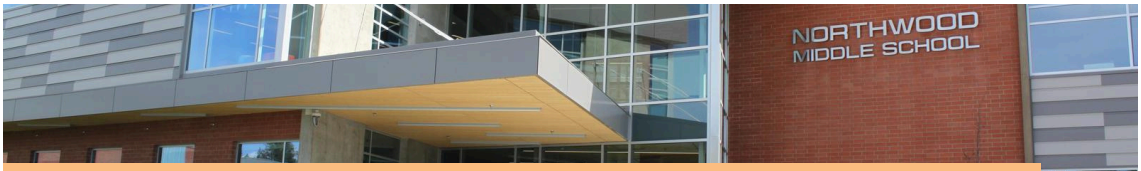
Apr 13
Quarter 4 begins

Apr 17
ASB Elections Assembly @ 8:00am

Apr 21
7th gr Career Fair @ Mt. Spokane High School

Apr 29
NMS Parent Pack Fundraiser @ MOD Pizza on Newport hwy

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Q3 Ends
4/10/26
Q4 begins
4/13/26

Spring Break
Apr 6 - Apr 10
No School

State Testing
May 5th & 7th
May 12th & 14th
Bell schedule coming soon

Spirit Week

Cancer Awareness
Apr 20 - Apr 24

Mon Apr 20: Breast Cancer Awareness-Wear PINK

Tues Apr 21: Glioblastoma Cancer Awareness-Wear GRAY

Wed Apr 22: Leukemia Awareness-Wear ORANGE

Thurs Apr 23: Child Cancer Awareness-Wear YELLOW

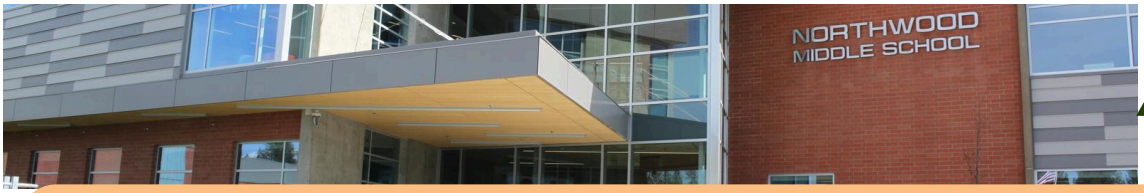
Fri Apr 24: All Cancer Awareness-Wear PURPLE

Thank you Husky Families for coming out to Raising Cane's this week and supporting our ParentPack Fundraiser Family night. 15% of total net sales go to supporting your students at Northwood.

See flyer on Page 5 for our next Parent Pack Family Fundraiser on Wed April 29th @ MOD Pizza!







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Northwood Jazz Festival 2026

Congrats to Jazz 2 under the direction of Mike Divelbiss for winning 1st place in the 2nd band category in preliminary competition!



Congrats Jazz 1 for qualifying to Finals competition and placing 2nd overall.







Shout out to all of our outstanding Northwood Jazz musicians for their outstanding performances at Mead's 2026 Jazz Festival. These kids have put a ton of blood, sweat, tears into their playing and have endured many, many hours of focused rehearsal. Both Jazz 1 and Jazz 2 competed against 20 Washington area middle schools and performed incredibly well.





Thank you students, teachers and staff that worked together to Welcome our incoming 6th graders on their visit to Northwood!



It takes a Village!

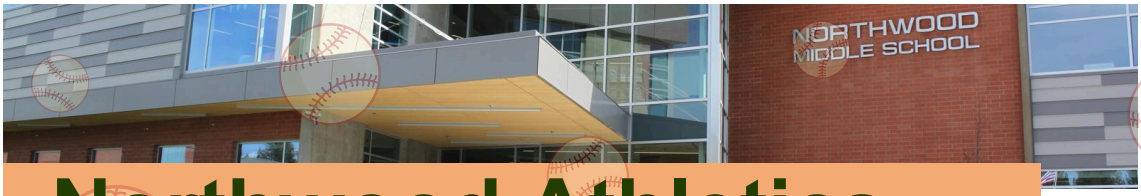
Leadership Students 2026











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Northwood Athletics

We currently have 63 baseball players and 174 track athletes signed up to participate in our Spring sports season, wow! Our season begins on Monday, April 13 right when we return from spring break. Please be sure your athletes are ready to participate– they must have a completed registration including parent forms signed, updated physical forms (if needed) and all fees paid. If any of these are not completed your athlete will not be allowed to participate until they are done. Also, on Monday, April 13th please be sure they come to school with the shoes and gear they will need to participate in baseball or track.

