



BE SAFE . . . BE RESPECTFUL . . . BE RESPONSIBLE

February 2020

Important Dates

Tuesday 2/4/2020
Site Council Meeting @ 2:45 pm
Friday, 2/7/2020
Parent Council Dance—NES Gym 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Mon 2/10/2020
School Board Meeting @ DO 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 2/11/2020
Parent Council Meeting @ NES 6:30 p.m.
Monday 2/17/2020
NO SCHOOL Presidents Day
Wednesday, 2/19/2020
Immunization Exclusion Day
Saturday 2/22/2020
Pool-a-Thon 9:00 am—1:00 pm
3/2 - 3/6
Read Across America Week
PLEASE DO NOT DROP KIDS AT SCHOOL UNTIL 8:45 ON MONDAYS.

Students are considered having irregular attendance (ORS 339.065) when the student meets any of the following:

- Eight (8) unexcused half day absences in any four week period
- Five (5) absences (excused OR unexcused) in three (3) months
- Ten (10) absences (excused OR unexcused) in six (6) months

When your child's absences exceed these amounts, the school district will notify you of your child's irregular attendance. The school may contact our truancy officer to assist families and

ARE YOUR STUDENTS IMMUNIZATIONS UP-TO-DATE?

Immunizations are required by state law for children and students in attendance at public and private schools, preschools, childcare facilities and Head Start programs in Oregon.

If you do not meet state immunization requirements, you will have received a letter stating that your children must be immunized or will not be admitted to school starting on the school exclusion date.

If you receive an exclusion notice, contact your medical provider to have your child immunized. Children who are not up-to-date on their immunizations by **February 19, 2020** will be excluded from school until their immunizations are up-to-date.

Nehalem Elementary School
in conjunction with

Nehalem Elementary Parent Council & **S.H.E. WARRIORS**
SHARING HEALTH & EXERCISE

Present...
DINNER DANCING & DESSERT

<p>Individual Student Rewards -That add up to whole school rewards-</p> <p>WAY TO GO'S # 2,310 FEATHERS # 146 GOLDEN TICKETS # 1,125</p> <p>Whole School Reward 1/30 or 1/31 Make a Valentine for a Friend</p>	<p>Whole Classroom rewards</p> <p>FEATHER PARTIES Thyssel-extra recess Duer-piñata party Honts- extra recess Fun snacks Verhulst-free time and fruit snacks</p>
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SPAGHETTI FEED

FEBRUARY 7TH

5 PM

\$ 5 PER PERSON

Bring the whole family to the NES for DINNER!

All proceeds from the spaghetti dinner are for the S.H.E. Warriors to fund their team.

PBIS February Family Question

Part one: Explain what mindfulness is to someone at your home. _____ (their name)

Question: How do you use mindfulness?

Answer: _____

Child's Name: _____

Return their answer to the office for a chance to win fabulous prizes!

DUE BY 2/14



Ms. Jennifer's School Counseling Office
503-355-3657 / jenniferh@nknsd.org



Welcome to February!

We completed our Great Kindness Challenge week. Yay! We will continue to work on random acts of Kindness throughout the end of the year. Students are reminded to fill out a 'kindness leaf' when they do a random act of kindness and then we add the leaf to our kindness tree. Our goal is to have our Kindness tree full of Kindness leaves by the end of the year. Come check it out! It lives on the bulletin board by the library. February 25th & 28th, and March 2nd, 9th & 16th, I will be delivering the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) to all 5th and 2nd grade students respectively. This test is a way for us to screen for Talented and Gifted. Please make sure your student is at school and well rested.

The elementary school counseling website can be found at:

<https://sites.google.com/nknsd.org/elementarycounseling/home>

If you have any questions or any concerns about your child feel free to contact me.

APPLY FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICED SCHOOL MEALS ONLINE!

Have your families financial circumstances changed since the beginning of the year? Families can apply for meal benefits any time during the school year.

