Husky Families,

The best part of everyday this year has been your kids. They are talented, intelligent, funny, and full of energy. It is evident Northwood families invest greatly in their kids. Our staff is honored to be given the responsibility to help educate them along the way. It is our job to make certain each student grows, but also feels respected, cared for, challenged, and believed in. It is a responsibility we will not take lightly. Our experienced staff has impressed me this year and has once again proven highly qualified to challenge your children. As great as Northwood is at providing a quality education, there is always room for growth. One of the areas we would like to put energy is in ensuring equity.

Northwood’s community has grown significantly in the past several years. We have a responsibility to make sure our systems and structures grow and expand at an equal rate. Are we ensuring that each student has the best opportunity to grow at Northwood? Are we ensuring students of all backgrounds feel like Northwood is a place where they belong and will take ownership? Do our systems and practices allow access to the most challenging opportunities? I am looking to form an Equity Advisory Committee that will meet quarterly. This will be a group of 10-12 community members, parents, and staff who will meet with the purpose of exploring equitable practices. I am looking for community members of all backgrounds who have a passion for student success. Connecting with our community in an effort to best serve our kids would be of great value. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on a committee like this, please email me at troy.hughes@mead.354.org. Let me know your name, a brief profile, contact information, and what expertise you could offer a committee of this kind.

We will miss our eighth graders next year but know they are ready to excel at Mead High School. No matter where they go in life, they will always share the similar experience of being Northwood Huskies. Parents, thank you for your support in making this a great year. Our students showed significant growth academically and socially this year, and parents play the main role in their growth. Thank you for supporting our school.

I hope you find time to relax and enjoy friends and family this summer. We will be back at it before you know it. Northwood’s office will be open on Mondays from 8:00 AM to Noon beginning July 8th. If families need to register, pay fees, sign up, or anything else, please drop by during those business hours.
Middle School Sports Matter!

**Summer is here, but WOW, what a year!**

Thank you for your support for your son or daughter and our athletic programs during the 2018-19 school year. As your athletic director, I feel a huge amount of appreciation, satisfaction, and enjoyment when watching and working with our athletes and coaches at Northwood. This year’s participation was phenomenal!

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**Congratulations!**

We are proud to recognize Misa McKenna, Nicole Starr, and Max Furqueron, who were all nominated for the WIAA Give Me “5”, Star Student of the Month. Only 2 student athletes are chosen throughout the entire state each month. Misa was selected in December, Nicole was selected in April, and Max was Honorable Mention for the 2018-19 school year. Congratulations! We are lucky to have you represent the Northwood Huskies!

**Registration for 2019-2020 is now open.**

All athletic registration is available via our website and the FamilyID link. We are currently working on our fall schedules for softball, cross country, and football. Check our website during the summer for further details.

**Important dates to put on your calendar:**

- Aug 20 – Business Office Open to Collect Fees & Physical
- Aug 26 – First day of football practice – 5:00-7:00
- Aug 27 – Football Practice & Equipment Hand Out @ 4:00
- Aug 27 – Physical Night at Northwood for All Sports @ 5:00
- Sept 3 – First Day of School
- Sept 3 – Cross Country & Softball Begin
- Sept 16 – Tennis Begins
Please join us in congratulating two of Northwood’s finest as they end their career in education. Combined they have over 65 years serving children. We wish them the very best, as they will be missed.

Ted Farr came to Northwood 18 years ago. Previous to Northwood, he spent 18 years teaching in the East Valley School District. Mr. Farr taught Applied Tech for 16 years and spent his last two years teaching P.E. Mr. Farr was a frequent in the gym and on the athletic fields as he also coached many sports. Mr. Farr says that he will definitely miss the high number of really great students/people that he has had the pleasure to meet through working in schools.

Thank you, Coach Ted Farr!
We cannot say enough about how lucky we are at Northwood to have experienced the friendship, generosity, patience, mentorship, hotdog barbecuing, and coaching from Mr. Farr. For many years, Coach Farr has started the fall with softball, coached wrestling and 2 seasons of basketball in the winter, and finished in the spring with baseball. His hours of hard work and dedication to our student athletes will be greatly missed. We wish you the best in your retirement, Coach!

Debbie Chimienti started working in education over 29 years ago and 26 of those years were right here at Northwood. Debbie was our head cook at Northwood and ran a tight ship in the kitchen and was loved dearly by the students. Debbie was asked what she would miss the most and she said, “I will miss the craziness of the everyday routine and most of all I will miss my coworker that I worked with for 17 years”. Debbie will walk away with many memories and the many friends she met at Northwood that she now considers her family. Debbie, you will be missed.
Hello my name is Alana Cummings and I am the new 7th grade counselor at Northwood Middle School. Before coming to the Mead District, I was a school counselor in the Nine Mile Falls School District for 12 years...6 years at the high school level and 6 at the elementary level.

This school year, I was hired to work part-time in the Northwood 6th grade center. It was an amazing experience and I had the opportunity to meet many incoming 7th graders. I look forward to meeting more of the staff, community, and students this August!

I live at Deer Lake with my husband and two daughters, ages 7 and 9. Some of the things I enjoy are traveling, basketball, ping pong, hosting bbq's, dancing, and most of all hanging out at the lake with my family.

*WANTED* Parent Volunteers
If you are interested in being part of the Dawg Squad and would like to hang out with some great 7th and 8th Grade students please contact Mr. Hughes at Troy.Hughes@mead354.org to get more information.

Summer Hours

June 17th through June 28th
Office Open 7 am –3 pm (closed 12 - 1)

Starting July 8th – Office Open
Mondays from 8 am - noon

Looking Ahead

8/28 - 7th Grade Orientation - 12 -3 pm
8/29 & 8/30 - 8th Grade Schedules ready - 7-3 (closed noon to 1)
9/3 - First Day of School
9/11 - School Pictures
9/26 - Northwood Open House