

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

NORTH LAKE

August 2026 Bulldog Bark

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Dear Families,

Welcome to another exciting school year at North Lake Middle School! We are thrilled to welcome back our returning families and extend a heartfelt greeting to those joining the Bulldog community for the first time.

We are excited to introduce our new administrative team: Kelly Goodmansen, Principal; Lydia Hlinka, Associate Principal; and Dr. Kevin Villars, Associate Principal and Athletic Director. Together, we look forward to building strong relationships with students, staff, and families while continuing North Lake's commitment to student success. We are honored to serve Lake Stevens and excited about the year ahead.

At North Lake, we are committed to creating a supportive community, providing engaging learning experiences, and helping every student achieve at high levels. We will also help students build positive relationships and learn alongside people with diverse backgrounds, interests, and goals. Our commitment to the 3 R's of Respect for Learning, Respect for People, and Respect for Property will continue to guide North Lake students and staff.

Families and caregivers are essential partners in student success. This year, we hope to increase family involvement through school events, ongoing communication, and opportunities to provide feedback and participate in our community.

Thank you for your partnership and support. Together, we can make this a memorable and rewarding year for every North Lake Bulldog!

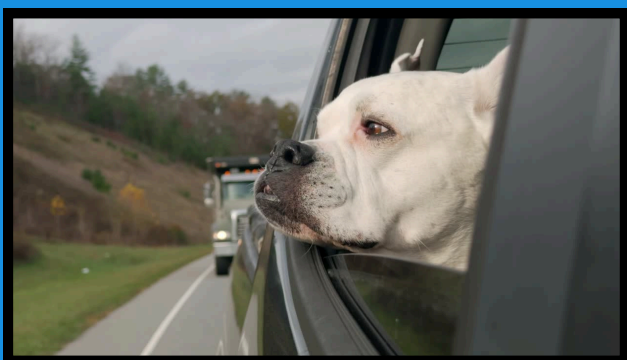
Kelly Goodmansen
Principal

Lydia Hlinka
Associate Principal

Dr. Kevin Villars
Associate Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

- August 19–Sept. 1 – Office open Mon–Fri 9–3 (Room 101)
- August 24 – Schedules available on Skyward
- August 26 – Open House 3:30–5:30
- September 2 – First Day of School
- August 31 – Football Equipment Distributed
- September 2 – First Day of Football Practice
- September 4 – Early Release 1:25
- September 7 – Labor Day, No School
- September 8 – Cross Country begins
- September 9 – Picture Day



NEW TO THE NLMS TEAM

- Anthony Channita – Band/Choir
- Rachel Scott – ML/ELA
- Cate Montgomery – Social Studies
- Carter Edens – Social Studies
- Lyndsey Rabb – Wellness
- Tanya Reed – Social Studies

OPEN HOUSE



August 26th from 3:30 – 5:30pm

With the school year quickly approaching, the halls of North Lake are coming to life as students and staff prepare for the upcoming year. Plans are in place for an Open House on August 26th at NLMS. Open house is a great opportunity to explore the campus and meet your student's teachers.



Classrooms

Teachers will be in classrooms from 3:30–5:30 PM and would love to meet each of their new students! This is a great time to introduce yourselves, however, it is not a great time for an in depth private conversation as each teacher may be meeting 150 new students during this short time. In addition to meeting your new teachers, this a good time to practice walking the campus following your schedule.



Main Office Located in Room 101



- Purchases: Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. From August 19 – September 1 are ideal days to make purchases/pay fees in the Main Office and avoid long lines at Open House.
- Required Purchases: PE shirt \$9, PE short \$10 (PE CLOTHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING OPEN HOUSE and PE CLASSES)
- Optional Purchases: Chromebook Insurance \$30 (\$10 free/reduced), Yearbook \$28, and ASB card \$15.
 - Must have ASB card for athletics and clubs

Counseling Office

- Counselors will be available to meet students in the counseling center
- Schedules available in the cafeteria



Save Time with ONLINE Purchasing



Cafeteria



- If you need to check in with the nurse about any medical information or to drop off medications, the school nurse is available in the Cafeteria.
- There will be a table with Athletics and Clubs information.
- Parents swing by the PTSA Student Store for information about upcoming opportunities and to purchase NLMS Swag.
- A representative from Transportation will be available to answer questions and look up bus route information.
- Food and Nutrition will be available for free and reduced lunch applications, depositing money in student accounts, and answer any questions.

