



October 19, 2017

# Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

School District #56



## PROGRESS

We're already halfway through the first trimester of the school year. Please take some time to review the content of this newsletter. Information on upcoming events, items of interest to both parents and students, ideas for increasing academic success, and how to reach staff for further support are included.

## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

### Student Profiles:

Your advisor is providing you with a copy of your child's profile. **Please read it to ensure we have current and accurate information: address, phone numbers, as well as emergency contacts.** Please notify the office immediately of any corrections that need to be made.

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### Invoices:

If an invoice is enclosed for money due for your child's MealTime, library fines or mandatory fees still due, please pay them promptly.

### Student Assessment/ Evaluaciones Estatales

Information and forms to "opt-out" of statewide testing are available on the district website, [www.nknsd.org](http://www.nknsd.org).

Información y formas a excluirse a su hijo de los exámenes acumulativos estatales de Oregon están disponibles en el sitio web del distrito, [www.nknsd.org](http://www.nknsd.org).

**Se habla español aquí.**

**Si usted necesita un intérprete para las reuniones con el maestro de su hijo o simplemente tiene preguntas o preocupaciones, por favor llame a Karen en la oficina, 503.355.3602.**

***Reminder for Late Start Mondays....students should not arrive at the school prior to 9:30am***

## Important Dates to Remember: Fechas importantes:

- **October 19th - Student Led Conferences** (19 de octubre - Conferencias dirigidas por los estudiantes)
- **October 20th - Staff Development - No School** (20 de octubre - Desarrollo del Personal - No hay clases)
- **October 25th–31st—Red Ribbon Week**
- **November 10th - Veterans' Day - No School** (10 de noviembre - Día de los Veteranos - No hay clases)
- **November 22nd - 24th Thanksgiving holiday**(el 22 -24 de noviembre - No hay clases- Día de Acción de Gracias )
- **November 28th- Winter Concert 7pm** ( el 28 de noviembre—Concierto del invierno)
- **December 1st - Grade Day** (el 1 de diciembre- No hay clases)

## PARENT VUE

If you have not already signed up for Parent VUE, it is an excellent tool....right at your fingertips! Parent VUE provides you with timely access to your child's progress, course schedule, attendance, school events, etc. If you would like to get information to sign up and log on, please contact the office at 503.355.2990.

# Letter from the Principal

Dear NKN Middle School Community Members,

The first six weeks are in the books and the 2017-18 school year is off to a great start. We have our largest group of productive mix of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders ever this year who are working hard at meeting social and academic expectations. This year at registration we had 79 6<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled. We also have decent sized population of 'new-to-the-area' students who are learning what it means to be a Raider. Overall, we are happy with the direction we are headed.

It seems that every year we prove we are an academic institution and this year is no different. We were recently recognized in the Portland Business Journal as being the 22<sup>nd</sup> highest ranked middle school in the entire state of Oregon. When prospective parents ask me about the academic culture here I always state, "Your child will learn math, reading, science and social studies." I couldn't be more proud of the work our teachers put in to prepare your children for life after middle school, and even more proud of the commitment our students make to believing what we are providing them will be useful in their high school futures and beyond.

We maintain a positive attitude here and are proud to share that students are engaged with their teachers and peers and making lifelong connections to learning and friends. Our football team is working toward success on the gridiron, our volleyball teams are once again one of the best in the league, and our cross country team is running with the best of them. Add our great band program, robotics club in the library, and honor society activities and we can proudly say there is a place for everyone.

And there is a place for parents as well. I encourage you to contact [raiderparents@gmail.com](mailto:raiderparents@gmail.com) or [hildyhyde@gmail.com](mailto:hildyhyde@gmail.com) for volunteer opportunities coming up. I also encourage you to sign up as a classroom volunteer if your schedule allows. Most, if not all middle school students have no desire to have their mom or dad here at school, but we can find you a place to help that limits your exposure to those OMG MOM! moments every middle schooler dreads.

Now more than ever we are in this thing together. Be well, and I wish health to you and yours.

Until next time,

Leo Lawyer

Principal



## Contact Information

All staff at NKN have e-mail so parents can easily stay in communication with their student's teacher. E-mail addresses are.....

