

One community One school One family

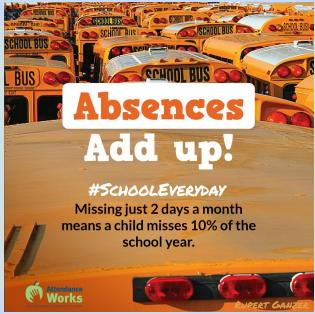
A note from the principal

It's finally warm! Isn't it wonderful? The warmer days and the cooler nights? Spring has sprung and summer is right around the corner. The students and teachers are still plugging away – and the time has come for the students to "show what they know" during state testing – the SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment). What are some things that you can do to help your students succeed? Be sure they get plenty of rest, eat a good dinner and breakfast, and have a good attitude! Remind them that they can do this! This month's newsletter is full of tips and information from OSPI and how to support your students. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the fun things ahead...such as CARNIVAL! Yes, it's back! All ages are welcome! Join us for a night of fun and prizes. Enjoy the warm days ahead – thank you for all of your support – we allIIIIII appreciate it! ~ Dr. Hunt



ATTENDANCE





REMINDERS



Did you know?

May 2 - HS Softball Home 2:00

May 3 - Senior Parent Meeting 6:00

May 5 - Career Fair Curlew (grades

9-12); Mid 3rd Trimester

May 8 - 12th Teachers' Appreciation

Week

May 9th - SCC College tour (grades

8-11).

May 10th - Tooth Fairy; Spring

Sports Pictures 3-4:30

May 11th - Mother's/Father's Day

Luncheon (see Lunch Menu for

more details).

May 12th - ASB Carnival 6-9pm in

H5 GYM; Medical Industry

Exploration Day

May 25th - School Board 6:00

May 29th - Memorial Day

Facebook link!

https://www.facebook.com/northportschool

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

TESTING...

5/1 - AP History

5/2 - 4th, 5th, 6th, 10th SBAC

5/3 - 3rd, 4th, 8th, 10th, 11th

SBAC

5/4 - 3rd, 5th, 8th SBAC; AP

History

5/9 & 11 - 5th SBAC makeups

5/16 - 5th, 6-8th SBAC

5/17 - 6-8th SBAC

5/18 - 5-8th SBAC

5/19 - 4th, 6-8th SBAC

5/23 - 5th SBAC, 6-8 makeup

5/24 - 4th SBAC, 6-8 makeup

5/25 - 5th, 6-8 makeup

5/30 - 5th makeup; 6-8 SBAC

5/31 - 5th makeup; 6-8 SBAC

Spring Sports

Junior High

Baseball, Softball Practices (3:10 - 4:30)

4/28 Baseball/Softball vs. Cusick HOME

3:45

5/1 Baseball/Softball vs. Valley HOME

3:45

5/15 Baseball/Softball vs. Selkirk 3:45

(bus leaves @ 1:15)

5/18 Softball vs. Inchelium 3:45 (bus

leaves @ 12:30)

5/22 Baseball vs. Wellpinit HOME 3:45

5/25 Baseball/Softball vs. Springdale

HOME 3:45

Northport Youth T-ball 2023
Grades K-4th (ages 5-10) \$15 registration fee to SCHOOL office BY MAY 1ST. Call Em Creach 509-675-6846 for more information.





Parents, Students and Educators!



What makes for a quality learning environment?

The University of Washington is working with the state to better understand what is important to you in a positive and supportive learning environment. We want your input!

Here's how you can help:

- Students (grades 3 12) and educators can complete a brief anonymous online survey
- Parents can sign up to participate in a virtual focus group (and get a pizza gift card!)
- Enter the URL below or scan the QR code to be directed to how you can help

https://tinyurl.com/WASchoolClimate







The Washington state assessments measure students' progress in English, math, and science toward being ready for success after high school.



LEARN

Learn more about the Washington state assessments at: https://wa.startingsmarter.org/

Scores fall into one of four levels:







SUPPORT

Get tips to support your student if they're struggling in school, or if they need advanced learning opportunities.

Family Guides: https://bit.ly/family-guides



ACT: FORM A TEAM WITH YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHER

Ask: What are the most important skills and knowledge my student should have by the end of the year? What resources are available for my student? How are you supporting my student's social and emotional health this year?





State Learning Standards & Testing

What are learning standards?

The Washington State K–12 Learning Standards define what all students should know and be able to do at each grade level.

Why do we need them?

Learning standards create a common set of rigorous expectations for students, whichever school they attend, and provide the foundation for teachers to identify student learning goals and progress toward those goals.

Which content areas have learning standards?

Standards exist in math, English language arts, science, social studies, health, physical education, arts, computer science, financial education, educational technology, world languages, and several other areas.

Why do we have state tests?

Measuring student progress on important skills and knowledge is key for families and teachers to know if students are on track to graduate with options, or if they might need extra help or advanced learning opportunities.

Testing data is also a tool for schools, districts, and the state to help educators improve instruction for all students. Statewide testing also helps ensure all public school students, no matter where they go to school, have access to a quality education.

How do tests help students meet graduation requirements?

High school students typically take the English language arts and math assessments the spring of their 10th grade year. Students who earn a certain score on either or both tests can use those results to meet the graduation pathway requirement, corresponding with the student's High School and Beyond Plan.

TOP 5 about Washington's K-12 Learning **FACTS** Standards and Assessments

Real-world skills

Washington's learning standards and assessments focus on real-world skills that students are learning and practicing in the classroom every day such as problem solving, critical thinking, and writing. On assessments, students show their work, write, and explain their answers as part of the assessment process, thus measuring skills and knowledge they will need to pursue the career path of their choice.

Identifying Needs

The assessments help identify how districts and the state are doing in meeting all students' learning needs, and to direct resources accordingly.

Testing is just one measure

State testing is one of several indicators, in combination with report cards, teacher feedback, and classroom work used to create a complete picture of a student's progress in school.

The right stuff

Washington's state learning standards and the aligned assessments are designed to prepare students for post-high school education and training, work, and life.

Accessible for all students

The Smarter Balanced tests are designed to accommodate all students, including those with disabilities and English language learners.

LEARN MORE! **Learning Standards**

bit.ly/3NRFmiE

State Testing

bit.ly/ 3jaE2tk or email StateTesting@k12.wa.us Support Your Student

Great Schools: http://bit.ly/2tRyZoO