★ First Day of School – September 2

School begins promptly at 8:10 AM and ends at 2:50 PM. Students will need to arrive between 7:50–8:05. Please do not drop your student off earlier than 7:50, as there is no supervision available. School breakfast is available in the mornings starting at 7:50 AM for \$2.25. Lunch will be available for \$4.00. Free and reduced lunch applications are available through the main office.



New Bell Schedule



Bell Schedule

Monday–Thursday

Warning Bell	8:05
Period 1	8:10–9:06
Period 2 Bulldog Boost / Advisory	9:10–9:40
Period 3	9:44–10:34
Period 4	10:38–12:08
A Lunch	Lunch 10:34–11:04 Class 11:08–12:08
B Lunch	Class 10:38–11:08 Lunch 11:08–11:38 Class 11:42–12:08
C Lunch	Class 10:38–11:38 Lunch 11:38–12:08
Period 5	12:12–1:02
Period 6	1:06–1:56
Period 7	2:00–2:50
Transition to pm activities	2:55

Friday

Warning Bell	8:05
Period 1	8:10–8:51
Period 3	8:55–9:36
Period 5	9:40–10:20
Period 4/Lunch	10:24–11:54
A Lunch	Lunch 10:20–10:50 Class 10:54–11:54
B Lunch	Class 10:24–10:54 Lunch 10:54–11:24 Class 11:28–11:54
C Lunch	Class 10:24–11:24 Lunch 11:24–11:54
Period 6	11:58–12:39
Period 7	12:43–1:25

★ Transportation

School buses will be running the first day of school. Please have your student write down your home address and **route number** so that everyone gets on the correct bus. The bus may change, the route number does not.



Student Drop Off and Bus Loop

In order to keep our students safe, we request that parents drop off or pick up in the marked loading zones next to the school on 123rd Ave or 22nd Ave. Our parking lot directly across from the school is also available as a waiting area for picking up students. We ask that all parents respect the “Buses Only” signs in the parking lot behind the school.



★ Search Bus Routes and School Boundaries Online

[LSSD Transportation](#), EZ Arrival is an online mapping tool, is accessible through our website beginning August 24th. EZ Arrival allows families to enter their home addresses to find their attendance area school, bus number, nearest bus stop and pick-up and drop-off times. For more information about bus routes, contact the Transportation Department at 425-335-1508, or visit the website linked above.



SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS: Stay Informed



Stay Connected with Skyward Family Access

Now that your child is in middle school, it's important to regularly check Skyward Family Access to stay updated on their progress. Through this site, you can:

- View current grades in all classes
- Check attendance records
- See standardized test scores

How to Log In:

Visit www.lkstevens.wednet.edu and click on the Family Access link.

Your username includes the first five letters of your last name, the first three letters of your first name, and three numbers (it may include spaces if your last name is short).

If you don't know your login or password, click "Forgot Login/Password" to have it sent to your email. If your email isn't found, contact the school office to update it. Once logged in, you can also sign up for email alerts about grades and attendance.



Have You Moved?

One of the acceptable forms of residency listed below are necessary for enrollment and change of address in our district. A copy of any one of the following is sufficient to verify residency. The district may require that this documentation be updated periodically.

- Accepted real estate contract for purchase of home with date of closing
- Building construction permits for residence with date of completion
- Lease/Rental agreement specifies the date of occupancy within 30 days
- Utility bills with name and address of parent/legal guardian
- Current legal parenting plan/custody agreement (if applicable)



Back to School Shopping?



Dress Code

Top & bottom worn so both are visible

Tops cover from armpit to belly button when standing straight

Tops have straps

Bottoms long enough to cover buttocks at all times



Footwear worn at all times

Your student will be asked to change clothes or put on the PE uniform if they are in violation of the dress code. A complete list of Dress Code requirements can be found in our Student Handbook ([Common Expectations - Dress Code](#))



Athletics



Research shows that students who get involved in their school have higher academic achievement and a more successful school experience. Try something new and get involved in North Lake sports and activities!