You can complete an application in just a few minutes. The program guides you through the application in just a few easy steps. **Apply for school meal benefits at:**

<http://www.nknsd.org/parents/> click on mealtime online OR
<https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp>

All applications are reviewed by the appropriate sponsor / school district nutrition office for approval. Paper applications are still available; please contact your school office for details.



Neah-Kah-Nie School District Preschool is looking for students for the 2020-21 school year. The preschool is located at the District Office in Rockaway Beach. All children who live in the school district boundaries and will be 4 years of age by September 1, 2020 are eligible. For further information about the program and fees, **contact Angie Douma right away, as space is limited and slots are filling up quickly.**

The district is offering a sliding scale and payment plans to help families for whom the cost is a concern. **No child will be turned away for lack of ability to pay.**

To pre-register contact Angie Douma at (503)355-3508. After June 8th, contact Carol Richmond at the Neah-Kah-Nie School District Office at (503)355-3502.

NEHALEM ELEMENTARY WEEKEND BACK PACK PROGRAM

Filling the weekend food gap for local children in need

Over half of the children at Nehalem Elementary School qualify for free or reduced priced meals. Many of these children face hunger over weekends and school breaks. The Nehalem Elementary School Backpack Program is an ongoing volunteer-based organization that provides food for local hungry children at times when other resources are not available, such as weekends and holidays.

Volunteers provide the children who are enrolled in the program with a bag of food for the weekend. . These food resources will support the health, behavior, and achievement of every student that participates. The success in programs like this can be seen in positive changes in student attendance, behaviors, and grades.

If you think your child could benefit from this program, please ask the front office for an enrollment form!

To donate in any dollar amount please make checks payable to Nehalem Elementary School Backpack Program, P.O. Box 190 Nehalem, OR 97131 or drop checks off directly at the Nehalem Elementary School office.

TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT THE MUDD NICK FOUNDATION

AMAZON SMILE REWARDS: go to smile.amazon.com and select The Mudd Nick Foundation.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

FRED MEYER REWARDS: Did you know that Fred Meyer Store has a community giving website that donates to selected non-profit community organizations? Well they do and you can now link your own rewards card to our own local "Mudd Nick Foundation".

Visit the website <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>, select the Mudd Nick Foundation and enter your card number; it's that easy!

Information about the FM Donation Program:

Every time you shop with your linked Rewards Card at Fred Meyer, you're helping your favorite nonprofit earn a donation. And the more supporters who link their Rewards Cards to a nonprofit, the more that nonprofit could earn.

- Fred Meyer will award a total of \$650,000 each quarter to eligible participating organizations. The minimum quarterly payout is \$25 per organization. If an organization earns less than \$25 in a quarter, Fred Meyer will hold the amount until the donation exceeds \$25 or the end of the year, whichever is first.

YES! Rewards Customers still get the Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates.

Most purchases qualify for Community Rewards, see website for any exclusions.

NCRD

NCRD Play Care - Closed February 17, 2020.

After school care runs from 2:35-5:00PM, the cost is \$5. Late start Mondays we are open 7:00-8:45AM. For more information on Play Care activities please email lesliev@ncrdnehalem.org. Scholarships may be available, to apply for a scholarship visit the Welcome Center at NCRD, 855-444-6273.

SPORTS: Floor Hockey and Volleyball closing ceremonies will be February 15, 2020 at NES. If you are interested in participating in Youth Basketball please register before February 14, 2020. We are looking for volunteer coaches and referees. Questions: email crystaldd@ncrdnehalem.org or call 855-444-6273.

KIDS NIGHT OUT: Friday, February 14th, 2020 at NCRD Youth Center from 6:00-8:30PM. Spaghetti Dinner provided, sugar cookie decorating, music and dancing in the gym, and then the BOUNCE HOUSE! \$10/kid(30 max).

SWIMMING POOL BUILT IN 1930.....SCHOOL SWIM BEGINS!!

