

MAY 2026



Northwood Newsletter

Northwood Families,

May has arrived, which means sunshine is trying to make an appearance, students are suddenly asking how many days are left in the school year, and we are entering an important stretch at Northwood Middle School. This month, our students will participate in state testing. These assessments give students a chance to show what they know and reflect the hard work they have put in all year long. We are proud of the growth we see every day in classrooms, and May is a great time for students to show that effort.

You can help your Husky be ready for success with a few simple things:

Check out our Student Led Newsletter Here
THE MONTHLY PAWS

- Get a good night of sleep. Tired brains move slower than middle schoolers asked to clean their lockers.
- Charge Chromebooks each night. A dead Chromebook at testing time is about as helpful as a pencil with no point.
- Be on time and attend every day. Every school day matters, especially during testing season.
- Encourage a positive attitude. Confidence matters. Remind your child that they are ready.

Following state testing, we will also begin MAP testing. MAP helps us measure student growth over time and gives our staff valuable information to guide instruction and support students moving forward. In short, May is a big month for brains at Northwood.

At Northwood, academics are the most important work we do, and learning remains at the center of every school day. We also know our students are more than scores alone. They are musicians, athletes, artists, leaders, problem-solvers, comedians, and growing young people finding their way. Testing is one chance to show an important part of their story, but not the whole story.

May is also a month full of activity. Spring sports are rolling, classrooms are busy, concerts and events are ahead, and our building continues to hum with the good energy that comes from students learning and belonging together.

As always, thank you for partnering with us. Your support at home makes a real difference at school. When families and schools work together, great things happen.
To our students,
this is your reminder: finish strong. Show up. Work hard. Be kind. Charge the Chromebook.

You belong at Northwood.

Rick Pelkie
Principal
Northwood Middle School



May 5
SBA Testing 7:55-9:55

May 6
School Nurse's Day
Thanks Holly & Tracy!

May 7
SBA Testing 7:55-10:55

May 11
6th gr Boys & Girls Basketball begins

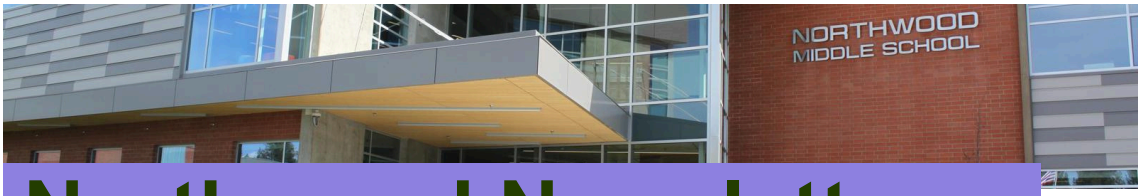
May 12
SBA Testing 7:55-9:55

May 14
SBA Testing 7:55-8:55

May 20 & 21
WCAS Science Testing
8th grade students Only

May 22 & 25
No School

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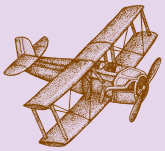


SBA Testing
Tues, May 5th Thurs, May 7th
Tues, May 12th Thurs, May 14th
Bell Schedule HERE

Please help your student feel prepared by fully charging chromebooks, eating a healthy breakfast and plenty of rest



WCAS Science Testing
8th gr Only
May 20 & May 21



Flight 509

8th gr Field Trip to Flight 509
Permission slips are due Thurs, May 21st

Friday, May 22
No School
Snow Make-up Day



Monday, May 25
No School
Memorial Day



SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY





Friday, May 1st, 2026

Thank you Duane, Abbie, Tisha and Shannon for serving the students and staff of Northwood everyday. Your kindness, smiles and teamwork make Northwood #1!





Wednesday, May 6th, 2026



Nurse Holly





Nurse Tracy

Happy School Nurse Day!

6th grade Basketball Begins Monday, May 11th
Sign up through Final Forms HERE
Coming Soon
Fall Sports Registration in Final Forms

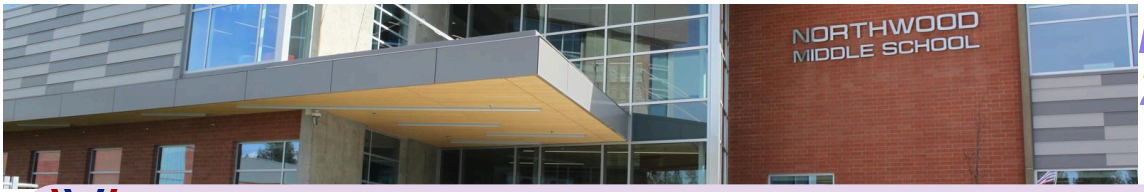
Northwood Staff Appreciation Week
May 4th - May 8th

We are excited to celebrate our amazing staff during Staff Appreciation Week, and we would love your help in making it extra special!