Mr. Albrechtsen - [stevea@nknsd.org](mailto:stevea@nknsd.org)

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Mr. Bayouth - [fredb@nknsd.org](mailto:fredb@nknsd.org)

Mr. Bitts - [rubenb@nknsd.org](mailto:rubenb@nknsd.org)

Mr. Crook - [willc@nknsd.org](mailto:willc@nknsd.org)

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Ms. Harmon - [kathrynh@nknsd.org](mailto:kathrynh@nknsd.org)

Mr. Herder - [robh@nknsd.org](mailto:robh@nknsd.org)

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Mr. Lawyer - [leol@nknsd.org](mailto:leol@nknsd.org)

Mr. Rocca - [jayr@nknsd.org](mailto:jayr@nknsd.org)

Mr. Shipman - [jakes@nknsd.org](mailto:jakes@nknsd.org)

Mr. Zaugg - [russellz@nknsd.org](mailto:russellz@nknsd.org)

You can also contact the school by calling 503-355-2990 or 866-966-2990 faxing 503-355-8514, or writing 25111 Hwy 101 N, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school.



## Important Reminders

We have just a few items we would like to remind students and parents about. They are...

\*If you have a change in your child's after school transportation (i.e. different bus, pick up, etc.), please call it in to the office *prior* to 2pm.

\*As winter approaches, we may face school closures due to inclement weather. In addition to FlashAlert and the district web page, you may call the middle school office at 503-355-2990 for closure updates. When possible the district will initiate calls to all families via the automated call system.

\*When providing permission for bus passes, please remember to include city, bus number, and bus stop loca-

tion.

\*Please be sure to call the office (503-355-2990 or 866-966-2990) prior to 8:45 a.m if your student is going to be absent. We have a 24-hour phone message line and an automated call system.

\*Students absent from school due to illness or unexcused absence are not permitted to attend after-school activities on the day of their absence.

\*Middle school students are not allowed to carry medications. (This includes cough drops, aspirin, vitamins, etc.) Parents must check ALL medications in and out at the office.

\*Unless specifically stated, the standard dress code applies to all school events and activities.

\*Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:15 am and 9:30 am on late start Mondays. Students not involved in extra curricular activities are not allowed to remain on campus after the end of the school day.

\*The handbook provides clear guidelines for electronics. Students may not use cell phones while at school.

*Daily announcements are available on our web site! Go to ...*

*[www.nknsd.org](http://www.nknsd.org)*

*Check it out!*

*If you prefer to receive daily announcements via e-mail, please contact Karen Snider at the middle school office.*

## Sports

Volleyball season is finished. Schedules of remaining games/meets for Football and Cross Country are listed below. Come check out some of the remaining events and support your RAIDERS!

### 2017 Football Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>
10/23 Mon	Ilwaco/Ilwaco



### 2017 Cross Country Schedule



<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>
10/24 Tues	Districts @ Hydrangea Ranch

## Flu Shots

Flu shots are now available through the Health Department. The schedule of countywide flu clinics can be found on the county website at [tillamookchc.org](http://tillamookchc.org) (go to "Resource" tab, drop down to "Flu Clinics") or call 503-842-3900 or 1-800-528-2938 for an appointment.

## Congratulations to the September Students of the Month & Mathletes!

**6th grade: Olivia ElDomy and Seth Stickland**

**7th grade: Rachel Lee and Rossi Nelson**

**8th grade: Isabella Carrillo and Tyler Motsinger**

### Mathletes:

**6th grade: Austin Coleman and Caroline Barlow**

**7th/8th grade: Tonanzy Mendoza and Parker Fagen**



## Parent

NKN Middle School Parent Group meets the first Wednesday of every month, **at 4:15** in the conference room. Come join us as we plan this year's events and fundraisers. We will be starting our first fundraiser of the school year soon. We will be selling chocolate in time for the holidays. Look for information coming home with your student soon. For further information, please contact Amy Hyde at [hildyhyde@gmail.com](mailto:hildyhyde@gmail.com)

## News from the Library

The library had a wonderful visit from Portland author April Henry on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade attended writer's workshops with April, and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade had a wonderful book talk first thing in the morning.

The Interactive Media class and Institute afterschool Technology Club is currently participating in the First Lego League challenge. Students are working on a robot game where they have 2:30 to complete as many of the 16 challenges on the performance field as they can. In addition students are finding innovative solutions to problems with how people find, transport, use, and dispose of water. Look for our t-shirt fundraiser coming up in November. (One of the teams, the Droplets, came up with this waterfall design for their t-shirts.) (Izzy and Bella busy teaching Institute members how to build creative attachments for their robots.)

### Batteries:

Bring in your used batteries as we do recycle batteries!

