

Cub Tales

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Principal's e-mail address!

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Welcome Back!

Welcome to the beginning of another exciting school year. We look forward to this year as an opportunity to team with you to further your child's academic and social growth. We believe that the middle school structure assists us in providing a comprehensive curriculum, excellent instruction and continuous communication between parents and teachers.

On August 26th we will hold our Cub Camp for incoming 6th grade students at 9:00 AM. We hope that your child can attend! We will conclude the morning activities at 10:30 AM. Mr. Grassi will be available to speak with parents that morning. Your student will meet with their teachers, receive locker information, and other important items. Contained in this newsletter is information you may find useful during the school year. **Please pay particular attention to the dress standards found on page 3.** We are looking forward to this year and hope you will join us in forming a positive partnership for learning. The first day of school is Tuesday, Sept. 8th., school starts at 8:10 AM.

Gordon Grassi, Principal

Start & End Times

We will be adjusting our schedule to help accommodate bus needs at the elementary schools. We will start school at 8:10 AM and finish at 2:40 PM. Our daily schedule will be moved up by 10 minutes.



ASB Fees and Fund Raisers:

We are asking that every student purchase an ASB card. The cost is only \$15.00 and the purchase allows us to provide many important services to the students at North Pines. We will have a fund raising event this year to bolster our ASB budget. You may purchase a yearbook for \$16.00.

New Sport Fee for Football– Due to the need to reduce district budgets the CV School Board voted to implement an activity fee for middle school football. The new fee of \$125.00 will be charged in addition to the helmet fee and ASB fee. We have a fee schedule for reduced lunch and free lunch students. See the fee chart on this page for details. In addition, we will no longer have an activity bus, parents will be responsible for transportation when school events/practices are over at 4:50 PM. We regret having to make these adjustments, however in the current financial climate they were necessary.

Closed Campus – Central Valley School district maintains a closed campus policy. It is very important for you to know that when you come to school in the morning, or arrive at the bus stop, you are under the rules of the district. **Under no circumstances are students to leave campus once they have arrived** (no matter if you walk, ride your bike, come with your parents or ride a school bus)! **Students may not leave school for lunch** unless checked out by their parent in person and returned for their next class on time (30 minutes)



NPMS Vision Statement

In a safe and caring environment, learning is our first priority.

Football Fees

Full Pay

\$125.00 football fee
\$15.00 ASB fee
\$26.00 helmet fee
Total: \$166.00

Reduced Lunch Fee

\$45.00 Football Fee
\$15.00 ASB fee
\$26.00 helmet fee
Total: \$86.00

Free Lunch Fee

\$15.00 ASB Fee
\$26.00 helmet fee
Total: \$41.00

All fees must be paid prior to the first game of the season!

NPMS Pride Code–At times during the school year we have activities, assemblies, and trips that are not curriculum related. As a staff we want to support and recognize students who are making good choices. Each student we receive a copy of the North Pines Pride Code. If students meet the expectations of behavior they will be allowed to participate in those non-curricular activities, if they do not meet the criteria they will assigned a supervised study hall, or in the case of trips they will remain at school. Please review the Pride Code with your student.

NPMS Policies and Procedures:

Lockers: We are very fortunate to have one locker for each student. Over the summer each combination was changed and damaged lockers repaired. It is critical that your child **NEVER** shares his/her combination with any other student, even a “best friend.” Lockers are provided to students to keep their coats, backpacks and lunches. They are not vaults and are not intended to hold extremely valuable items (walkmans, stereos, etc)

Student’s Responsibilities and Rights: During the first week of school a discussion in class will be held regarding

student expectations for behavior. A summary sheet will be sent home for your review and signature. The sheet needs to be returned to the homeroom teacher. Please ask your child about the session and summary sheet and discuss it at home.

ADA Notification:

Please note that patrons requiring additional assistance (elevators, special needs) are asked to notify the school at least two days in advance. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs. Please call the office (228-5020) if you have any questions.

Lockers

Lockers will be issued on the first day of school to all students. **Students are not to share their locker combo’s with other students.**

Nothing extremely valuable should ever be brought to school as the



Electronic Communication Devices:

Pagers, cell phones, beepers, MP3 players or any electronic communications devices are not allowed to be used on school grounds.. Students who bring these items to school are to store them in their lockers, turned off or in silent mode. **They should not be carried in the halls and classrooms at North Pines.** Please encourage your student to leave these items at home, repeat offenders will face school discipline.

