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## Veterans Day Affects Us



Veterans Day first emerged during an armistice on the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month in the year 1918, towards the end of WW1. "Armistice day" was originally put into effect to honor the men and women who served in WW1. In 1938 the word "armistice" was struck out and re-proclaimed Veterans Day.

Today, every November 11th this nation comes together to honor the men and women who serve in one of the five military branches, army, navy, coast guard, air force, and marines. This November in the featured article of the Viking Journal

we will be honoring those who serve, or who have served in the military. Every family with military parents or relatives has to make sacrifices whether it is big or small. Some sacrifices are large enough to affect the country; some make a large impact on daily life, or one's family. Members in the military are stationed all over the world, some lucky enough to come home every night, some who may see their families once every five months, some even less than that. Frequent moves are required of military families when a re-station occurs sending them halfway across the country, or in some cases, halfway across the world. *Please turn to page 2*

***Spicy Chicken and LIES*** Recent school happenings have gone on quietly under the eyes of the staff and students. These changes have been so minor that some may not have any idea of their existence, while some are a bit more noticeable, but no one suspects their true cause. *Please turn to page 4*

# Veterans Day Affects Us

*Continued from Page 1* Kitsap County consists of the Naval Base Kitsap including the Bangor Submarine Base, The Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, and the Bremerton Naval Station.

Being a member of the military, or being a military family is no small task. Every branch of the military requires sacrifices on both ends, and requires dedication and hard work. The military does their best to serve our country, land of the free,

home of the brave. This past Veterans Day, we hope that you enjoyed your day off, however still took time to think of those who are not taking a day off, who are not stopping to rest, of those who are currently fighting for our country. At Thanksgiving when you are with your family, think of those who couldn't be, and be thankful for the open society we live in as American citizens, because without our

*Thank you to those in our school who has, or is currently serving in one of the 5 branches of the military:*

*Mr. Davis- U.S Coast Guard Reserve , Mrs. Moriarty- U.S Coast Guard, Mr. Daling- U.S Navy, Mrs. Cone- NOAA Corps, Mr. Martin- U.S Army, Mr. Nolet- U.S Army National Guard, Mr. Brown- U.S Air Force Reserve*

Written by Grace deMeurisse

## NORTH KITSAP HIGH SCHOOL'S DRIVE TO FILL THE BUS FOR...

- **Fishline** –nonperishable food
- **Stand Up For Kids**—toiletries, individual food items (pop tops), breakfast bars, one-size-fits-all gloves, good condition tarps, sleeping bags, & blankets
- **PTSA Season of Giving**—gift cards, toothbrushes, travel-size toothpaste, Wet-Ones, deodorant, and chapstick

**November 1—December 16**

**Bring donations to the North Kitsap High School office and library. Students from ASL, ASB, and other school groups will make sure your items find a comfortable spot on the school bus parked next to the gym. Thank you for contributing!**

The North Kitsap School District does not sponsor this event and assumes no responsibility for it. In consideration of the privilege to distribute materials, the North Kitsap School District shall be held harmless from any cause of action filed in any court or administrative tribunal arising out of the distribution of these materials, including costs, attorney's fees and judgments or awards

**Bring your ideas! Bring your concerns! Bring your lunch! To the ASB Café**

Both lunches

Your ASB representatives want to hear your voice. The café is open to all students. Future ASB café gatherings will be the third Tuesday of each month! Be there!

**Need Help? Join us in the Library for Homework Club!**

**Every Tuesday and Thursday after school until 3:30. Volunteers are available to help with all subjects.**

We need more volunteers! Contact Ms. Fox if you would like to help! [mfox@nkschools.org](mailto:mfox@nkschools.org) 3963120

# Viking Voices

Viking Voices is a column that focusses on the opinions of the students for world issues, and news.

This month's topic: Do you believe the United States should be intervening in Iran's nuclear program?

## For:

All throughout the twentieth century it has been a sort of tradition for the United States to snuff out evil when it rears its ugly head. In the 1940's after the bombing of Pearl Harbor the United States went into Europe to help stop the Second World War. Later in the century the United States went into Korea and Vietnam to help stop the spread of communism, a form of government that has proven time and again that nothing good comes of it. So it only makes sense that when a country that lives in a part of the world that has been in a constant turmoil since the turn of the century tries to develop the most destructive weapon known to man that the United States should work to stop it before any evil can come of it. It is not necessarily to stop them from nuking the U.S., but rather to protect the safety of the world as a whole.

