

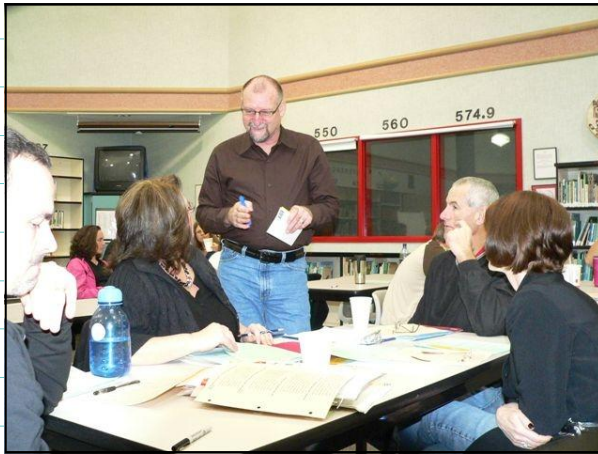
Newsletter

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On the November 10th Student Learning Improvement Day NTMS teachers spent the day in a very productive manner. Shown in the picture below are NTMS staff members Lorrie Nelly, Lane Loeber, Sue Clifford and Pat Keaton as well as facilitator Kevin Ramsey who worked with the staff on strategies to improve communication. During the afternoon staff members focused on the building technology action plan by receiving training in a number of key areas.



WINTERFEST MUSIC, BOOK-FAIR AND PIZZA

Beginning the week of December 15th, parents and students can visit the annual holiday Bookfair that will be held in the middle school library between the hours of 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. On Tuesday, December 16th, at 5:30 pm prior to the 7:00 pm winter concert, the public is invited to enjoy a pizza dinner sponsored by the PTSA. The dinner will include pizza, salad and dessert. Visit the North Tapps Website Calendar for a flier for more information and a form to pre-order pizza by December 15th. The Bookfair will also be open during this time, so plan to do some

shopping while you eat. Then relax and enjoy a tremendous performance from the fifth grade, cadet and concert bands. There is still time to get involved and be a parent volunteer at the Bookfair. Please call the middle school office at 253-862-2776 if you would like to help.

VETERANS' DAY SPEECHES

On November 5th, the annual Veterans' Day Speech contest with the theme of "The Price of Freedom" was held in the North Tapps Commons. The audience enjoyed an evening of speeches and patriotic music paying tribute to our nation's veterans. Participants included: (L to R) Lauren Saunders, Madeline Dickson, Rachel Hale, Madison Lancaster, Rachel Davey, Brooke Beddow, Kimberly Woolery, Rachael Tamm, Lizzy Rice-Reynolds, Megan Shultz and Mr. Rooney, Contest Coordinator.

Winners were: 1st: Rachel Hale, 2nd: Madison Lancaster and 3rd: Rachel Davey.

Thank you's go to Mr. Dan Idso and Mr. Terry Steiner for judging the competition and to Mr. Winterfeld and the band for



the patriotic music selections.

OUR PTSA IS THE GREATEST!

On November 19th the staff was treated to a delicious lunch of hot dishes, salads, desserts and door prizes. Many of the teachers who did not have time to go home before evening conferences enjoyed the leftovers for their dinner. Thanks go to all the many parents who provided food for the luncheon and especially to Lorena O'Brien, Kristin Zantkovsky and Sheila Elwell, for setting it up.

HIGH SCHOOLS VISIT NTMS

The initial parent meeting for eighth grade graduation was held on November 17th. By now, eighth grade parents should have received a letter and list of committees as well as a list of parent phone numbers and e-mail addresses. If you need more information, please contact the Middle School office at 253-862-2776.

High school visits will take place after the first of the year, starting with Bonney Lake High School's Curriculum Showcase on February 5th and Sumner High School's on February 9th. Each school will also host an eighth grade parent night on March 12th. Registration will take place the week of March 16th. Auburn Riverside counselors will visit North Tapps on February 25th to present scheduling information. Future Freshmen Night at ARHS will be on March 4th.

NTMS "PAYS IT FORWARD"

For a period of three weeks in November, North Tapps students participated in a Pay it Forward Community Service Challenge. Students assisted at the Tacoma Rescue Mission, helped create the Serenity Garden at the Lions4kids House in Bonney Lake, entertained at several assisted living facilities in the area, assisted teachers at both elementaries which represents some of the many examples of service that was provided. Our students volunteered a total of over 240 hours during this 3 week project. Many thanks go to Lauri McLeod, Erin Ford and Missy Hart for chairing this worthwhile project.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

After many months with a "temporary" entrance—the front entrance to North Tapps is now open.

Visit the Website for more information on.....

- ◆ School Lunch Menu—December/January
- ◆ Internet Safety Meeting—Flier

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Calendar

December

- 5-19: Canned Food Drive
- 16: Winter Band Concert- 7:00 pm
- 18: ASB Band Concert 8:00 am
- 19: Pep Assembly
- 19: Dance @ 12:45 pm
- 22-31: Winter Break

January

- 5: School resumes
- 14: Internet Safety Meeting—NTMS 6:30-8:00 pm
- 19: Martin Luther King Day-No School
- 26: School Board Meeting

2008 - 09 Newsletter Schedule:

- January 30
- March 6
- April 17
- May 15
- June 19

**Have a wonderful and safe holiday from all of us at
North Tapps Middle School
See you on January 5th.**

