

UPDATES

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# Woodmoor's Dolphin Splash



# WOODMOOR eLEMENTARY sCHOOL



## Principal's Message

Dear Woodmoor Families,

I hope this communication finds you well! We wanted to send you this Mid-Month Dolphin Splash to keep you informed and update you on some changes coming soon so that you are aware and can better prepare.

5<sup>th</sup> graders started SBA testing this week. So proud of how hard they are working to show us what they know. Students continue to S.W.I.M. at Woodmoor. We have had many, many students demonstrating S.W.I.M. expectations and earning those SWIM tickets. A big shout out goes to our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders for leading our morning announcements. Their voices, pride and love for our school really matters. Go Dolphins!

We have had a recent staff change this week so please be sure to read the School News section to learn about the new staff position added to our school. Additionally, please pay attention to this section for other school changes and exciting news.

We appreciate you all and as always, please know that we are here to help and support in any way we can. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

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

5<sup>th</sup> grade SBA  
testing  
Math

**Oct.  
14<sup>th</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> grade SBA  
testing  
ELA

**Oct.  
19<sup>th</sup>**

PACE Info  
Night  
7:00pm

**Oct.  
19<sup>th</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> grade SBA  
testing  
Math

**Oct.  
21<sup>st</sup>**

ASB Spirit  
Day & Harvest  
Party

**Oct.  
29<sup>th</sup>**

Picture  
Retake  
Day

**Nov.  
4<sup>th</sup>**



## School Information



Kinder thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade

ECEAP

FSA

PACE

Dev. 3's

Phonology

### School Hours:

- 9:30-4:00 K-5<sup>th</sup> 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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

# School News



## Message from Assistant Principal Williams

I'm excited to announce that I will be welcoming my first baby this October. I have decided to take the rest of the school year to be at home with my family.

With my last day being today, I want to say how thankful I am to be a part of our Woodmoor community. I will miss each of your children and connecting with them daily in their classrooms, buses, and recess. I look forward to seeing each of them and reconnecting with our community next school year.

## DEAN of students

Hello,

I'm LaTisha Joseph and this year I'm excited to serve as an admin intern and Dean of students for our community. I've had the privilege to be a part of this community in many roles over the years. As a teacher, a coach and as a parent.

This year my journey will continue as a learning leader. It is my hope that you see me as an advocate and a partner in your student success. In this role I will be working to support all students; specifically with 1st and 4th grade.

As I grow in this role your input and feedback will be important. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.



Sincerely,  
LaTisha Joseph

# School News



Halloween is approaching and we want to take the time to share some topics to consider as you prepare for Fall Parties. Because not all students and their families based on culture, religious or other reasons celebrate Halloween, we at WM will need to create an environment that is inclusive to all students. With that said, we need your help. Regarding costumes, we want all students and staff to feel safe and comfortable. This means that dressing up to depict a race or **culture other than one's own**, or a historically or currently oppressive figure, is harmful. Further, doing so perpetuates stereotypes, cultural appropriation, discrimination, and insensitivity. Focus on costuming linked to a specific character, not general looks that have meaning to often-marginalized groups of people. Some examples to avoid are the mustache and poncho combo, Native American headdresses, kimonos and grass skirts with a coconut top, famous Disney characters such as Moana, Pocahontas, Tiana etc. The key here is for students to not dress up as any member of a **culture that isn't their own**. Cultures and races are not, and should never be considered, costumes. For anyone who participates in Fall festivities by dressing up, please remember that this day and every day should be one that is fun, inclusive, and respectful of the diversity that we have in our school. Please know that dressing up is optional.

If you are sending treats to school or Fall Parties, please be sure to include enough for all students in the class. **It is extremely important to remember that all treats should be individually wrapped.** Please avoid cupcakes, cookies, cake, loose bags of candy like Skittles, M&Ms etc.