Upcoming Athletic Seasons

- *April 13- 6/7/8 Track Begins*
- *April 13-7/8 Baseball Begins*
- *May 11 - 6th Basketball Begins*
- *Coming Soon!*

  Fall 2026 Sports Registration

Here is a look at the first two weeks of our season:

Day	Date	Baseball				6/7/8 Track	
		Riggs	Mortensen	Mason	Bush	Whitaker, Belding-Wilson	Vogel (Head), Redmon (Head), Smith, Salzman, Shelton, Conner
		Varsity	JV Green	JV Blue	JV White	6th	7th & 8th
Monday	13-Apr	Practice: 2:45-4:50pm				Practice: 2:45-4:50pm	
Tuesday	14-Apr	Practice				Practice	
Wednesday	15-Apr	Practice				Practice	
Thursday	16-Apr	Practice				Practice	
Friday	17-Apr	Practice				Practice	
Monday	20-Apr	Practice: 2:45-4:50pm				Practice	
Tuesday	21-Apr	Practice				Practice	
Wednesday	22-Apr	Practice				Practice	
Thursday	23-Apr	Practice				Practice	
Friday	24-Apr	Practice				6th Grade - No Practice	7/8 Practice

Finish Strong– Grades matter! Effort in the classroom is just as important as on the field!

As we move into the final quarter and the final sports season of the school year we want to remind you to finish strong! Please continue to encourage your student athletes to work hard in the classroom and on the field or court. Athletes must maintain their athletic eligibility by getting it done in the classroom. All athletes must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA and cannot have 2 or more F's. Grades will be checked every other week throughout the season. Please check the family letter you received (if registered) for more information.

AS WE GET READY TO BEGIN SPRING SPORTS SOON, A QUICK REMINDER, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BACK BUS LOOP/FIRE LANE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN AN EMERGENCY.

MOD PIZZA FUNDRAISING

RAISE SOME DOUGH

Bring in this flyer, or order online through the MOD app or website, to use the fundraiser code provided and MOD will donate 25% of your bill to support your school!

JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING

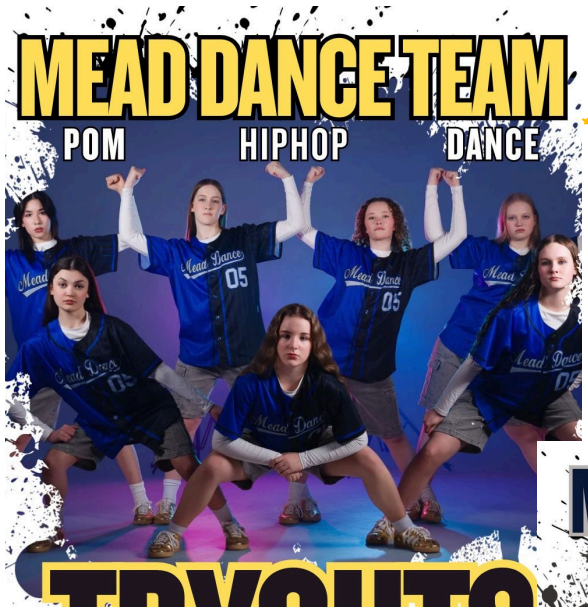
ORGANIZATION NAME: NORTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

FUNDRAISER DATE: APRIL 29, 2026

ADDRESS: 9405 N. NEWPORT HWY, SUITE 200
SPOKANE, WA 99218

FUNDRAISER CODE: MODGIVES25

Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD location identified on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, takeout, or delivery when ordered through the MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code provided by GroupRaise. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only nonprofit organizations and nonprofit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 25% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards, and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer void if the flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/







SAVE THE DATE!

CULTURAL NIGHT

WHEN AND WHERE?

APRIL | 23 | MEAD HS

Join us from **6-8 p.m.** at **Mead High School** to celebrate and recognize the many beautiful cultures in our community!

WHAT TO EXPECT

Traditional dances, authentic food trucks, live music, informational tables, and so much more! Everyone is welcome! See you there!

BURST-THE-BUS CLOTHING DRIVE

Please bring new or gently used clothing items to donate to those in need!