## Against:

I think that the United States in involved in affairs that don't concern us. We were in Libya, Syria and now Iran. We have the NSA in Germany and drone strikes in Pakistan. And not just for terrorists. We are using the double tap method. And we're supposed to be allied with Pakistan. None of these countries are hurting us. Iran isn't going to come after us! The United States should not concern itself in affairs that don't jeopardize the United States. The United States should focus on itself and not others!

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Last month's topic: The benefits of domestic surveillance by the NSA outweigh the harms.

Student Response:

***The NSA is not looking at the specific content of the messages we are sending and receiving, nor are they hacking into our accounts. They are using computer algorithms to pick out key words related to such things as terrorism or things that can pose threats to our country. They are also using metadata (who you messaged/called, when it was, how long was your call/messages etc.) With the NSA only doing what's necessary to protect our country, without completely exploiting our privacy, they are helping, not harming.***

*This column can't be possible without the student support. If you would like to comment on next month's topic and have your opinion possibly be in the next newspaper, please go to our Facebook page and message us! Or just comment under the monthly topic!*

# Spicy Chicken and LIES

My first suspicions started a few weeks ago when the school's bell system got all messed up for **reasons unknown**. The clocks would not always tell the time, bells would not ring on time, and sometimes the wrong bells were played. All of these occurrences have been caused by **secretive purchases by the high school**, opens at the same time, but closes five minutes earlier. some causing more financial woes than others. A great example is the huge problem the school has been facing with the e-mail system.

Teachers don't know when or what e-mails will come through for them. This is due to a decrease in the money spent on the network. Don't fret though; it will eventually be fixed, with another large problem arising, such as no more coleslaw in the cafeteria. The true purpose for school starting earlier is to ensure they don't have to spend as much for keeping the facilities running. Compared to last year, the school building actually opens at the same time, but closes five minutes earlier. These five minutes less mean

five minutes less of heating and lighting to pay for. Even someone I talked to remarked that the toilet paper was much lower quality than usual, one of the worst possible resources that could take a hit. Now I'm no expert on how much it costs to run certain things in a high school, but the continuing trouble with the bells, school servers, and no sign of increased attention paid to the loo rolls makes me think the school's over spending has gotten them into deep trouble. The frequency of these events has gradually decreased, but on

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## NKHS: An Abundance of Thanks

*We took a survey on NKHS students and staff to see what they are thankful for. This is what they said:*



# Spicy Chicken and LIES Cont.

occasion you can experience the warning bell (or rather not experience the warning bell) being replaced by a calm voice telling the students that they must travel to their next class. I would be lying though if I let you think that the voice actually belonged to a calm person. No, they cannot be calm in those situations when they are trying to keep their **dirty little secret** covered up. You sit puzzled and say “What do you mean “dirty little secret”?” The answer is: reckless spending. You thought that the spending couldn’t be

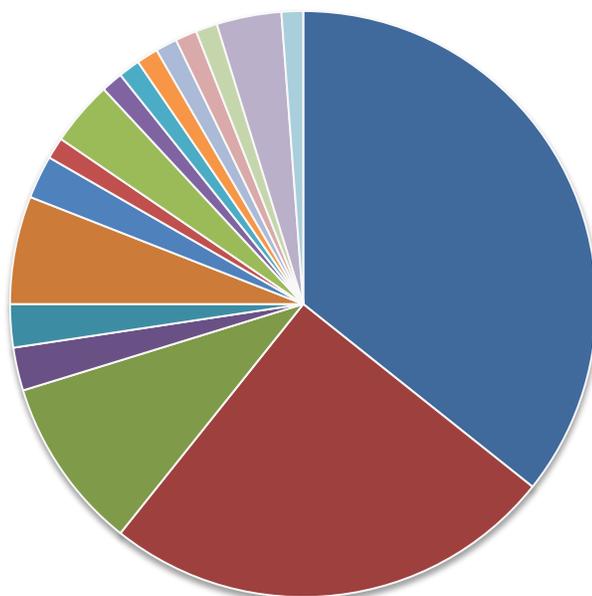
changed so drastically during the school year, but it’s a **disrupting fact**. Where’s all this money going to? There are a few possibilities: spicy chicken burgers, branded toilet paper dispensers (how ironic), uploading the new NKHS website layout, and the highly-demanded return of nacho Monday. Didn’t think about that did ya? Even **rumors of extravagant additions** such as a hot tub, a man-cave, lounge chairs for the roof, and **a painting of Mr. Miller to replace to portrait of George Washington** in the Main Office.

