

Schools & Community

We work together to Benefit All

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The life of our schools and the vitality of our community are interwoven. While both the schools and community have distinct roles in advancing public education, they are not divided. Here are some of the ways our schools and our community work together to advance the MISSION OF EACH and the good of all.

Let's begin with how the NM Community benefits the schools:

#1. Your Support - Voter support of the construction bond has provided our new high school, a virtually new middle school, improvements to our primary schools and soon a modern stadium.

#2. Volunteering - Classroom volunteers give their time to coach students and assist our teachers daily.

#3. Boosting - Music Boosters help raise funds for music programs and scholarships. Athletic Boosters also participate in fundraising, annual banquets and honor past athletes, coaches, and teams.

#4. Service Clubs - Including Kiwanis K-Kids (Belfair & Sand Hill), Builder's Club, and Chain Link Club (Hawkins Middle School), and Key Club NMHS). Clubs are also sponsored by the NM Rotary, NM Lions and the Boys and Girls Club.

#5 PTAs - Each school hosts special events and nurtures a close relationship between parents and schools.

#6 NM Scholarship Foundation - Manages funds from community donors, both individuals and organizations, and annually distributes many local scholarships to students for post-secondary education.

#7 Fire Department - Hosted programs include: 1) The Last Dance - a spectacular program encouraging driving sobriety and warning of the dangers of riding with impaired drivers 2) WildLands Fire Fighting Program provides training for 4 Students at \$200 per day on summer duty and a \$2,000 scholarship each 3) Emergency Preparedness - training for school staff with the sheriff and other agencies for quick response to any emergency.

Now let's review how our schools benefit the NM Community.

#1. Providing Information, announcements, and updates on our accessible website.

#2. Partnering to expand Head Start and Early Childhood Education in an updated & re-configured Theler Building, open this fall.

#3. Partnering with Olympic College to bring basic education classes to our community, such as our upcoming Spanish and English classes.

#4. Theater Productions - The public is invited to see NMHS student talent onstage in plays old and new.

#5. Public Meeting Space - Community access to host events for example a recent regional FEMA meeting on flood zone mapping, Lower Hood Canal Watershed Coalition, neighborhood meetings, county Commissioners meetings, lots of special events, Candidate Forums, and the NM Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Breakfast.

#6. Maintaining & Sharing Our Playing Fields & Athletics Facilities - Benefits Community Soccer, Little League, NM Pee Wee football, baseball and basketball, War of the Roses Girls Wrestling Tournament, and more.

#7. Sponsoring Annual Awards honoring NMHS Graduates of Distinction, Athletic Wall of Honor Awards and preparing students for many, many scholarship opportunities.

Our Schools and Community continue to build on Tradition - the heartbeat of which is Innovation. To each generation, the challenge is to DO MORE.