

# Welcome Back to GGS

*Message from Mrs. Nugent*

## **2022-2023 School Year Is About to Begin!**

I cannot believe that it is about that time of year again! We are looking forward to having you and your child(ren) back at GGS for those returning, as well as excited to see the new faces this year! We are excited to have our Welcome Back BBQ again this year, thanks to the GGS Parent Group.

I am excited about the changes that are happening here at GGS as we are getting ready to start another year. As always, please feel free to contact the office, email me or come into the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Please remember the following important information:

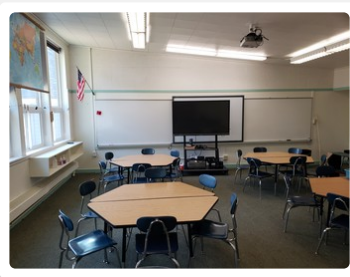
- Doors open at 7:35 a.m. (K-5 students)
- Breakfast is free for all students, served 7:35-8:00 a.m.
- **School starts promptly at 8:00 a.m.**
- School ends at 2:30 p.m.

**There are no late start Mondays this school year, there will be four Mondays reserved during the year for Professional Development and will be no student contact days.** If you would like to view the school calendar, [click here](#).



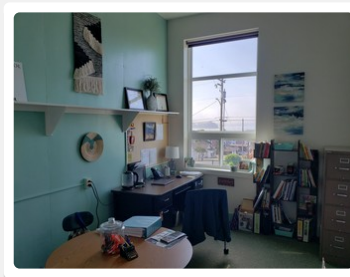
## GGG Front Office

Our office has a new look! We have changed some things around, including new desks and set-up to make it easier for us to help support our kids and families.



## Classrooms are Getting Prepped!

Our classrooms are slowly getting ready for the new year. Here is an example of the "start" of a room being prepped for the year.



## New NKN Student Services Director's Office

We are lucky to have Mrs. Ericka Keefauver as NKN's Student Service Director located at GGS! Here is a glimpse inside her office!

## New Staff

We have some new people joining our staff, some returning, as well as changes in positions! In our office we have Lisa Stanfield as our Head Secretary, Tami Waldron (from the MS) as our Assistant Secretary and new instructional support staff as well.

Our teaching staff have changed some this year and the following are the classroom configurations:

Preschool-Ms. Weston  
K/1- Mrs. Ramage & Mrs. Shepard  
2/3 -Mr. Airey & Mrs. Armstrong  
4/5 -Mr. Gordon & Mrs. Miller

We are excited with our new staff and feel this is a great start for the school year!

## Interested in a Part Time Job @ GGS?

GGG is still looking for a 3.5 hour Instructional Assistant to join our team! If you are interested in working with our amazing staff and students, and would like to be here for 3.5 hours of the day (11:00-2:30 p.m), please do not hesitate to reach out to me and ask questions!

To apply for the position go to [nksd.org](http://nksd.org), under Departments, Human Resources, Current Openings, and apply. For a quick link, [click here](#).

## Welcome Back BBQ

On Thursday, September 1st, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. we will have our Back to School BBQ provided by our GGS Parent Group! This year it will look a little different. Students are welcome to bring in their school supplies and drop them off on this day as well as see their classroom and meet their teacher! The BBQ will include hot dogs, chips, and ice cream!

5:00-5:30--Supply drop off/Meet your teacher

[GGS Supply List](#)

5:30-6:00--BBQ on the playground

If you need help with school supplies, please feel free to come down to the Resource Room (Terry's room) or email her at [terryh@nknsd.org](mailto:terryh@nknsd.org).



## Free/Reduced Lunch--Please apply!!!

For the 2022-23 school year, we are anticipating moving back to paid lunches for students. However, there is a possibility to make them FREE FOR Elementary students, but we need all of our families support! We need all families to apply for free/reduced lunches (even if you do not think you are able to qualify for it). This is for all students, including secondary students, to make sure they have signed up. If the District can meet a minimum of 40% eligible, then EVERYONE is able to have free lunches again for the school year. Otherwise, lunches will cost \$3.20 for students and additional milk is .55 cents.