In accordance with the Districts Covid Handbook <https://www.nsd.org/covid19/protocols>, It is our highest priority to maintain safety at all times to avoid possible exposure and spread of COVID 19. At the beginning of the school year, we started off with all students in zones during recess with their classroom. We determined we would revisit this after the first month of school. After feedback from students and parents, we have determined that moving forward beginning next Monday, October 18th, we will be modifying our recess. Student zones will now be by grade level and not by class. This shift in zones allows students more areas to play during recess in addition to supporting students' social emotional needs during this time, while still having safety measures in place.



Picture retake day will be Thursday November 4th. This day is mainly for students that were absent on our original picture day in September. Teachers will have a list of who was absent and will make sure those students get their pictures taken.

For the students that want their picture re-done for another reason will need to let their teacher know and make sure they have their original picture pack with them for the retake picture.



We are excited to welcome volunteers back to campus this year in support of our staff and students. All volunteers in the Northshore School District are able to complete their volunteer application and background check online. Family members of students and community members who volunteer at more than one school will only need to complete the application once a year. Volunteers can [learn more and complete an online application here.](#) Follow the Application Process (School and District Volunteers), filling out Steps 1-4. We are committed to providing a safe work environment for employees & students. All volunteers must:

- Frequent handwashing, social distancing and wearing mask while on campus.
- Stay home when sick or having been in close contact with a person with COVID-19.
- In order to assist with contact tracing, all volunteering **must be prearranged** with your classroom teacher.
- All volunteers must check-in and check-out at the front office upon arrival and leaving the school grounds.

Once you are approved, you and your classroom teacher will be notified by the Woodmoor Office.



This is a reminder that the deadline to submit the Permission to Withhold Student Directory Information form is Friday, Oct. 15, 2021. If you wish to [submit this form do so on our website](#) or by [downloading the PDF](#), signing it and returning it to your school's main office. On the form, you will find three choices as to how you can control how your student's information is shared. Again, if you wish to complete this form you must do so no later than Oct. 15. Forms will be accepted after the deadline, but the District cannot be responsible for the release of Directory Information if the Permission to Withhold Student Directory Information form is received after the October 15 deadline of the current school year.

Federal law prohibits school districts from releasing information found in student files without parent/guardian permission, except for what is termed Directory Information. [You can learn more about what our district releases by visiting our webpage.](#) The District does not release Directory Information for commercial or fundraising purposes but does release this information when there is a legitimate educational purpose for doing so.

If you completed this form this school year on ParentVUE and submitted it to your school already, no additional action is required. Your form will remain on file for this school year.

