

# THE HUSKY VOICE

## Principal's Update

August 2022



August 26, 2022

Good Afternoon Husky Families,

The first day of school is almost here! On Tuesday, August 30th, we are excited to kick off the 2022-23 school year. Our mission is for each of your students to be included, accepted, valued, believed in, and growing. We can't wait to start working with them.

We really enjoyed the Open House yesterday. It was a huge highlight to have parents, students, and staff together in the building. It felt like community again, something we have really been missing the past couple years. The event fueled our staff for what is going to be a great year. If you were unable to attend the Open House, our school will be open Monday, August 29th from 8am to 3pm (There will be some disruptive construction in the entryway, but I believe we will be able to find a way to work around it). Please, drop by to get your students' schedule, Chromebook, find their locker, and walk the halls. If you were able to attend but feel like your student could use a little more time in the hallway to get familiar with Northwood, come on in! Students who do not pick up their schedule by Monday will be able to pick it up in their first period class on the first day of school (Tuesday, August 30th).

If you missed my last communication, including the slide show, [\[click here\]](#). The slide show contains much 'need to know' information regarding the start of school.

*We believe  
in you!*



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Troy Hughes  
Northwood Principal  
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## From the Asst Principal's Desk

August 2022

Mr. Round has been at Northwood MS for 22 yrs. He is entering his 2nd year with the administrative team while continuing his duties as Northwood's Athletic Director. He also taught Design and Model at Northwood.

Mr. Round strives to provide intentional support, vision and encouragement as an Asst Principal and Athletic Director in order to help all students and teachers achieve academic, personal and athletic success.

Mr. Round is married to his wife Karen of 25 yrs and has 3 children. They also have a golden doodle named Ruby.

When Mr. Round is not at NMS, he is working on home improvement projects. He enjoys the outdoors whether it's running, biking, hiking, boating and fishing. When Mr. Round finds times to sit still, he enjoys a crossword puzzle or a game of cribbage. Trying new foods and traveling are also a love for Mr. Round.



**Pat Round,  
Assistant Principal  
& Athletic Director**



### **Northwood sends best wishes to Assistant Principal Teresa Laher...**

After 6 dedicated years with Northwood Middle School, Mrs. Laher is moving on to new ventures. Mrs. Laher's footprint will forever be visible as she provided our staff, students and families with a loyal, consistent and caring purpose and we will miss her greatly!

### **...and welcomes new Assistant Principal Matt Walter**

Mr. Walter joins the Husky Team with 13 years in education. He taught a 5th/6th multi-age class for 2 years at Summit, 1 year 3rd grade and 1 year 5th grade, 5 years as a 7th/8th grade math and science teacher at Bowdish Middle School, 2 years at Sunrise Elementary, and 3 years as the Assistant Principal at Liberty Lake Elementary School. Mr. Walter and his wife just celebrated their 12th anniversary and have 2 boys. Troy is 7 and will be a 1st grader this year and Monte is 4. Mr. Walter spends most of his time outside of work exercising and playing with his sons. He loves to go for walks while his boys ride scooters, going to the park, or run around their backyard. Mr. Walter cannot wait to get to know our students, staff, and community! He's very proud of the work our staff has done over the past several years around inclusion and diversity and he looks forward to carrying that on!



**Matt Walter,  
Assistant Principal**



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## Welcome to our New Huskies!

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A big Husky welcome to Hope Hocutt! She will be teaching Orchestra and Read 180 at Northwood. This is Hope's first year teaching and she is excited to get to know our students and community. She enjoys reading and playing her instruments. Hope also has a hamster named Otto and says he has quite the personality. We are excited for you all to meet Hope soon!