In order to sign up, go to [nknsd.org](http://nknsd.org), click on Parents drop down menu, Nutrition Services, Mealtime Online. To go directly there, click on this [Mealtime](#) link. Please see the flyer below that was previously sent out.





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For the beginning of the 2022/23 school year, Neah-Kah-Nie school district is notifying families that we are anticipating returning to regularly priced meals this coming school year.

**Meal costs will be:**

- Elementary - Breakfast remains Free / Lunch: \$3.20 /Milk .55 cents
- Middle/High School - Breakfast \$2.25 / Lunch \$3.55 / Milk .55 cents
- Both Preschool meals remain free
- Families will need to deposit funds in preparation for the first day of school.

**NEW this year!** Oregon has new Expanded Income Guidelines (EIG). This program will help many Oregon families qualify for FREE meals at no charge if the household income falls at or below the new Oregon limits and above the limits on the Federal Reduced Price Meal chart. See attached [Income Guidelines](#) to see if you qualify.

We want to encourage **ALL** families to apply for free and reduced meal benefits even if they don't access our school meals. If our district can meet a minimum of 40% of families eligible this could open a brand new program that would make all meals FREE for both elementary schools. This results in a significant cost saving to all families.

**Families can apply online for meal benefits two ways:**

**Step 1 -Login to ParenVue to get their student ID # OR Call your child's school.**



**Step 2 - click either link**

**Families might wonder why aren't meals free this school year?**

- The USDA granted "waivers" that made it possible to serve free breakfast and lunch to all students. Congress did not extend these waivers for the coming school year.

**If you have questions please contact Karen Wheeler, Office Assistant at 503-355-3516.**

\*If you received a letter from the NKN school district stating you are already approved through Oregon Direct Certification, you **DO NOT** need to apply.

\*Contact your school secretary if you would prefer a paper application.

## Back To School Night

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 22 for GGS Back to School Night. This event will take place between 5:15-6:15 p.m. Families will meet in the gym for a welcoming message, an introduction of teaching staff, and a chance to listen to information pertaining to classrooms/curriculum as well as touring the school. We are hoping to have some of our community collaborators there as well to answer questions you may have!

## Bus Routes

We should have the bus routes and times available at our Back to School BBQ. This will let families know what time to expect the bus to pick up and drop off at your stop. If you do not know where the closest bus stop is, please do not hesitate to call First Student at 503-355-2008. Please check out the NKN website for transportation schedules, link is on the main page. For a quick reference to see bus stops, click on [this link](#). Choose GGS or another school to see the different bus routes and stops.

## NKN Student Health & Wellness Center

Just a reminder that the NKN Student Health and Wellness Center is now open for the school year. If you have a child who needs immunizations, sports physical, or isn't feeling well, feel free to call and set

up an appointment! See the flyer below.

The flyer is for the NKN Student Health & Wellness Center. It features a light blue background with various medical icons such as a stethoscope, syringe, bandage, pills, and a heart. The center logo is a stylized 'NKN' with a cross and waves. The text is arranged in a central white box with a drop shadow.

**NKN**  
STUDENT HEALTH  
& WELLNESS CENTER

The NKN Student Health & Wellness Center provides services to all students regardless of the student's ability to pay.

Located at the Neah-Kah-Nie High School.

Center opens Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> for medical services (including sports physicals).

**Health & Wellness Center Hours**

**Tuesday:**  
8:30 am – 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm (closed 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

**Wednesday:**  
8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm (closed 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm)

**Thursday:** Starting September 6<sup>th</sup>  
(Counseling appointments only)  
8:30 am – 12:00pm  
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm (Closed 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

**(503) 355-3500**

Visit the website for available services  
and resources: [nknhealth.org](http://nknhealth.org)

*\*Parents have the right to opt out of services.*