

One community  
One school  
One family

Mustang  
STRONG

## A note from the principal

Spring break is right around the corner! Can you believe it is already APRIL???? Time flies when you are having fun! With the spring comes the mud and muck of the Winter thaw - sometimes with our mind and attitude as well! When we get tired and stressed we can get caught in the everyday mundane things and think we'll never get out! Thank goodness it seems just when my legs can't move any more the sun begins to shine and the mud dries up! Sunshine is good for our soul and body. Spring has sprung! Get outdoors and enjoy it as much as possible. Go for a walk, play at the park with your kids, enjoy a baseball or softball game or two. Get some rest and rejuvenate your mind and body. Springtime is here and Summer will be here before we know it. Let's continue to work together to make our community, school, and families GREAT! My door is always open and if you should need anything - I'm a phone call away. Have a great Spring Break! Enjoy your family! ~Dr. Hunt



## ATTENDANCE



### ATTENDANCE in the early grades

#### Who Is Affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

1 in 10 Kids in kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent. In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4.<sup>1</sup>



2 in 10 low-income kids miss too much school. They're also more likely to suffer academically.<sup>2</sup>



2.5 in 10 homeless kids are chronically absent.<sup>3</sup>



4 in 10 transient kids miss too much school when families move.<sup>3</sup>



#### Why It Matters

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten and even pre-K, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

#### Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?



#### What We Can Do

##### Engage Families

Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and build a culture of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to data.

##### Fix Transportation

The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.

##### Address Health Needs

Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.

##### Track the Right Data

Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

There are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?

<sup>1</sup> Cheng, Hedy, Bennett, Marianne, Present. (Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades. National Center for Children in Poverty. NY: NC September 2008.  
<sup>2</sup> Chronic Absence in Utah, Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

<sup>3</sup> Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

# April is FINANCIAL LITERACY Month!

Financial Literacy Month is observed in April 2023. National Financial Literacy Month is recognized in the United States in April in an effort to highlight the importance of financial literacy and teach Americans how to establish and maintain healthy financial habits

Financial literacy is the ability to understand how money works in the world: how someone manages to earn or make it, how that person manages it, how he/she invests it and how that person donates it to help others. More specifically, it refers to the set of skills and knowledge that allows an individual to make informed and effective decisions with all of their financial resources. This text has been taken from [www.cute-calendar.com](http://www.cute-calendar.com)



## 5 Financial Basics To Teach Your Children



### 1. Budgeting basics

Help your children create a budget by creating a spreadsheet and getting them to enter their allowance and any expenses.

### 2. The importance of saving

Sit with your children and create one savings goal.



### 3. The impact of interest

Teach your children that money can make you money or cost you money.

### 4. How inflation impacts your money.

Explain to your children that the price of things doesn't always stay the same.



### 5. The importance of establishing a credit history and keeping your credit card balance below 30% of your credit limit.

Before your teenager goes to college, help them get a credit card with a small credit limit.



[districtcapitalmanagement.com](http://districtcapitalmanagement.com)

# REMINDERS

# APR

Did you know?

April 3-7 is **SPRING BREAK**

April 10th - 17th: **Book Fair**

April 17th - **Financial Awareness**  
parent night w/ Rural Resources and  
STECU 5:00.

April 26th - **SPRING PICTURES**

April 27th - **Child Find Screening**  
(ages 0-5) 9:00 am - 12:00 pm @  
Northport Elementary School. Contact  
Erika for more information  
(509-732-4430 x 138)

April 27th - **School Board Meeting**  
6:00 pm

Facebook link!

<https://www.facebook.com/northportschool>

PTO meets every first Wed. @  
3:30 in the school library.

Thanks to all who came to our  
Dr. Seuss event!

## Spring Sports

### High School

Baseball, Softball, and Track!

4/1 **Baseball** vs. Odessa

HOME @ 12:00

4/1 **Softball** @ Inchelium 12:00

bus leaves @ 9:00 am

4/4 **Baseball** @ Springdale

2:00 bus leaves @ 9:30 am

4/10 **Track Meet** @ Liberty

3:30 bus leaves @ 10:15

4/10 **Baseball/Softball** vs.

NWCJV HOME @ 2:30

4/11 **Baseball/Softball** @

Wilbur/Creston/Keller 2:00 bus  
leaves 9:30 am

4/15 **Baseball/Softball** @ ACH

@ 12:00 bus leaves @ 7:45

am

4/18 **Baseball/Softball** vs.

Selkirk HOME @ 2:00

4/19 **Track Meet** @ Deer Park

3:30 bus leaves @ 11:45

4/22 **Baseball** @ Cusick 12:00

bus leaves @ 8:30 am

4/24 **Track meet** @ St. George

3:30 bus leaves @ 11:15

4/25 **Baseball** @ Curlew 2:00

bus leaves @ 11:00

4/29 **Softball** vs. Inchelium

HOME @ 12:00

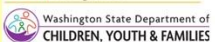


If your child  
is sick - stay  
home!  
A fever is  
100.4  
degrees.



2023-2024 School Year

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Northport School District

ECEAP is a high-quality  
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or call: (509) 323-2720 or 1/800-531-4285

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Educational Service District 101



# MORE...

Did you know?

## State Testing Begins

April 24 & 27 - 5th grade Science

April 27 & 28 - 10th grade Reading

April 27 & 28 - 12th grade makeups  
- Reading

Let's CELEBRATE...

April 5th is NATIONAL DEEP  
DISH PIZZA DAY

April 10th is NATIONAL  
SIBLINGS DAY

April 11th is NATIONAL PET DAY

April 15th is NATIONAL  
LAUNDRY DAY (Shout out to  
the world for how thankful I  
am for you)

April 18th is NATIONAL ANIMAL  
CRACKER DAY! (I am thankful  
you are all a part of our circus)

April 21st is NATIONAL TEA  
DAY! (We are brewing up a  
successful year)

April 26th is NATIONAL  
PRETZEL DAY (Everywhere we  
turn, we see great things  
happening in our school)

April 28th is NATIONAL  
SUPERHERO DAY (for all of the  
Superheroes we work with)

## Spring Sports

### Junior High

Baseball, Softball, Track

**Schedules subject to change**

Baseball and Softball Practices begin

4/10th (3:10 - 4:30)

Track practices from 3:30 - 5:00

**4/19** Track meet @ Valley Christian 3:30  
bus leaves @ 11:30

**4/26** Track meet @ Valley Christian 3:30  
bus leaves @ 11:30

**4/28 Baseball/Softball** vs. Cusick HOME  
3:45



Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become bolder, prouder, and stronger readers. AND... as always, every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Our school's Book Fair will take place from Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> to Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Northport Elementary Library. That's the week after spring break.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school. This is a great option for an out-of-town family member to purchase a book for your student.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/northportelementaryschool5>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Tomi Stark  
Northport PTO bookfair chairperson

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