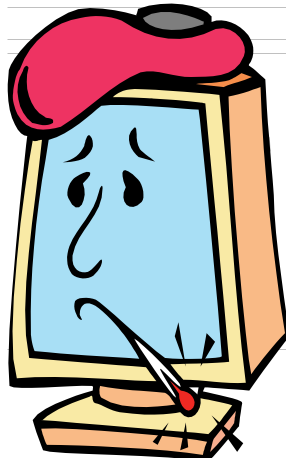
Student Absence

The parents or legal guardians are the only individuals who can excuse a student’s absence. Washington State Law and Central Valley School Board Policy require a **phone call or written notification** anytime a student is absent. Please note that state law and board policy recognizes the following as excusable absences:

1. Student Illness
2. Death in Immediate Family
3. Doctor or Dentist Appointment
4. Prearranged Parent Notification (Form must be filled out prior to absence and approved by the Principal)

All absences are recorded for state mandated reporting requirements. **Unexcused absence’s are required to be reported to Juvenile Court under the “Becca” Attendance Law.**

Assignment Notebooks



Phone Numbers for NPMS
Office: 228-5020
Attendance line: 228-5030
Mrs. Cleveland (Counselor) , 228-5050

Each student will receive an assignment notebook on the first day of school! The first one is free, any replacements cost \$5.00! These notebooks are the primary method of communication between the home and school on a daily basis.

Harassment / Discrimination

In accordance with Central Valley School District Policy and State Law, harassment and discrimination of any kind is not tolerated. Please refer to the Students Responsibilities and Rights Policies for more detailed information.

On-line this document can be found at

www.cvsd/parentresources

Hot Lunch prices are **\$2.90 per lunch**. Lunch cards are available for purchase through the cafeteria. Free and reduced price lunches are also available, applications are available through the office. **Remember that these applications must be resubmitted every year.**

Prices for "ala carte" items range from \$.50 to \$2.75. The "Full Meal Deal" is a parent's best buy as it contains a full lunch for \$2.90.

We are also fortunate to offer a breakfast program at North Pines. Cost for this service is \$1.75 with free and reduced services also available. Breakfast starts at 7:40 AM in the cafeteria and ends at 8:10 AM.

Free and Reduced lunch forms take time to process, please return them to school for updating. Late or incomplete forms will be approved later.

Quick Checks coming home!

We will be communicating with the parents in written form three times each Trimester. Our "**All School Quick Checks**" have become popular items with parents. We ask that you mark your family calendar and expect these quick checks home on these dates;

1st Tri: 10/2, 10/23, 11/13
2nd Tri: 1/15, 2/5, 2/26
3rd Tri: 4/16, 5/7, 5/28

Teachers will be communicating with parents whenever necessary, however our entire school will be sending quick checks home. Please look for quick checks on these dates!

Dress Expectations

With the beginning of the school year questions will arise about proper clothing. We appreciate the Parent's Advisory Council creating these guidelines for us, as they appear to be fair, reasonable and very helpful.

1. Shirts should cover the entire stomach area, **showing no flesh (even with arms raised).** **All shirts must have sleeves.** **Tank tops, spaghetti straps or muscle shirts are not acceptable.**

2. Shorts are appropriate if they **reach at least half way down the thigh.** The rule of measure will be the student holding his/her arms straight to their side with fingertips touching the bottom edge of the cuff. Anything less will be considered too short

3. Shorts and pants should be secure at the waist. **Sagging is not allowed.** Oversized

clothes are acceptable, as some students are self-conscious, however the administration will be asked to determine whether or not a student's clothes are too baggy. Students who wear dramatically oversized clothes will be required to change.

4. Sandals are acceptable (except in PE) as long as they remain on the student's feet. Shoes must be worn at all times.

5. Hats will not be worn inside the school. They are to be stored in the student's locker and not left hanging on a belt.

6. Backpacks will be placed in the student's locker immediately upon arrival at school. They are not to be carried during school hours.

Please remember that young students are usually extremely active during the school day. Clothing

tends to shift during play, sometimes creating embarrassing situations.

Students who wear inappropriate clothing to school will be required to wear additional clothing or will be sent home to change.

We have t-shirts available in the office for those who wear clothing deemed inappropriate. PE t-shirts are also fine as secondary wear. The clothing issue only becomes a discipline issue when repeatedly being violated by the student.

We appreciate your support!



PE Uniforms

Our students are required to wear PE uniforms for our PE classes. They can be picked up at Puurrfect Logos, 12018 E. 1st, 893-2424. Our uniform will consist of a t-shirt. Students may supply their own shorts or purchase shorts at Puurrfect Logos.

Price:



Bus schedules can be found on line at www.cvsd.org in the Parent Resource Section

Get Involved: Join North Pines Parent Advisory: Our first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 25th starting at 6:30PM. Please join us!

We are all in this together!



School safety is everyone's Concern!



Report concerns to: ggrassi@cvsd.org or call the school office

Important
Stuff!

Staff Voice Mail Numbers and e-mail addresses

Please post this list of teacher's names, phone numbers and e-mail address on your family communications center for easy reference and contact.