Athletic Opportunities*

Fall – Football and Cross Country
Winter 1 – Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball
Winter 2 – Wrestling and Girls Basketball
Spring – Track and Field



*All athletics with the exception of wrestling are only available to 7th grade students.

Requirements for Participation – All athletes prior to practicing must complete the athletic eligibility forms online and a current physical uploaded through Final Forms. Prior to the first practice, athletes must have a sports physical on file, and have all required forms filled out. Prior to the first competition, athletes must purchase an ASB card. Please contact our Athletic Director, Kevin Villars, kevin_villars@lkstevens.wednet.edu, with any questions.



ASB Clubs

Listen to the morning announcements for club opportunities. If there is a specific activity you want to do, talk to a staff member about sponsoring it. For more details, please contact Mrs. Burleigh or Mrs. McCubbin (ASB advisors) about how to make your idea a reality.

GO BULLDOGS!



North Lake PTSA

Hello North Lake families! On behalf of the 2026–2027 North Lake Middle School PTSA Board, we would like to welcome all of our new and returning families to an exciting school year! North Lake Middle School PTSA is made up of fun and friendly people!

When you join PTSA, you are becoming part of an organization whose sole purpose is to advocate for children. We are very focused on making an enriching school experience for all students. Be sure to visit our PTSA Student Store located in the cafeteria on Wednesday, August 26th during our Open House. We will have volunteer information, membership forms, spirit wear info, and much more.

STAY IN THE KNOW! Be sure to like our Facebook page “North Lake Middle School PTSA” and visit our webpage at www.northlakeptsa.com to stay on top of school events and check out all of the fabulous programs that our PTSA supports!

Questions? Feel free to contact us at northlakeptsa@gmail.com



Dear North Lake Middle School families,

At North Lake Middle School, every middle school student will be issued a Chromebook. This computing device will be used in classes throughout the day and taken home to use for extended learning. This 1:1 model allows our teaching staff to use technology and online resources in powerful new ways within classroom instruction, and further supports collaboration between students. As with any program there are many questions, and I will address a few of these below.

What does a 1:1 Chromebook mean for students?

During the first week of school, all students are assigned a Chromebook. These devices have district-issued and managed Google Apps for Education accounts, which our students are already using. These accounts give them access to software applications for word-processing, spreadsheets, presentations, forms and email communication. Their data is stored in Google Drive and is accessible from a variety of devices with Internet connection. Due to the nature of Google Apps for Education, the account is highly secure and meets all Federal student privacy requirements. [Technology Handbook for Parents and Students](#)

Protection Plan

We highly encourage families to purchase the Chromebook Protection Plan as accidents can and do occur which can result in costly repairs. The cost for the Chromebook Protection Plan is \$30 per student and \$10 for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. The first repair claim is fully covered by the protection plan. The second claim requires a \$25 co-pay (\$5 for free or reduced lunch students) and the third claim (and all future claims) will require the parent/guardian to pay the full cost of the repairs. [Chromebook Protection Plan Flier](#)

How do I pay for the Protection Plan? (1) Pay using the online payment system located on the LSSD or school websites or (2) If not paying using the online payment system, print the LSSD Technology Use Agreement and return to the main office August 20 through September 2 with payment.

If a Chromebook becomes broken or is not fully functional, students will turn it in to the library and be issued a completely refurbished device to avoid disruption to their learning. Parents/guardians will receive a notification each time their child's Chromebook is sent in for repair. The Chromebook will then be assessed for damage by the district Chromebook Repair Team after which a second notification will be sent to parents/guardians.

Taking care of the Chromebook

Please see pages 4-5 of the Parent/Student Handbook to read more about caring for the Chromebook checked out to your student(s). [Technology Handbook for Parents and Students](#)

New to the District or Do Not Have a Chromebook?

You will be assigned a Chromebook the first week of school from the library.



HEALTH SERVICES – 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR



LIFE THREATENING HEALTH CONDITIONS

If your student has a life-threatening health condition, **BEFORE** your student can attend school you must supply:

- **EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS NEEDED AT SCHOOL**
- **HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ORDERS**
- **ANY NECESSARY SUPPLIES OR EQUIPMENT**

Your school nurse will develop a nursing care plan for your student **BEFORE** your child can attend school. Life threatening health conditions include severe food allergies, bee sting allergies, severe asthma, diabetes, seizures and cardiac conditions.