Sign up HERE if you would like to donate items.

Attention Future Mt. Spokane Wildcats:

Girls Soccer Meeting
Date: Monday, May 4
Time: 2:50–3:30 PM
Location: Mrs. Davidson's Classroom (room 234) @ MSHS



May 2026

Featured Husky

Over spring break, Elizabeth competed in Regionals for gymnastics. She qualified to compete against the top athletes from Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Alaska, and Hawaii, and placed 8th all-around in her age group. This places her 8th overall among athletes in her category across USA Gymnastics Region 2, which was a really meaningful accomplishment for her. Way to go Elizabeth!



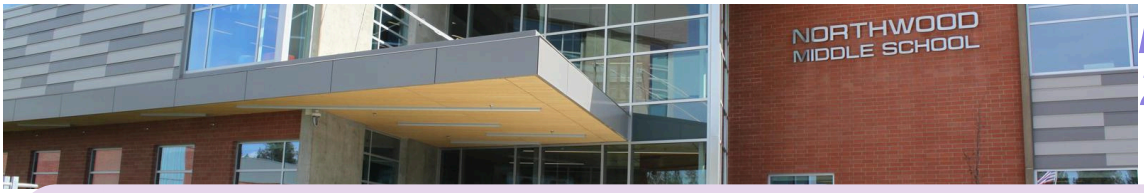
DLC & Buddies Field Trip to Lilac Lanes





Middle School Pen Pals meet @ Lilac Lanes





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Northwood Parent Pack Family Fundraiser Night @ MOD Pizza





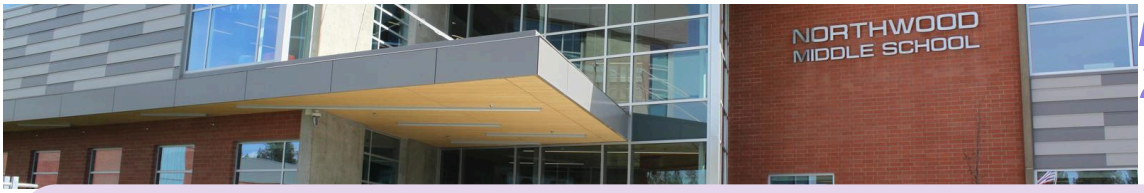
A big Thank YOU to all our Husky families for stopping @ MOD pizza for a delicious meal and supporting our school. 25% of each sale goes to supporting Northwood's athletics program, clubs, field trips, student incentive programs and much more.











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Jazz Unlimited Festival 2026

Special shoutout and thanks to Edwin Wu for playing piano with the Treble Choir and being the only student pianist on Concert Choir day!



Please congratulate these kids on their successful weekend of music making!





This past Friday and Saturday students traveled to Pasco, WA and Columbia Basin College to compete and perform at the Jazz Unlimited Festival. Treble Choir competed on the "Concert Choirs" day and Jazz Choir competed on the "Jazz Choirs" day. Both groups received great praise from the clinicians and judges and scored very highly! Treble Choir brought home 3rd place and a superior rating and Jazz Choir brought home 2nd place and a superior rating. Northwood was the only Middle School participating to earn the "Outstanding Vocal Department" award for their combined scores over the 2 days of the festival - that makes 4 years in a row that we have earned this honor!

Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival

Please give a big shout out to our amazing Jazz Band 1 students. They did another full sweep in defending the grand sweepstakes trophy in this year's Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival at the University of Idaho for the 2nd year in a row. They won the overall Junior Grand Sweepstakes beating all of the jazz bands and jazz choirs from the other performance sites on campus (35+ ensembles) Thanks so much for your ongoing support of our outstanding young musicians.
Give them a shout out if you see them!!







Bryce Pope with the Grand Sweepstakes trophy standing next to the Lionel Hampton tribute statue!



Northwood Jazz 1 getting autographs and a pic with Tito Puente jr

Saxophones- James Barker, Arianna Colleran, London Boise, Jolene Birr, Peyton Slick
Trombones- Finn Van Anrooy, Maylie Pugh, Henry Romaniuk, RaiLynn Park, Chloe Lombardi
Trumpets- Miles Rios, Bryce Pope, Caedmon James, Donovan Dibble
Drums- Weston Bright. Bass- Simon Shannon. Piano- Evelyn Endahl