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Principal's Message

Dear Woodmoor Families,

I hope this communication finds you well! It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the first month of school for this school year. It has been great welcoming students back to school and seeing them in their classrooms.. Through the challenges of the global pandemic, we continue to provide our staff and students with the necessary safety and health protocols in accordance with the district and OSPI guidelines.

At school, teachers and staff have been working on developing meaningful relationships with students. Additionally, academics are well on the way. We started with our iReady testing which is an assessment that will help us further identify your students' academic needs. Teachers will take this information and use it to inform their instruction specific for all students. **We are dedicated to provide your students 100%. 100% of our effort, for 100% of our students, 100% of the time!**

We are continuing our dedication of creating a steadfast sense of belonging for all our students and families. I have had the opportunity to talk with many students; including those who are new to Woodmoor this year. What I have learned is that students are excited to be back, students are excited to be a Woodmoor dolphin and happy about the learning from their teachers, as well as interacting with their friends.

I want to take a few minutes to also thank you for following all safety protocols during arrival and dismissal. Your continued focus and honor of the safety supervisors in the parking lot has been an extreme help. We also appreciate you for letting us know in a timely manner if your after school pick up plans change. Our goal is to get students to their designated locations in a safe and efficient manner. Thank you for all you have done to make this a success. It matters!

I also want to thank you for your diligence in letting us know if your student is not feeling well and/or if there is a positive case. We cannot do this without you. Guidance is always changing, but we have updated you on the most current news we have as of today as it relates to quarantining and expectations during that time. Please see Section 4 for more information about Covid protocols and updates. We have started to batch test for this year. So far we have no positive cases from batch testing. We will continue to notify you as a school if there is a positive case within the school. We will also let you know if any of our batches come back positive as well. As a reminder, if your child is in close contact with someone who has tested positive, you will always get a personal phone call. If we have not personally called you, then just know that the communication at that time is to just let you know as to make you aware of what is going on at school. We believe it is important to keep you all updated. Please reach out to our COVID supervisor, Sam Ramirez <u>sramirez@nsd.org</u> if you should have any COVID related questions.

We appreciate you all and as always, please know that we are here to help and support in any way we can. We are Woodmoor! **We are One Team-100%**. Let's continue to making it a great year!

Sincerely, Ebony Harvey Principal

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Upcoming Events







School Information



Kinder thru 5th grade

ECEAP FSA PACE Dev. 3's

Phonology

School Hours:

- **9:30-4:00** K-5th grade, FSA, & PACE
- 9:30-2:30 Early Release Wednesday
- 10:10-1:40 ECEAP

Dev. 3's & Phonology program:

- 9:30-12:00 am session
- 1:30-4:00 pm session

Important Information:

- Students in FSA and K-5th grade can arrive at 9:10
- Students in Dev. 3's and Phonology can arrive at 9:20
- Students are tardy at 9:35

Important Numbers:

- Main Office: 425-408-5600
- Attendance: 425-408-5610
- Health Room: 425-408-5606

Section 2

School News



To fulfil the state assessment requirement for the spring of 2021, OSPI postponed the Smarter Balanced (SBA)/Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS) until fall of 2021. Because fall of 2021 testing is a postponement of the spring 2021 testing window, students will be assessed at the grade level they were enrolled in last spring. OPSI has worked with the Smarter Balanced Consortium and WCAS to reduce the amount of testing time by 20 to 30%. Time spent testing this fall is estimated by the state at 75minutes for English/Language Arts, 60-minutes for math, and 45-minutes for science.

These assessments are used for state and federal accountability as well as an option for high school students to meet their Graduation Pathways requirement. The English/Language Arts (ELA) and math Smarter Balanced Assessments are administered in grades 3 through 8 and 10, while the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS) is administered in grades 5, 8, and 11.

Students in grades 4 & 5 will test on the following days at Woodmoor:

- 5th grade ELA October 12th
- 5th grade Math October 14th
- 4th grade ELA October 19th
- 4th grade Math October 21st

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As we want each student to perform at their best, we encourage students to get good sleep and nutrition during these times. It is also important for families to minimize student absences during the testing schedule.