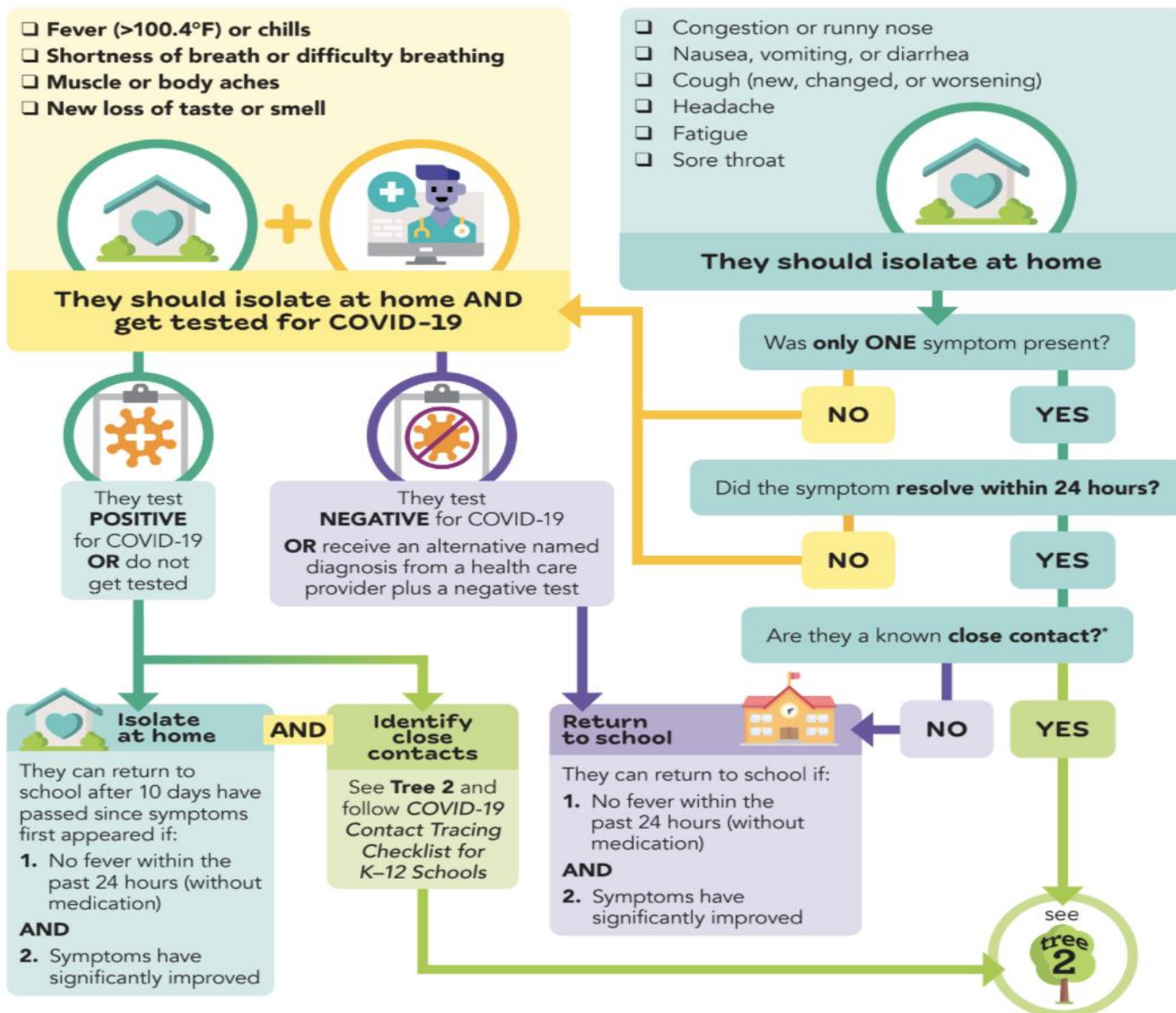
If you have any questions about these forms, please contact Student Services at (425) 408-7725 or by email at [studentsvcs@nsd.org](mailto:studentsvcs@nsd.org).

# Covid Updates

## What to do if a Person is Symptomatic at School



If a person has one or more of these symptoms:

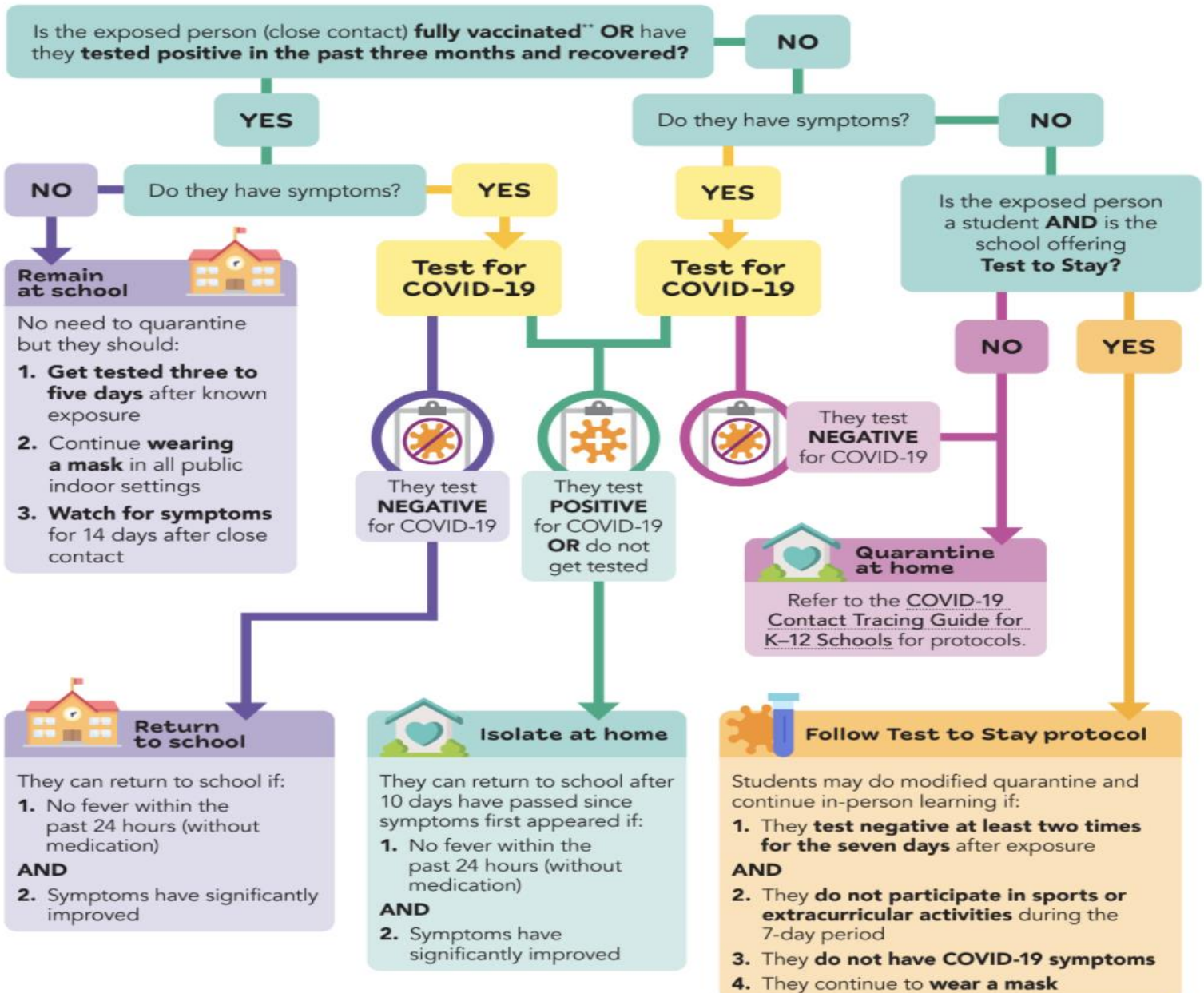


# Covid Updates

## Identify and Care for Close Contacts at School



If there is a COVID-19 positive person at school:



\*\*A person is **fully vaccinated** against COVID-19 when they've had two doses of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and at least two weeks have passed since the last dose.

Batch Testing Results

So far we have had **2** positive cases from batch testing.

# ELEMENTARY COUNSELING CORNER



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 425-408-  
 5618

## Hello Woodmoor families!

Throughout the year I will be sending monthly messages to help your families with their social and emotional needs at home. Here are a few tips for this month:

### Virtual Office

I now have a virtual school counseling office for everyone to visit! It contains various social and emotional resources for students and parents to access. I will be adding to this office throughout the year, so check in regularly for more helpful resources! Please [click here](#) to access this site.

### COVID Feelings

While we are back to in-person school, students are still processing a lot of changes. In particular, the quarantine process this year means that students will sometimes have to learn from home unexpectedly. This can bring up a lot of complicated feelings for kids, and adults too. I created this video here to talk about the different feelings students might experience, and what they can do to process those feelings.

