

AROUND THE MILL

Building Community Through In-Person School During a Pandemic



Our children's educational experiences will shape them into the adults they become. Now, more than ever, the educational opportunities we provide our children through times of adversity can enrich their lives and offer them hope for their futures. Combine education with parental guidance, character development, leadership, and community service, and you have a recipe for success, even in a Pandemic year.

With a community focus, Northshore Christian Academy (NCA) in Everett wants to

share their success with others. NCA's Early Learning Center and K-8th school has stayed open to provide a sense of belonging and community during a stressful time for families by offering full-time, in-person, on-campus learning to their 949 students during the 2020-21 school year. They also provided a Virtual Academy for an additional 91 students whose families chose to keep them at home.

NCA Superintendent, Mr. Jordan Gage, says "Our goal has been to really be a light in our community and to serve the needs of our families,

while preparing our students for leadership and a future in Christ. Community service is at the heart of what we do."

This past year, NCA's operations team made some major efforts as well as continual adjustments to the campus facilities to protect against the pandemic. Some included regular use of face masks, social distancing, smaller class sizes, classroom cohorts, extensive cleaning, and a major upgrade to their HVAC system. Their teachers, staff, and custodians also worked very hard in a team effort to keep the campus safe and healthy. These efforts paid off with zero student transmissions of Covid 19.

Gage says that "Another important aspect of building community, is to share what works with other schools

and community leaders." NCA has already met with representatives from three area public school districts, as well as the Snohomish Health District, to share what they learned on how to keep schools open and healthy.

As we continue to meet the challenges of this Pandemic together, our area schools are essential to building community and key to the success of all our children.

Northshore Christian Academy

5700 23rd Drive West
Everett, WA. 98203
425-407-1119, ext.1001
www.nca.school



YOU ARE INVITED! Northshore Christian Academy

A US Department of Education 2019 National Blue Ribbon School



Strong STEM and Fine Arts Programs **Accepting New Students!**

Visit our website for a tour of our beautiful campus! www.nca.school
Contact Admissions at (425) 322-2301 or admissions@nca.school
A Certified Safe School by the Dept. of Homeland Security

1 mile from Everett Boeing Plant
5700 23rd Drive West Everett, WA 98203

K - 8th Grade
Early Learning Center
Toddler . Preschool . Pre-K
After School Programs