

THE HUSKY VOICE

Principal's Update

October 2022



Husky Families,

We want to thank our community members for being so supportive of our annual Fund Run. The money we raise will go towards our student ASB, clubs, activities, equipment, etc... The Northwood Fund Run is our only fundraiser so it is vital for us to be able to support our students. Participating in the Fund Run is not only about raising money, it is also about building school culture and Husky spirit. I am so thankful to be part of such a supportive community, along with great kids who take pride in being Huskies. We can't thank you enough!

We will move quickly from Fund Run right into some other major events. The first quarter ends on November 4th. Some 6th grade classes are only one quarter long, so quarter grades will become final on your child's transcript. A middle school schedule is a big adjustment for your kids. Please check PowerSchool to help make sure your child is on track. PowerSchool allows you to access your child's grades, attendance, and missing assignments. We ask you to engage at home in conversations about school and your child's learning. The workload increases with age, so set aside some time each night for your child to study. I understand how busy family life becomes, but keeping school as a priority will help guarantee success. It is always a good idea to eliminate distractions while your child works, so finding a quiet place and eliminating screen time is helpful. Habits they form in middle school will stay with them through high school and beyond. Organization, finding a routine, studying, and being willing to ask for help are key. Education always works best when the school and the family work together, so don't be afraid to contact your child's teacher if you have questions, concerns, or are just seeking feedback.

As we progress deeper into the fall, a valuable tradition is on the horizon. On Wednesday, November 9th, (and throughout the week) we will honor Veterans Day. We have always honored our veterans in a great way at Northwood. Also, the fall brings concerts, sports, and new activity opportunities. We believe it is healthy and valuable for students to be involved in school activities and always want students to participate. Check out the rest of the Newsletter to see club opportunities.

As Principal at Northwood, I continually wrestle with how to make sure that each kid gets what is needed to be ready for his or her next step. We love working with your kids and feel a great responsibility to make sure each student feels included, accepted, challenged, and believed in. We continually seek ways to improve and look forward to significant personal and student growth this year. It has been a great year so far, and I am proud to be working in such a great school with your outstanding kids and our outstanding staff.

We believe in you!
Troy Hughes
Principal



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Partnering with our Parents

October 2022



Husky families,

We have had a great start to the 22-23 school year thanks to the work of your students, Mead staff, and parent/guardian support. In an effort to do our best partnering with our community, the middle school admin teams would like to remind families the most efficient way to solve any problems that may arise during the school year. Please read the message below that provides the best pathway to meet student and family needs when issues or concerns arise.

Thank you,
Mead Middle School Admin Team

As part of a district-wide administrative group, we collectively work to make sure our parents and students get the highest quality education we can provide. It's not uncommon for families to have questions or want to gain a deeper understanding of the curriculum and instructional materials their child's teachers are using. Additionally, it is imperative that our teachers and administrators are able to work together with our families through processes defined by Board policies to be able to review materials and address any concerns that arise.

As shared by district administration at the September 12th school board meeting, when concerns arise in the classroom, the first step for parents/guardians is to contact the child's teacher to work through resolving an issue. If communication or meetings between the teacher and parent/guardian do not resolve the concern, the next step is to contact the school's grade level administrator, then the principal. From there, if the concern remains unresolved after contact with the principal, the District's Director of Elementary Education Rob Haugen or Director of Secondary Education Darren Nelson should be contacted to bring all parties together to discuss a plan for resolution. Working through this process will ensure that parents/guardians have the tools and opportunity to be heard.

Our policies and procedures about reviewing instructional materials or library materials can be found on our website at www.mead354.org/policy in the 2000 Series of policies and procedures.

We believe in you!
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HUSKY HAPPENINGS

October 2022

Northwood Happenings

Friday, October 7th
No School for
Students



Learning
Improvement Day



COSTUMES AND SPIRIT WEAR

Dress up days are fun! They also need to be appropriate for school and learning. Students need to make sure they can participate fully in all learning experiences while following our dress code.