It's Pool-a-thon time again and hard to believe it's our 30th annual fundraiser!

The proceeds from the NCRD Pool-a-thon support the NCRD/ Nehalem Elementary School Swim & Water Safety Awareness Program which has existed in some form since 1930!

At that time the school district was planning an addition to the school in Nehalem. The drowning of two local teenage boys prompted the community to ask the school district to add a natatorium. Even though it was during the great depression, there was overwhelming community support to teach every child how to swim to avoid future tragedies.

89 years later in this area surrounded by water & dominated by water related recreation, we continue to accomplish our mission of providing Swim Instruction & Water Safety to all Nehalem Elementary Students. The goal has been to offer a safe environment where the students can learn to swim, & be educated in water safety, while instilling the value of swimming as a lifetime skill and healthy recreational activity. The skills they learn in the pool could save their life or the life of another.

The NCRD School Swim Program reaches out to every Nehalem Elementary Student Kindergarten through fifth Grade. This also includes the NKN District #56 adaptive Swim Program.

Historically our community has accomplished something extraordinary in financially sponsoring students who are swimming laps for dollars during pool-a-thon.

By pledging money, or making a donation to a student swimmer, you can help guarantee all the children will continue to benefit from this vital and historic program. We each can play an important role in maintaining our community's essential values, and your generous investment in the Swim Program will make a direct and immediate impact.

Participating kids will be canvassing throughout the community January 23rd thru February 29th looking for sponsors who will pledge dollars for their swimming efforts.

Pool-a-thon is February 22, 2020 9am—1pm

Donations can be mailed to: Pool-a-thon 2020 P.O. Box 207 Nehalem OR 97131

For more Information contact: Pool(855)444-6273 Sue Dindia-Gray 368-6238

Welcome Parents, Students and Friends to our second Read-a-thon!

We are excited to announce that we will hold a Read-a-thon fundraiser again this year. Our Read-a-thon is a program that brings students together with family and friends to encourage reading and to build literacy skills.

The main focus of the Read-a-thon is for everyone to know we are committed to improving reading skills. To that end, the Read-a-thon promises to be a fun, exciting journey for all participants as they begin a personal Reading Adventure that challenges each reader to complete 10 reading sessions over our 2-week event.

\$782.00 was raised last year!

Our Read-a-thon will start February 10, 2020.



All of the donations received will help our school in many ways:

- Supporting our commitment to literacy and daily reading.
- Purchasing student books to help celebrate our annual Read-Across-America Week book walk (each day, students' names are drawn for a chance to pick out a new book.)
- Purchasing student prizes for our PBIS treasure chest. Students have the chance every day to earn "Way to Go's" for being safe, respectful and responsible. The office then does a weekly drawing for a chance at choosing one item from our treasure chest.



**Nehalem
Elementary
Parent
Council**

Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2020



come join us!
February 11th
6:30pm - 7:30pm
NES Cafeteria

Valentine Grams *are back*

The week of **Feb 3rd through Feb 7th**, kids can purchase Valentine grams for friends and teachers! We will be selling every morning that week, **in the gym, 30 minutes prior to the start of school**. For as little as a 50¢ and up to \$3, kids can purchase a Valentine treat for friends.

On Valentine's Day, grams are distributed to kids to take home. This fundraiser was a big hit last year! So, round up your loose change to send in with kids to have some fun and support the Parent Council fundraising efforts. Interested in volunteering to help with Valentine's Grams, please contact Renae Scalabrin.



FREE EVENT

Grade K-5

VALENTINE'S

Family dance

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 7 2020
NES GYM • 6PM - 8PM

DJ!

Bring the Whole Family

DESSERT Sale

All proceeds from dessert sales are for the parent-hosted Grade 5 end of year field trip.

NO MORE CLIPPING. SCAN YOUR RECEIPT.

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.



>> Marcy Grimes!
For your time and effort, processing box tops for NES!

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