### Bullying Prevention Month

The month of October is Bullying Prevention Month. This is a great time to remind your students of a few key ways they can help prevent bullying:

- **Recognize:** It is important to help students recognize what bullying is. Bullying is when one person or a group of people hurt or scare someone repeatedly without stopping. Bullying can include physical aggression such as hitting or kicking as well as emotional aggression in the form of teasing, exclusion, or threats.
- **Report:** Your student may recognize that they are being bullied, or that someone else is being bullied. Once they know that bullying is happening, it is important that they reach out to an adult to tell them what is happening. Help your child understand the trusted adults they can talk to, including you, their teacher, and other staff at school.
- **Refuse:** With the support of trusted adults, students are in a better position to stand up to bullying. You can help them practice assertive behavior, such as saying, "Stop. This is bullying and it is not okay" Help students remember that if they see bullying happen to others, they also have the power to stand up and stop it.

As always, feel free to reach out to me at [zcard@nsd.org](mailto:zcard@nsd.org) if there is any way I can support your student this year!

# Partner News



## 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](mailto:enrollment@paceatwoodmoor.org)

## Woodmoor PTSA News

### Woodmoor PTSA is excited to participate in National PTA Reflections Art Contest 2021-2022!

**This year's theme is "I Will  
Change The World By..."**

Anyone interested can download a student entry form for their chosen project [here](#).

Students submit their completed works of art in one, or all, of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

For more information, visit the [Reflections page](#) on our website.

**Submissions need to be turned in to their teacher no later than Nov 12th.**

For questions or for help getting started please email: [reflections.woodmoor@gmail.com](mailto:reflections.woodmoor@gmail.com)

Parent volunteers needed for judging! Please contact Clare Brooks at [reflections.woodmoor@gmail.com](mailto:reflections.woodmoor@gmail.com).



# PTSA News

Final Days - Fall Fundraiser ends Friday  
Oct. 15th



We are so grateful for the amazing support and participation we have seen with our fall fundraiser! If you have not had a chance to participate, it is not too late! Registering at [www.FundPrizes.com](http://www.FundPrizes.com) is super easy and you can share the fundraiser directly with your supporters through your child's dashboard! Thank you for helping us reach our goal!

We want to raise \$20,000 for teacher grants, recess equipment, music supplies, science programs, and so much more! To help us get to our goal, share with family members or friends nationwide to get 5+ online supporters. Remember, pay online/text-to-pay and direct ship-to-home is available. Go to [www.FundPrizes.com](http://www.FundPrizes.com) to register and share. Plus, you can win from up to \$100,000 in prizes simply for sharing!

Check out this [Video](#) with an overview on registering your student. Please send any questions to [woodmoorptsachair@gmail.com](mailto:woodmoorptsachair@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

# HAPPY FALL



## 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-to-date information please go to the Woodmoor website "calendar".

### Significant Dates

August 24-25-26	Non-Student Days
September 1	First Day of School
September 6	Labor Day
September TBD	Staggered Kindergarten First Day
November 11	Veterans Day (Observed)
November 25 - 26	Thanksgiving Break
December 20 - 31	Winter Break
January 17	Martin Luther King Day
January 31	Non-Student Day
February 21	President's Day
February 22 - 25	Mid-Winter Break
April 11 - 15	Spring Break
May 27	Vacation Day/Emergency Make-up Day
May 30	Memorial Day
June 17	Last Day of School
June 20	Non-Student Day

### Grading Days Elementary and Secondary

January 31, June 20

### Calendar Keys

	First Day of School
	First Day of Kindergarten group A
	First Day of Kindergarten group B
	Holidays
	Vacation Breaks
	Non-Student Days
	Last Day of School June 17
	Elementary Early Dismissal
	Early Release Wednesdays
	Emergency Make Up Days

### Commencement dates:

	June 7, ATP
	June 9, NN and SAS
	June 14, IHS and WHS
	June 15, BHS and NCHS

### Quarter/Semester End Dates

November 5.....	47 Days
January 28 .....	46 Days
April 8 .....	44 Days
June 17 .....	43 Days

\* Emergency make-up days will be added to the end of the school year.

### Northshore Schools 2021 - 2022 School Calendar



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### 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.