



February 1, 2018

Happy February!!

It's hard to believe that we are about halfway through the school year!

Our new semester starts February 1st and the final day to add or drop a class is February 15th. We use projected numbers to make sure that classes are viable and interesting to students and families. Please check the schedule carefully as some course times have changed to accommodate new and exciting offerings. Add/drop forms can be turned into portable 1.

A reminder that the state requires two way contact each week between teachers and students. Please remember to email your teacher if you must miss school. Try to plan appointments and vacations outside of your class times when possible.

This flu season has started out to be a rough one. If you or your child(ren) is/are ill, please stay home. Please help prevent colds and flu bugs by wiping down tables, chairs and door handles and any other hard surfaces. Sanitizing wipes are available in each classroom and in P1.

New Families: We have several new families joining us at HomeLink. Please extend a warm HomeLink welcome as you see the new faces.

Parking: The temporary storage of school buses has ended. Please feel free to park in the gravel lot. The fences will be coming down soon.

Spelling bee:

Written Spelling Bee is Feb 5th @11:30am on the HomeLink Campus

Oral Spelling Bee is Feb 23rd @6pm in the NLMS Cafeteria

Certificate of Independence and Monthly Progress Clarification:

Alternative Learning Experience rules require that students demonstrate monthly progress by earning 60% or higher in all courses. If a student fails to earn passing grades in any course, an intervention plan is enacted by the teacher of the course. The Certificate of Independence, for grades 6-12, is revoked for the consecutive month, requiring that a parent remain on campus while the student is in class. They are welcomed to join the student in classes as well. Should a student receive three consecutive months of unsatisfactory progress, a significant change in placement must occur, per ALE rules. It is possible to earn a passing semester grade and receive unsatisfactory progress for a given month.

Reminders:

Supervision- Please continue your vigilant supervision of our students. It's a good idea to accompany your younger students to the restroom.

Everyone, parents, students and staff, should be wearing their HomeLink ID any time they are on campus. If you forget your picture ID, you should see Robin or Jen for a temporary badge. All adult visitors must complete the SafeVisitor online application. This can be found on the main Lake Stevens School District website. Please see Robin or Jen in P1 with questions. These applications must be renewed every two years.

Important Upcoming Dates:

First day of new semester 2/1/18

NLMS Award Ceremonies are the mornings of Feb 14th and 15th. Parking may be challenging for the 9am classes.

President's Day weekend Holiday- No School 2/16 and 2/19

Beyond High School 3/15

PAC Talent Show at the PAC 3/22

Thanks for making HomeLink "Otterly" warm and friendly!