Washington State law ([RCW 28A.210.320](#) and [WAC 392-380](#)) help your student's school provide for the safety and health of children with life threatening conditions. If the necessary medication, treatment orders and equipment are not provided, the school administrators are required to exclude the student until the orders, medications, and equipment have been provided. This requirement applies to all students with a life-threatening condition.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Requirements:

The following are the minimum vaccines required for attendance in the 2026–2027 school year, according to the State of Washington ([WAC 246-105](#)).

- DTaP/DT/Td (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis): Five doses of Pertussis containing vaccine are required for school attendance. Four doses of DTaP are required for entry into kindergarten provided the last dose is given on or after the 4th birthday.
- Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis): An additional booster dose of Tdap is required and must be administered after age 10
- IPV (Inactive Polio Virus): Four doses. Three doses are allowed if the last dose is given on or after the 4th birthday.
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella): Two doses
- HBV (Hepatitis B): At least three doses completed prior to the first day of school.
- VAR (Varicella/Chicken Pox): Two doses required for entry of kindergarten – 12th grade or healthcare provider verifies child had the disease.

Access your family's immunization information:

Sign up for [MyIR](#) to view, download and print your family's immunization records securely online through the Department of Health. Once you register, you can access the records anytime you need them. You can also print your child's Certificate of Immunization Status for school, child care and camp programs. You can also call or email DOH office WAlIRecords@doh.wa.gov or 1-866-397-0337.

Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS):

A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) is the form Washington State requires parents/guardians to complete for each student. CIS's in English and Spanish are available under [Immunization Forms](#) through the Department of Health.

Certificate of Exemption (COE):

If a parent/guardian wants to exempt a student from receiving immunizations, a Certificate of Exemption (COE) must be completed by the parent and healthcare provider. COE's in English and Spanish are available under [Certificate of Exemption](#) through the Department of Health. There are also directions on correctly completing the COE.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL (Prescribed and Over the Counter)

Whenever possible we encourage medication doses to be scheduled during non-school hours. For those students who need medication at school, the following is required by Washington State Law (RCW28A.210.260 and 270) and must be completed and on file **BEFORE** any medication may be given. [Lake Stevens School District Authorization for Administration of Medication](#)

- Authorization form must be completed by parent/guardian and health care provider.
- Medications must be in the original container and properly labeled
- Medication Orders are only good for the current school year
- Parent or Guardian must deliver medication to school for documentation

If you have questions, please refer to the LSSD Health Services Page [Care Plan and Health Room Forms – Lake Stevens School District](#).

Kim Wilson, RN

Nurse – North Lake Middle School

425-335-1617 Confidential Nurse Line

425-335-1530 Main Office

425-335-1576 Fax

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Attendance Matters

Working together as a community is the best way to improve student attendance. Communication between the school and families is the place to start. "Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job." (Attendance Matters) A student is chronically absent if they miss more than two days a month, or more than 18 days in a school year. Our goal at North Lake is for all students to miss less than 18 days of school this year.

If you are keeping your student home due to illness or an appointment, please call our attendance office to report your student's absence at (425) 335-1530 or email at nlmsattendance@lkstevens.wednet.edu. In your communication please indicate one reason that best describes why your student is absent. If you do not notify the school of your student's absence, the school is required to call and confirm the absence. If there is no caregiver contact within 48 hours, the absence will be reported as unexcused.

Please visit www.attendanceworks.org for more information and resources. Please contact our Principal, Kelly Goodmansen, with any questions or concerns regarding attendance at (425) 335-1530 or email at kelly_goodmansen@lkstevens.wednet.edu.

DID YOU KNOW?

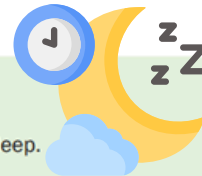
- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy. If you are concerned about a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.



Miss less than 2 days per month or 18 days per school year!

Lake Stevens School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Civil Rights Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator: John Balmer, (425) 335-1500, john_balmer@lkstevens.wednet.edu; and Section 504 Coordinator: Gina Anderson, (425) 335-1500, Gina_Anderson@lkstevens.wednet.edu. Address: 12309 22nd St. NE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258.