

Good Afternoon Families

We are in the last week of November. Can you believe it?

I would like to remind you that at the end of this week is our Thanksgiving Holiday break. We have a regular early release day of school Wednesday, with dismissal at 1:35. [We have no school Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29.](#)

Goal #3 of the new North Kitsap Strategic Plan focuses on “Success for all Students – Equitable Access and Opportunity.” At Poulsbo Middle School, we are working to make sure all students are successful both academically and socially. Today, to help students succeed academically, students will be conducting a review of their Quarter 1 grades to identify both successes and areas of growth. I encourage you to take a few minutes and read through the new Strategic Plan Goal #3.

Since the beginning of the school year, we have been working with students on different character traits through a program call [Character Strong](#). This month’s theme is “Kindness.” Students have participated in activities during Connections to learn what it means to show kindness. They are also asked to conduct “Character Dares” each week, putting their character into practice. Please take time to ask your children what they are doing to show kindness to others.

Next Friday, December 6, is a non-school day for students. It is a teacher professional development day.

Make it a great day!

Josh Emmons  
Principal

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