Monday, Oct 31st will be designated for Halloween costumes should your student choose to wear one. Please no gore, violence or inappropriate clothing. Participation in our dress-up days is optional.



Picture
Re-Take Day
Thursday
Oct 27th, 2022

Northwood CLUBS

Please email the teacher listed below if your student is interested in joining a club

Zero Hr Jazz Band II

Tues & Thurs 7am-8am
mike.divelbiss@mead354.org



Academic Enrichment Club
every Thursday
2:30-4:45pm

danielle.burrisgeite@mead354.org

Art Club

Begins October 25th
Tues & Thurs 2:30-4:45
tannea.zollinger@mead354.org



Use QR code to
visit Northwood
MS website for
more information

HUSKY ATHLETICS

October 2022

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS MATTER!

Check out our Athletics Website for updates for all sports, as well as access to a variety of important resources and information. Please note that schedules can change as games are affected by weather, transportation issues, and other conflicts.

THANK YOU!

We really appreciate your flexibility and support over the last couple of weeks. Even with our challenges with transportation, we were able to get all of our athletes to all of their events. We did not cancel anything because you were willing and able to drive and carpool our teams. That speaks volumes about our parent community and we cannot thank you enough.

FALL SPORTS UPDATE:

It's been a fabulous start and 295 students-athletes are participating in this season of sports, which is just under 37% of our entire student body. We've had to add more teams, more games, and more coaches. That's fantastic! Participating in extracurricular activities improves engagement in school, focus on homework, and overall academic success. GO HUSKIES!

NEXT UP: 7/8 Volleyball & 6/7/8 Wrestling Start Oct. 24:

Please register your student-athlete on FamilyID, which is found under the "Activities" tab on our website. Our registration numbers determine our game/practice schedules, coaching positions, and how we can utilize our facilities.

Fees include: ASB \$15, Participation \$35, Spirit Pack \$25 (football, softball, baseball only). Fees can be paid at the business office or online through TouchBase, which can be found on the "Quick Links" under the "Our School" tab.

If your child does not have a physical, please get it scheduled as soon as possible. Physicals are good for 2 years, be sure to have an update & provide a copy to the Northwood Business Office before the first day of practice.

Athletes with incomplete paperwork or unpaid fees two school days prior to the start of the season WILL NOT be able to begin practice until completed and could lose the ability to participate for a portion or all of the season.

After School Activity Buses:

Activity buses will be available for athletes that need a ride after practices. Bus pick-up time at Northwood will be at 5:00pm. Failure to comply or other misconduct will result in loss of activity bus privileges. If you need to register for the activity bus, please complete the Registration Survey on the transportation website. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BACK BUS LOOP/FIRE LANE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN AN EMERGENCY.**



Use QR code to access
Husky Athletics Page

Athletic Director: Mr. Round
patrick.round@mead354.org



Celebrate the Husky Fund Run!!

Whole School Incentives:

\$15,000 raised = Music during lunch for a week

\$25,000 raised = Activity Day

\$30,000 raised = Outside lunch for a week

\$35,000 raised = Phones at lunch for a week

\$40,000 raised = Mr. Hughes will camp out overnight on the Northwood roof

\$50,000 raised = School dance!!!

Students Can Earn:

Every \$10.00 = Husky Buck for a Chance to Earn Individual Prizes

\$30 raised = Husky Fund Run Shirt

\$75 raised = Silly string during Fund Run

\$100 raised = Ticket to Outdoor Movie Night - Night at the Museum 1 on Thursday,

October 13, 2022

What can your Husky Bucks Earn Possibly Win??

\$100 Amazon Gift Card

\$100 Lululemon Gift Card

\$75 Pattison's + \$25 Froyo Gift Cards

Electric Bike

Plinko Game (5 players, win up to \$50 each)

Deal or No Deal Game (win up to \$100)

Let's Make a Deal Game (win up to \$125)

\$100 Nike Gift Card

\$100 Wandermere Cinemas Gift Card

Apple AirPods

Four tickets to Scarywood

Basketball Free Throws (win up to \$200)

Punch a Bunch Game (win up to \$175)

Thank you to Everyone who has donate!