Because of these new luxuries, the school is forced to reduce their spending in the other areas previously stated, constantly changing them so no one can complain too long about them. Personally, I believe the students and staff should know about these shady deals and have the culprits personally profess their shame. Thankfully, this report will easily warrant a full investigation of the school’s financial activities and things can be sorted out back to the way they were(except for the spicy burgers and nacho

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## Thanksgiving Merriment

**Favorite Thanksgiving Pies**



- Pumpkin
- Apple
- Pecan
- Chocolate
- Cherry
- Berry
- Lemon
- Pear
- Pumpkin Cheesecake
- Peach
- Sweet Potato
- Banana
- Cranberry Pear
- chocolate pecan tart
- Dutch Apple
- Strawberry Rhubarb
- Rhubarb Crisp

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**Thank you to all of our student participants!**

Katie Ransey

Emily Jachimowicz

Everyone who participated in the 'Thankful For' poll and the 'Favorite Pie' pie chart



## Debate

The debate team offers many different opportunities (speech, debate, etc.), they help people develop personal ideas; there are lots of scholarships opportunity in debate and all colleges offer debate. The debate meets on Mondays after school from 2:30 to 3:30 and special meetings to prepare for the tournaments. The debate tournaments are from the end of October to February, and as a team they pick and choose the tournaments they want to attend, and they end up going to ten tournaments a year. Currently resolution for debate is the benefits of domestic surveillance by the NSA outweigh the harms. Bernal's favorite part about physically being at the debate tournaments is how the teammates are competitive against Puyallup's debate team. Bernal is enjoying most about this year's debate team is that the team has a solid core that loves going to competitions and that they are teaming up with Kingston which is beneficial to both teams. You are welcome to join the debate team this late in the tournament season.

## Mystery Staff

The Mystery Staff Member from last edition was Mr. Mundy! We had guesses ranging from Ms. Laska to Mr. Davis! Did you guess right?



This edition's mystery staff member....

- Charted the Alaskan coastline
- Spent time on a small island with five grizzly bears
- Fished the Gulf of Mexico for two years
- Held a merchant marine license
- Worked on tugs, tankers, fishing boats, and research boats

Stay tuned for the next edition to see who it is!

# School District to Host Community Meetings

The school district and school board have decided to hold quarterly meetings in an effort to better the communication between the district and the community. The formal format of the school board meetings seems to inhibit flow of ideas, since each person who signs up to speak only gets three minutes to give their ideas. To get more input, the district and board have resolved to host more informal get-togethers.

The first of these was on November 17 in Kingston. About 50 people were in attendance. There were five questions published for discussion: what is the most important function of the North Kitsap School District? What should the levy pay for? What are the best ways

would you like the school district to share with you? How can the school district attract and retain students?

Each question had its own table, at which sat one school administrator and one school board member. People wishing to offer their opinions could simply walk up to the table and speak directly to the officials. People from the community voiced many opinions and suggestions pertaining to the rough start to this year with the budget cuts, addition of teachers, and switching of schedules; poor communication between the district, school board, and community; and the classes chosen for cuts.

Two NK Running Start students wrote a beautifully

as a North Kitsap School District student would like to politely and intelligently voice your opinions, you can contact the school board via email ([schoolboard@nkschools.org](mailto:schoolboard@nkschools.org)) or via a letter mailed to: North Kitsap School District, 18360 Caldart Ave. NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370. If you would like to speak at a school board meeting, make sure to get there early and sign up to speak.

It is time that the district not only heard the voices of the parents and adults in the community, but also the voices of the students that they are educating. It is time that we had a say in our own education. It is time to speak up!

