



GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

North Middle School



November 1, 2022

Dear NMS families:

Safety is a priority with us at North Middle School. The building has limited access during the school day and for evening events. We lock our doors and regularly monitor inside and outside cameras. Staff are in the hallway between classes, before and after school. We practice several drills each year. We train our staff on evacuations for students with specific needs. Staff are assigned to monitor bus arrival and student drop-off. NMS is the home office for our SRO.

Our PTA fundraisers and a safe schools grant have allowed us to improve our school security system. Beginning November 7, 2022, we will have a security upgrade to a buzz-in system for specific doors. The school doors will be unlocked before school and locked down shortly after school begins. We will continue to limit access to specific doors. Guests to NMS may buzz in and enter through the main door #1, the north accessible door #2, and the west accessible door above the ramp, door #17. The program allows our secretaries to monitor the doors. When a person presses the button at any of these doors, a camera comes on, and the guest should state their name, provide identification, and state the purpose of their visit. The secretary will then unlock that specific door for entry. The guest needs to go straight to the main office. This also means students who arrive after the start of our day will need to buzz in as well. We can verify their identification through PowerSchool.

Our NMS family is excited to have another safety measure in place. North Middle School and its staff remain dedicated to addressing the unique nature of middle school children by focusing on their intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development. We will continue providing a sensitive, caring, supportive learning environment that includes experiences to assist students as they transition from elementary to high school.

Thank you again to our PTA fundraisers which helped us purchase the safety system. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions at 268-6525.

Sincerely,

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NMS Principal