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Garibaldi Grade School | Newsletter



April 2023

We are now in our last trimester of the school year! We have many field trips and lots of end of school year activities coming up.

As a school we are already planning the next year, and as a district they have adopted the school calendar. We have attached a copy to the newsletter or if you are receiving an online version you can click to view: <u>NKN District Calendar</u>.

As a reminder as you make your summer break plans, the two snow days that we had will be added to the end of the school year. This means our last day for students will be a half day on June 15th.

No School for April 20-21 conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are taking place Thursday & Friday, April 20-21. There will be no school on these two days, so we can meet with families individually. Meeting with your child's teacher during conferences will assist you in helping your child be more successful in

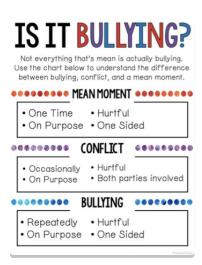


school. If you have not scheduled a conference time, call the school office, 503-322-0311.

April's Characteristic is Courage

Each month, GGS focuses on a personal characteristic and teaches it to our students. Our focus for the month of April is Courage. Students demonstrate courage by confidently standing up for what you know is right or doing something that is difficult even when they are afraid.

At the end of the month we will be handing out three awards in each class, two for students who were demonstrating courage and one Pride of the Pack award focused on perseverance. Please talk with your child(ren) around the conversations they are having at school on how they show courage.



Ms. H's Counseling Corner

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing spring break! During the month of April we will be revisiting the 3 R's and how to use them to stop bullying. We learned how to use Recognize, Report, and Refuse during the month of October when we covered personal safety. This time we are trying to recognize if someone is not treating us respectfully, and how to use our words to make it stop. We will also learn when to report this to an adult.

Sometimes when we start learning about bullying, I hear many of the students identify every interaction that is hurtful as bullying. I have included the chart that I use in my classroom lessons to help students understand the definition of bullying. We have been working really hard this year on using our tools to help us when something unkind happens



to us. Ask your child to tell you what three tools they could use when they encounter a problem. They have gotten really good at being able to identify the tools and how to use them!



Volunteering and Field Trip Chaperones

We are excited that GGS classrooms are starting to have field trips! We ask all that would like to volunteer to fill out a district volunteer application, have it approved and on file. These application can take up to 2 weeks to process, so plan ahead. You can reach out to the GGS office and we can send an application home with your student.

If there is a need for volunteer chaperones, your child's teacher will have the request on the permission form. Some trips might have limited number of chaperones, so please have the teacher confirm your need.



NKN School Board Meetings

Monday, April 10th, 5:30pm

This is a monthly meeting of our school Board. Meeting takes place at our District Office or through Zoom. You can access this meeting through our district website (<u>www.nknsd.org</u>) under "School Board" and then "Board Meetings".

Neah-Kah-Nie Employment Opportunities

Come work for the School District!

We currently have part and full time jobs available within the school district! Full Benefit and Job Descriptions are listed on our website: <u>https://nknsd.org/departments/human-resources/</u> If you have any questions, contact Kathie Sellars at our District office, 503-355-3506 or <u>kathies@nknsd.org</u>.

Are you interested in a flexible work schedule?

Sign up to be a classified or certified substitute at any of our schools. Neah-Kah-Nie School District has contracted with ESS for our substitute services. To become a substitute for the District please go to ESS.com, click on the Job Seeker tab and type in Neah-Kah-Nie School District to begin the

application process. If you have questions about the application process, or becoming a substitute, please contact <u>ABrueske@ess.com</u> or our Human Resources office at 503-355-3506



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