**Hope Hocutt**  
Orchestra &  
Read 180



**Mike Mason**  
Compass &  
Inclusion

Mr. Mason joins the husky team with 11 years teaching experience. He comes to us from Creekside elementary and is looking forward to working with middle school students again. Mike formerly taught special education at the middle and high school level and was a behavior teacher with elementary students. He has a cat named lola, too. When Mike is not at school, he enjoys staying active outdoors; golfing, hiking, fishing, rafting and more. He also loves to cook, read and watch documentaries.

Northwood welcomes Mr. Vail, our new Design & Modeling teacher. David comes to us with 8 years teaching experience. He has taught 3rd grade, a 3/4 combo class, 4th grade and also was a testing facilitator. David is married to his wife, Sebrina, and they have a 4th grade son named Dieter and a 2nd grade daughter named Davina. They also have a chihuahua named Finn and 2 cats named Mew Mew and Lovins. When David is not at school, he spends his time with his family. He is looking forward to being part of the Northwood team!



**David Vail**  
Design & Modeling

## 2022-23 Northwood Daily Bell Schedule

### Monday, Tuesday, Friday

1<sup>st</sup> Period 7:55 - 8:55

2<sup>nd</sup> Period 8:59 - 9:56

3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:00 - 10:57

<b>1st Lunch 10:57 - 11:27</b>	4th Period 11:01 - 11:58
4th Period 11:31 - 12:28	<b>2nd Lunch 11:58-12:28</b>

5<sup>th</sup> Period 12:32 - 1:29

6<sup>th</sup> Period 1:33 - 2:30

### Wednesday Late start & Homeroom Schedule **(Begins Sept 7th)**

1<sup>st</sup> Period 8:35 - 9:21

**Homeroom 9:25 - 9:55**

2<sup>nd</sup> Period 9:59 - 10:44

3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:48 - 11:33

<b>1st Lunch 11:33 - 12:03</b>	4th Period 11:37 - 12:22
4th Period 12:07 - 12:52	<b>2nd Lunch 12:22 - 12:52</b>

5<sup>th</sup> Period 12:56 - 1:41

6<sup>th</sup> Period 1:45 - 2:30

### Thursday Access Time Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Period 7:55 - 8:51

**Access Time 8:55 - 9:25**

2<sup>nd</sup> Period 9:29 - 10:20

3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:24 - 11:15

<b>1st Lunch 11:15 - 11:45</b>	4th Period 11:19 - 12:10
4th Period 11:49 - 12:40	<b>2nd Lunch 12:10 - 12:40</b>

5<sup>th</sup> Period 12:44 - 1:35

6<sup>th</sup> Period 1:39 - 2:30

# IMPORTANT DATES

## Mark Your Calendars

AUG/SEPT 2022



29

AUG

7/8 FOOTBALL 1ST PRACTICE 5-7PM

NORTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL | 5:00 PM

30

AUG

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

NORTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL | 7:55 AM

30

AUG

7/8 SOFTBALL & 6-8 CROSS COUNTRY BEGINS

NORTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL | 2:30 PM

02

SEP

NO SCHOOL

LABOR DAY WEEKEND | 0:00 AM

05

SEP

NO SCHOOL

LABOR DAY | 0:00 AM

07

SEP

1ST DAY OF LATE START

LATE START WEDNESDAYS | 8:35 AM

14

SEP

PICTURE DAY @ NORTHWOOD

PICTURE DAY | 0:00 AM

23

SEP

FUND RUN KICK-OFF DAY

FUND RUN FUNDRAISER | 0:00 AM

26

SEP

6TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL BEGINS

NORTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL | 2:30 PM





# HUSKY HAPPENINGS

AUGUST 2022

## Northwood Open House

Thank you Husky families for coming to Open House! We are so excited to see you all on Tues, Aug 30th for our 1st day of school!



Thank you for all your support and purchasing huskies swag. All funds go to student activity and help create a positive, fun & welcoming environment for all our students! Student Store will be open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at both lunches starting September 12. Store will also be open on the first day of school in the morning from 7:35am-7:50am



# 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 anonymously**