Annually the District provides parents/guardians with notification of forms that must be acknowledged, including:

- WA State Attendance Letter
- Rights and Responsibilities Handbook
- Weapons Letter
- Student Housing Questionnaire

We ask that you <u>login to ParentVUE</u> today to view these forms. If you have never logged into ParentVUE, you will find instructions on how to do so when you click the link above. Please know that when you next login to ParentVUE, you will be prompted to download, read, and take action for each of the forms listed above. Additionally, secondary students will be prompted to download, read and acknowledge the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook when they login to StudentVUE. Families with elementary students are encouraged to review the handbook together in ParentVUE with their students. These forms must be completed no later than Oct. 29.

The forms are available in English, Spanish, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional, Russian, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Korean, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu. If you would like to access a paper copy of these forms, please contact our main office.

If you have any questions about these forms, please contact Student Services at (425) 408-7725 or by email at <u>studentsvcs@nsd.org</u>.





This year Northshore School District has provided one to one devices for each child. This means that each child will be assigned a device to use at school and travel home with, if and when needed. In order for your child to be able to bring the device home, the following <u>Form</u> needs to be completed by all parents PK- 5th grade. When completing the form, you will need your child's Student ID number. Here are instructions on how to access your child's Student ID.

To access your child's Student ID: Log into Parent Vue: <u>https://www.nsd.org/resources/online-</u> <u>tools/parentvue</u>

When you arrive at the home screen you will see your child(ren) listed and their ID numbers will be listed next to their name(s):



If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Brandon Bermudez at <u>bbermudez@nsd.org</u>



If you haven't already, please click on the following link to access your child's grade-level videos from our Curriculum Night last week.

These videos will give you information on what your child's school day looks like and what they will be learning this year.

Virtual Curriculum Night

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Did you know we have a new School Counselor? If you haven't already, Please click on the following link below to learn about our new School Counselor and how she can support you this school year.

School Counselor

Section 4

Covid Updates

What families should know:

What about COVID Batch Testing?

Batch Testing

COVID19 Batch Testing- All students will be tested weekly, unless a parent or guardian completes an opt-out form. As the name "batch" suggests, everyone in a classroom or cohort puts their test samples together in a batch vial with no names or personally identifiable information. Your child will be tested unless you opt out your child by <u>clicking on this link</u>.

- If I opt my child out of batch testing, will that prevent them from having to quarantine?
 - Not necessarily. If your student is within close contact to a student confirmed positive for COVID-19, your student must quarantine for a minimum of 14 days, unless after 5 days, they take a PCR test which shows negative results. The student may return to class after 7 full days of isolation, with a negative test, and assuming they have not developed any symptoms.
- If someone in my child's class tests positive in a batch test, is the entire class sent home?
 - No. Only those in the positive batch are asked to isolate and sent for confirmatory testing. A negative test returns the student in the batch to school. The entire class would not be sent home. Once the positive student(s) from the batch is identified, we will contact trace to determine if other students were in close contact thus needing to quarantine.
- If my student is within close contact of a confirmed positive case, can we provide a negative test to allow them back to class?
 - Yes, students within close contact must quarantine for a minimum of 14 days, unless after 5 days, they take a PCR test which shows negative results. The student may return to class after 7 full days of isolation, with a negative test, and assuming they have not developed any symptoms.

What about Quarantine?

New Quarantine Guidelines – must quarantine for a minimum of 14 days, unless after 5 days, they take a PCR test which shows negative results. The student may return to class after 7 full days of isolation, with documentation a negative test, and assuming they have not developed any symptoms.

Close contacts who had confirmed COVID-19 in the past three months, have recovered and do not have symptoms, do not need to quarantine but should watch for symptoms and get tested if symptoms develop. If you would like to submit your child's positive results to our school nurse at <u>kmeiusi@nsd.org</u>, we will keep this information confidential and refer to it if their class has a positive case.

