

JUNE
2026

Northwood Newsletter

Northwood Families,

We made it. June is here. The finish line is in sight, and your kids are still standing. That alone deserves a round of applause. This year asked a lot of everyone. Your students showed up. They worked through challenges. They figured things out. Our staff stayed steady and kept expectations high. You stayed in the fight with us.

Our 8th graders are about to walk out of Northwood for the last time as middle schoolers. I have watched this group grow up quickly. They learned how to handle pressure, how to recover from mistakes, and how to take care of each other. They are ready. Not perfect. Ready. Big difference. High school is getting a good group, and may I dare say, one of the best!!! And to our 8th-grade families, you should be proud. You did your part.

To our 6th and 7th-grade families, your kids made real progress this year. Some of it you can see in grades. A lot of it you can't.

Confidence. Independence. Better decisions. That's the good stuff. Don't let summer wipe that out.
A few simple things for the next couple of months:

- Read something every day. Doesn't matter what. Just read.
- Keep a routine. Kids do better with some structure.
- Stay active. Phones don't count as activity.
- Let them be bored once in a while. That's where growth sneaks in.

A quick heads up. The next school year starts earlier than you might expect. Take a few minutes and check the district calendar before you lock in summer plans. August comes fast.

You will hear from us again in August with back-to-school information, schedules, and everything you need to get rolling. Thank you for trusting us with your kids. That's not a small thing. We take it seriously every day.

Enjoy the summer. Slow it down when you can. We'll be ready for your students when they walk back through our doors.

You belong at Northwood.

Rick Pelkie
Principal
Northwood Middle School



Jun 3
Orchestra Concert @ 6pm

JUN 4
Choir Concert @ 7pm

JUN 8-12
Spirit Week See pg 2

JUN 9
Last Day of Access Time

JUN 10
No Late Start-School begins @ 7:55am

JUN 11
Chromebook Return Day
Locker Cleanout Day
Yearbook Handout Day
End of Yr Assembly

JUN 16
Last Day of School
11:00am Release

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Chromebook Return Day-Thurs, June 11th

Northwood will be collecting all 6th, 7th & 8th gr Chromebooks
8th graders ONLY will return their charging cords w/ chromebooks
6th & 7th graders will keep their charging cords over the summer

Orchestra Concert & Awards night Wed, Jun 3rd @ 6pm



Choir Concert & Awards night Thurs, Jun 4th @ 7pm



Yearbooks will be handed out Thurs, Jun 11th

Purchase your yearbook online or @ the Business office for $30

No Late Start

Wed, Jun 10th
School begins @ 7:55am



Last day of School

Tues, JUNE 16th
Early Release @ 11am





Planning on moving at the end of the school year?

Please reach out to our counseling center @ 509-465-7527 or email kristen.stevens@mead354.org so we can help facilitate a check-out/transfer process.





Locker checks will begin this week.
Please remind your student to place lock on their lockers.
There is a $7.50 replacment fee for missing or unreturned padlocks.

Spirit Week

Jun 8th - Jun 12th







Mon Jun 8:	Dress for Summer
Tues Jun 9:	Twin/Triplett Day
Wed Jun 10:	Western Day
Thurs Jun 11:	Beach Day
Fri Jun 12:	College Gear Day





Northwood Office Summer Hours

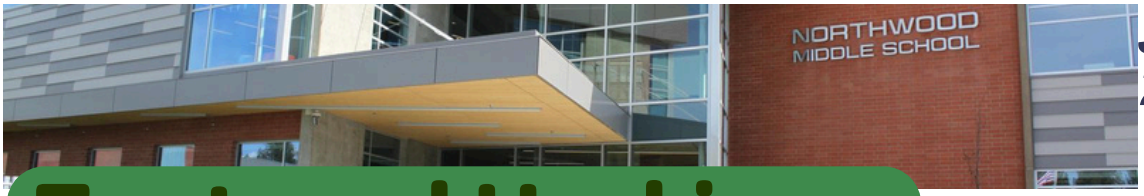
Closed June 17
Snow make-up day

June 18
8am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Closed June 19
Juneteenth

June 22 - July 1
8am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

July 2 - Aug 11
Closed for the Summer



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Featured Huskies



Northwood celebrates our staff that are retiring or moving on to new ventures.
WE WILL MISS YOU!



Assistant Principal, Dr. AJ Blumel, has been a Husky for 3 amazing years. He is now moving on to a new school to continue his journey as an administrator and will continue to do great things! We will miss you AJ!

Business Office Admin Assistant, Maxine Corning, is retiring after 3 unforgettable years at Northwood. We will miss you Maxine. We appreciate all you did for us and for the Mead SD. You will be greatly missed!

DLC Field Day 2026















Free Summer Meals & SUN Bucks

For ages 18 and under

There are two great ways to save money and make sure your child eats healthy this summer.

1 First, Free Summer Meals are available for every kid, 18 and under, at schools, parks and other community locations in your neighborhood.

2 Second, there's a new program called Sun Bucks that pays $120 in food benefits for every eligible child in your family, which can be used to purchase groceries during the summer months.

Comidas de Verano y Sun Bucks gratis

Existen dos grandes maneras de ahorrar dinero y asegurarse de que su hijo coma saludablemente este verano.

1 Primero, hay Comidas de Verano gratuitas disponibles para todos los niños menores de 18 años en escuelas, parques y otros lugares comunitarios de su vecindario.

2 En segundo lugar, existe un nuevo programa llamado Sun Bucks que paga $120 en beneficios alimentarios por cada niño elegible de su familia, y se puede utilizar para comprar alimentos durante los meses de verano.

For meal sites near you and Sun Bucks eligibility requirements, text **FOOD** to **509-509**

Para conocer los sitios de comidas cercanos a usted y los requisitos de elegibilidad para Sun Bucks, envíe texto **COMIDA** al **509-509**

FreeSummerMeals.org

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