Name	Room	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
Mrs. Acker	304	228-5065	dacker@cvsd.org
Mrs. Belcher	211	228-5061	dbelcher@cvsd.org
Mrs. Besse	Art Room	228-5084	abesse@cvsd.org
Mrs. Butner	Girls' PE	228-5075	hbutner@cvsd.org
Mrs. Chapman	103	228-5045	dchapman@cvsd.org
Mrs. Fox	Library	228-5028	sfox@cvsd.org
Mr. Grassi	Principal	228-5020	ggrassi@cvsd.org
Mrs. Hunter	Girl's Locker Room	228-5075	khunter@cvsd.org
Mrs. Hunt	Choir	228-5072	limus@cvsd.org
Mrs. Janson	Head Secretary	228-5021	sjanson@cvsd.org
Mr. Kendall	104	228-5046	tkendall@cvsd.org
Mr. Lenhart	303	228-5064	tlenhart@cvsd.org
Mrs. McGowan	201	228-5049	smcgowan@cvsd.org
Mr. Mendenhall	Boy's PE	2258-5074	jmendenhall@cvsd.org
Mrs. Moore	101	228-5043	smoore@cvsd.org
Mr. Palmer	105	228-5047	bpalmer@cvsd.org
Mrs. Peters	302	228-5063	lpeters@cvsd.org
Mrs. Price	209	228-5059	jprice@cvsd.org
Mrs. Pritzl	Assistant Secretary	228-5020	dpritzl@cvsd.org
Mr. Rodriguez	206	228-5056	wrodriguez@cvsd.org
Mrs. Robbins	208	228-5058	drobbins@cvsd.org
Mr. Sorensen	310	228-5078	msorensen@cvsd.org
Mr. W Smith	210	228-5060	wsmith@cvsd.org
Mrs. A Smith	207	228-5057	amysmith@cvsd.org
Mr. Steele	301	228-5062	rwsteele@cvsd.org
Mrs. Thompson	201	228-5049	sthompson@cvsd.org
Mr. Wells	308	228-5069	kwells@cvsd.org
Mr. Zehm	306	228-5067	tzehm@cvsd.org

Spokane Valley Center Information

Spokane Valley's Smart Start Center assists low-income parents with school supplies for their children.

For each child you will be asked to supply a name, Social Security Number and proof of address, age and school. Also, proof of income is required. (Tax return, pay stub or medical coupon). Proof is required, so please come prepared.

For more information, please call 927-1153. The Center is located at the Valley Community Center 10814 E Broadway. It is open Monday through Friday from 9-5 PM.



**Back to School
Night
September 23
7:00 PM**

School Pictures:

School picture day is set for **September 15th**. Leo's Studio will again provide this service. Information regarding school pictures will be coming home in your first day packet.

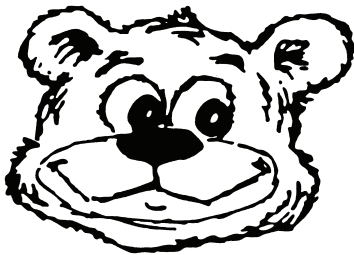
School Medication Information

Central Valley School District's Authorization for Medication Administration form is enclosed in the first day packet. Both the healthcare provider and the parent for EITHER prescription or over the counter medications and inhalers being given at school must complete this form. Please bring the completed form, along with the prescription in the original container to school office and check in the medication with the building secretaries. An adult **MUST** transport medication. **(PLEASE do not send it with your child!)**

Forms are available in the school office after August 23rd if needed.

You must have all required paperwork and medication in place before your child can attend school!

If you have any questions, please call the school nurse.



PAC Meeting

**October 1, 2009
6:30 PM
Media Center**

We would like to invite you to join our **Parent Advisory Committee** for the upcoming school year. We meet several times a year to discuss a menu of items regarding North Pines and our programs. Our first PAC meeting will be Thursday, October 1st at 6:30 PM in the North Pines Library. We will discuss our agenda needs for the upcoming year. Please plan to join us and help North Pines grow and prosper! If you have any questions call Mr. Grassi @ 228-5020

Bikes & Skateboards

Students who ride bicycles to school do so at their own risk. Bikes can be locked on two bike racks located outside of the school. **Please bring a secure bike lock with you EVERY time you ride your bike to school.**

Skateboards are allowed at school, we will have secure lock system on the wall in the courtyard. Students should secure boards at that location. They need to bring their own locks. Skateboards can't be ridden on school grounds between the hours of 7:30 AM -5:00 PM. Violation of this rule will result in discipline being assigned. We don't want to ban boards, please follow the expectations.

Immunization Requirements

Please be advised that students in grades 6-12 must have the following immunizations in order to attend school

**3 doses DTP/STaP/DT/Td
3 does: Polio
2 doses Measles
1 dose Mumps
1 dose Rubella**

CVSD

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First Day of Classes
September 8th @ 8:10 AM

In a safe and caring environment, learning is our first priority

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