There is an online donation form found at our website or your can get cash or check.

Daily Prizes for Classes, Students and More!

September 26	September 27	September 28	September 29	September 30
Top class for most money raised for the day earns everyone a certificate to Pattison's for skating	Top 8 th grade class for the day picks a spirit day theme + class earns certificates for a free Frosty at Wendy's	Top 7 th grade class for the day picks a spirit day theme + class earns certificates for a free Blizzard at DQ	Top 6 th grade class for the day picks a spirit day theme + class earns certificates for a free Blizzard at DQ	Most class participants, by percentage, today earns everyone a certificate for a free McFlurry at McDonalds
October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6	October 7
Top two 6 th graders with most money raised for the day earns a fast pass for lunch for the year with a friend + top earning class by student, by percentage, earns donuts	Top two 7 th graders with most money raised for the day earns a fast pass for lunch for the year with a friend + top earning class by student, by percentage, earns donuts	Top two 8 th graders with most money raised for the day earns a fast pass for lunch for the year with a friend + top earning class by student, by percentage, earns donuts	Every student that brings in \$20 on this day will earn a donut at lunch!	<i>No School</i>
October 10	October 11	October 12	October 13	October 14
Every student that brings in \$20 on this day will earn a piece of Little Caesar's pizza at lunch on October 14th! Spirit Day: Pajama Day	Spirit Day: Country vs. Country Western Day	Spirit Day: Anything but a Backpack Day	Spirit Day: Inside Out Day	Fund Run!! Spirit Day: Husky Spirit Day (<i>Fund Run shirts or wear blue and green</i>)

Spirit Week October 10-14

Monday Oct. 10 - Pj Day

Tuesday Oct. 11- Country Vs Country Western (*Country vs. Golf Club*)

Wednesday Oct. 12- Anything but a Backpack- *Must be respectful of Individual Teachers rules and can't be bigger than a stroller.*

Thursday Oct. 13- Inside out day

Friday Oct. 14- Husky Spirit Day! *Wear your fund run shirt and all the blue and green you have!*

Academic Enrichment Club!

- When? Every Thursday starting next week (Sept 29) from 2:35-4:45
- Where? Room 214 (Mrs. Geiter's classroom - upstairs in the green hall)
- Who can show up? Anyone- especially if you have homework you need to do, or missing work to catch up on. You do not need to sign up ahead of time.
- What should I bring? Your Chromebook and anything you need to do homework assignments
 - If you need a textbook/workbook, bring it with you
- Can I take the activity bus? Yes! Make sure you sign up to take it.
- What if I can't stay the whole time? If you have parent permission to walk home or your parent comes to pick you up, you can leave early.
- Do I have to come every week? No - you can come whenever you have homework to work on.

MT. SPOKANE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

**ARTISAN CRAFT
& FOOD FAIR**

OCTOBER 8 & 9 SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 11-4

MT. SPOKANE HIGH SCHOOL

Battle of The Bell

T-shirts will be sold online to all students in the district. To order a t-shirt follow the steps below.

1. Go to your school website
2. Under "Parent/Staff Links", click on "Online Payments"
3. Log into your account using student's user ID and password
4. Click on your student's name
5. Click on "Items at Student's School"
6. Click on "Battle of the Bell T-Shirt"
7. Specify your quantity and click "Buy"
8. Click the "Checkout Cart" at the top
9. Click "Step 1 Add Info"
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HUSKIES HELPING HUSKIES

**See Something
Hear Something
Say Something**

24-Hour Regional Crisis Line

1.877.266.1818

Operated by Frontier Behavioral Health



Emergency Call 9-1-1

Suicide Concerns
call 1.877.266.1818 or
text 741741

The Northwood Counseling Team is available to help



Use QR code for direct access to Northwood Counselor's Page

Call 509.465.7527 to speak with one of our counselors

Alana Cummings

Brock Salzman

What should I do if...

I believe someone may want to injure themselves?

I'm having thoughts of injuring myself?

Find a trusted adult, call 911 & report

(you can remain anonymous)