Batch Testing Results

So far there have been **O** positive cases from batch testing.

Education Support During Quarantine

child learn? In order to address the disruption that COVID-19 has caused our students' educational program and specifically students who must quarantine due to COVID-19, we have developed a plan to continue education support for students in guarantine. This plan pertains to situations where only a few students from each class must quarantine. If you elect to keep your student home or you student is not officially put on quarantine, you will not have access to this plan.

How will my

The following schedule will be used to provide **students at the elementary** level with lessons in reading, writing, and math:

- 9:00-9:10 AM Greeting and Question of the Day
- 9:10-9:50 AM Math, Reading, or Writing Lesson Based on Grade Level Schedule
- 9:50-10:00 AM BREAK
- 10:00-10:40 AM Math, Reading, or Writing Lesson Lesson Based on Grade Level Schedule
- 10:40-10:50 AM BREAK
- 10:50-11:30 AM Math, Reading, or Writing Lesson Lesson Based on Grade Level Schedule
- 11:30 AM-12:30 PM LUNCH
- 12:30-3:30 PM Asynchronous Work Time



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Northshore Families...Have you thought about PACE?

Parents Active in Cooperation Education, is a choice educational enrichment program offered through Northshore School District. Placement is by blind lottery, open to all Northshore School District students in grades 1-5 (space permitting). PACE is committed to an enriched learning environment, emphasizing active participation of parents, innovative teaching techniques, and creating a partnership of teachers, parents and students.

Find out if PACE is the right choice for your family at this year's Information Night event.

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 7:00 PM

This year's Information Night will be held as virtual webinar events hosted by each PACE site. For more details on PACE or our upcoming Information Night event, please email the Enrollment Coordinator.

> PACE at Woodmoor email: enrollment@paceatwoodmoor.org





Our Woodmoor PTSA is working hard and has some great things going on.

Check out Woodmoor PTSA's website homepage:

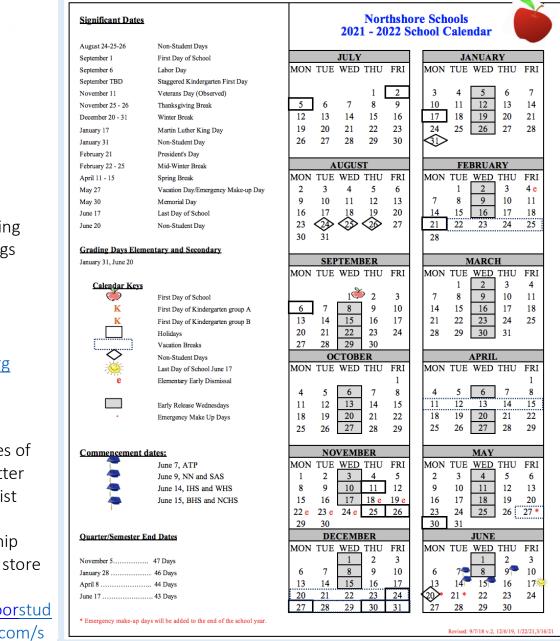
www.woodmoorptsa.org

While you're there:

- View the recent issues of the weekly e-newsletter and join the mailing list
- Join/renew your PTSA membership
- Shop the Spirit Wear store (open until October 3rd) <u>https://woodmoorstud</u> <u>ents2021.itemorder.com/s</u> ale
- Check out the virtual after school programs
- Find links to the fall fundraiser
- View open committee positions

STAY INFORMED – WOODMOOR WEBSITE

Check out our Woodmoor website and calendar for updates. This will remain our means of communication throughout the school year. To access the website please go to http://woodmoor.nsd.org. For up-todate information please go to the Woodmoor website "calendar".



Northshore's Nondiscrimination Statement

Northshore School District prohibits *discrimination on the basis of* age, sex, marital status, genetic information, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification, *in all its employment procedures, training, programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.* The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged unlawful discrimination: Doug Hale, Executive Director of Human Resources, (425) 408-7606.