Written by Emily Shane

## Upcoming Sports



Basketball. Gymnastics. Wrestling. Boy's swim. Cheerleading. These are the sports that many students will devote their afterschool and weekend time to. They'll give all their effort and in return grow not just as an athlete, but also as a person. For that, we welcome them as they compete in an exciting winter season of NK sports.

1<sup>st</sup> Annual North Kitsap

# Purple/ Gold

## Boys Basketball Game

Saturday at 4pm

November 30, 2013

It's free!!



# State Bound



*Bri Duchemin, Sophomores Autumn Johnson, Megan Cragg, Molly Lemmon, Savanna Obernberger and Natalie Myers. Juniors Mareena Clotfelter, Sarah Holt, Mekdes Crowley, and Briar Perez, and Seniors Jen Gell, Abigail Baldwin, Ellie Libby, and Megan Kunold. The girls took first in Leagues, and second in Districts. Sarah Holt, Mareena Clotfelter, Jen Gell, and Bri Duchemin all went All League.*

North Kitsap produced more than a few WIIA state representatives this fall sports season. The girls volleyball team, one boys' cross country runner and seven girls' cross country runners, and four girls swimmers.

## VOLLEYBALL

Led by team captains Sarah Holt and Abigail Baldwin, the Lady Vikes finished fifth in State. Coached by Tim French, Kailia Makaiwi, and Jim Vargas. Mekdes Croweley received an honorable mention, and the Most Improved Player Award. Abigail Baldwin received the Most Inspirational Award, and Sarah Holt received the MVP Award. The girls had a great season and will undoubtedly have another one next year.

## CROSS COUNTRY

The 2013 cross country team captains consisted of Dutton Polk, Sean Hitchcock, Clara Lund, and Sarah Zimmerman. Coached by Richard Christopher, and Jonathon Erickson. Dutton Polk ran in state and came in 90th out of 145. For the girls' team, Katie Ramsey, Clara Lund, Katrina Weinman, Sarah Zimmerman, Marissa Pitman, Megu Baba and Maria Warns. Out of 143 runners, Ramsey finished in 8th, Lund in 43rd, Weinman in 70th, Zimmerman in 113th, Pitman in 125th, Baba in 132nd, and Warns in 137th. Congratulations to all the runners on a great season.

## SWIM

Little information has been able

been able to be acquired about the girls at State. Their placing is unknown, however the girls who competed were Serita Solis, Hannah Uffens, Diana Lemon, Meg Olson, Ellie Gallagher, Ashley Vest, and Kailey Russel. The girls were lead by team captains Alessi Richardson, Melina Harvey, and Serita Solis, and coaches Greg Braun, Norene Reeves, and Ellen Dougherty.

There were many teams from our school is did not go to state, but still did quite well throughout the season, and I would be remiss if I didn't cover them.

## FOOTBALL

Coaches Weible, and Snyder and team captains Cody Blackmore, Kyler Barnum, Tyler 8



Lee, Bryce Hacker, Andrew Hecker, John Morgan, and Kyle North lead their team to be Olympic League champions. Offensive Player of the Year Award went to Junior Kyle North, who also went all league. The Defensive Player of the Year Award went to Senior Tyler Lee, the Hardest Hitter Award went to Sophomore Bob Evans, and Special Teams Player of the Year Award went to Junior Austin Nettleton. The Vikes gave everyone some great Friday nights, and will continue to do so next year.

#### TENNIS

Coached by Jay DeVries and Aaron Covey, the boys tennis team were Olympic League champs this year. Singles players Senior Matthew Cragg, Senior Matthew Pearson, and Sophomore Robby Henshaw all qualified for leagues. In addition doubles teams Nicky Butler and Josh Benson, Adam Lemmon and Jake McCown, and Andrew Leicht and Joe Creason also qualified for

went on to Districts, and Matthew Pearson went on to Sub-Districts. At the end of the season, Adam Lemmon was awarded The Coaches Award, Garrett Walker was awarded The Most Improved Award, and Nate McCown was awarded The Viking Award.

#### SOCCER

Captains Abbie Wright, Cassie Marcotte, Jaci Rock, Bailey Dabney, and Taylor Vadset along with coaches Chris May and Deborah Dyer led the Lady Vikes to a league record of 14-0.

#### WINTER SEASON LINE-UPS

##### Boys' Basketball:

- Michael Urquart (Senior)
- Adam Lemmon (Senior)
- David Perry (Junior)
- Ethan Grabner (Junior)
- Jarrod Felix (Junior)
- Joshua Benson (Sophomore)
- Calvin Dennis (Junior)

-Brooks Ellingsen (Junior)

Coaches: Rosenburg, Olmsted, Hobaugh

##### Girls' Basketball:

- Rebekah Baugh (Junior)
- Hannah Snyder (Senior)
- Melissa Hamblet (Junior)
- Molly Lemmon (Sophomore)
- Julia Ratcliff (Junior)
- Jasmine Selembo (Sophomore)
- Ainsly Mackenzie (Freshman)
- Megan Kunold (Senior)

Coaches: French, Snyder, Mak

-Note: My apologies to any students who placed and/or competed in state and were not mentioned. Information about the swim team specifically was difficult to acquire. I also wish to extend my apologies for any spelling errors in names (Coach Mak specifically).

-Garrett Walker

# Artist Corner



**Otto still feels as if something just isn't right with the world**

by Magnus Cain

## ***Incandescence*** by Emily

*Jachimowicz*

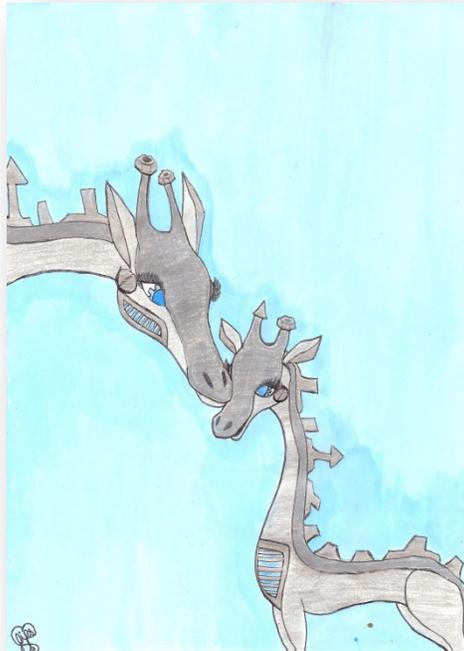
*Frigid wind and winter crop  
Sapped candied fruit  
A tart blooming, ambitious  
Among the field  
Captivate bitter contemplation  
With molasses from  
Flushed cheeks and  
Bitten noses  
And hawkish eyes  
Snowfall incandescent*

*Draw lines*

*Through leaf-dotted trees  
With dirt stained toes  
Brisk river water trickling down  
Sun burnt calves  
Knees  
Thighs  
Laughter scaring  
Grasshoppers out from the sunset  
Shaded grass blades  
Trilling a summer chorus*

The Viking Journal supports all form of self-expression. If you would like to display your artistic talents, whether it's photography, drawing, or poetry, please message The Viking Journal and your art may appear in the next month's issue. Please send your art!

# Artist Corner Cont.



**Steel Giraffes**

By Katie Ransey

## Amanda's Analysis



Unwind, written by Neal Shusterman, is a compelling and fascinating novel. Not only because it tells an interesting story (that sort of feels like a cross between The Giver and any other 'dystopian society' novel that you've ever read) but because it really makes you think about some really deep questions. What is life? What is death? If we were 'unwound' would we still be alive? Questions like these that have sparked debates on abortion legality and a number of other topics. Unwind is definitely a novel to behold.

Amanda's Analysis 🐮🐮🐮🐮



Thor: The Dark World has the blessing of having a lot of good laughs in it. However, it also has the curse of having many scenes where the audience gets the impression that it should have been funny, but they weren't laughing. Tom Hiddleston, who plays Loki, definitely steals the show. His constant stream of bitterness and sass makes him an enjoyable character to root for, even though he has betrayed Thor in the past. Thor: The Dark World is enjoyable in that it has a lot of intergalactic battles, special effects, and (for the girls out there) a scene where Thor is shirtless.

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