

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 18, 2020

DEAR FAMILIES,

At the Board Meeting this past Monday, it was decided that we would continue in Comprehensive Distance Learning with Limited In Person opportunities for some students. This will be in effect now until the end of Trimester 2. It is the hope that students will return to on-site/hybrid learning on March 15, 2021, if COVID-19 metrics allow.

All of us at the middle school are proud of our program for Comprehensive Distance Learning and Limited In Person.

Data from Trimester 1:

- 76% of middle school students earned a GPA of 2.0 or greater

- 36% of our student body had a 3.5 GPA or better, with 26 students qualified for Honor Roll. To qualify for Honor Roll, students must have a 3.5 GPA or greater, do 7 hours of community service, and have a 95% or greater attendance rate.

- 78% of our students are regular attenders

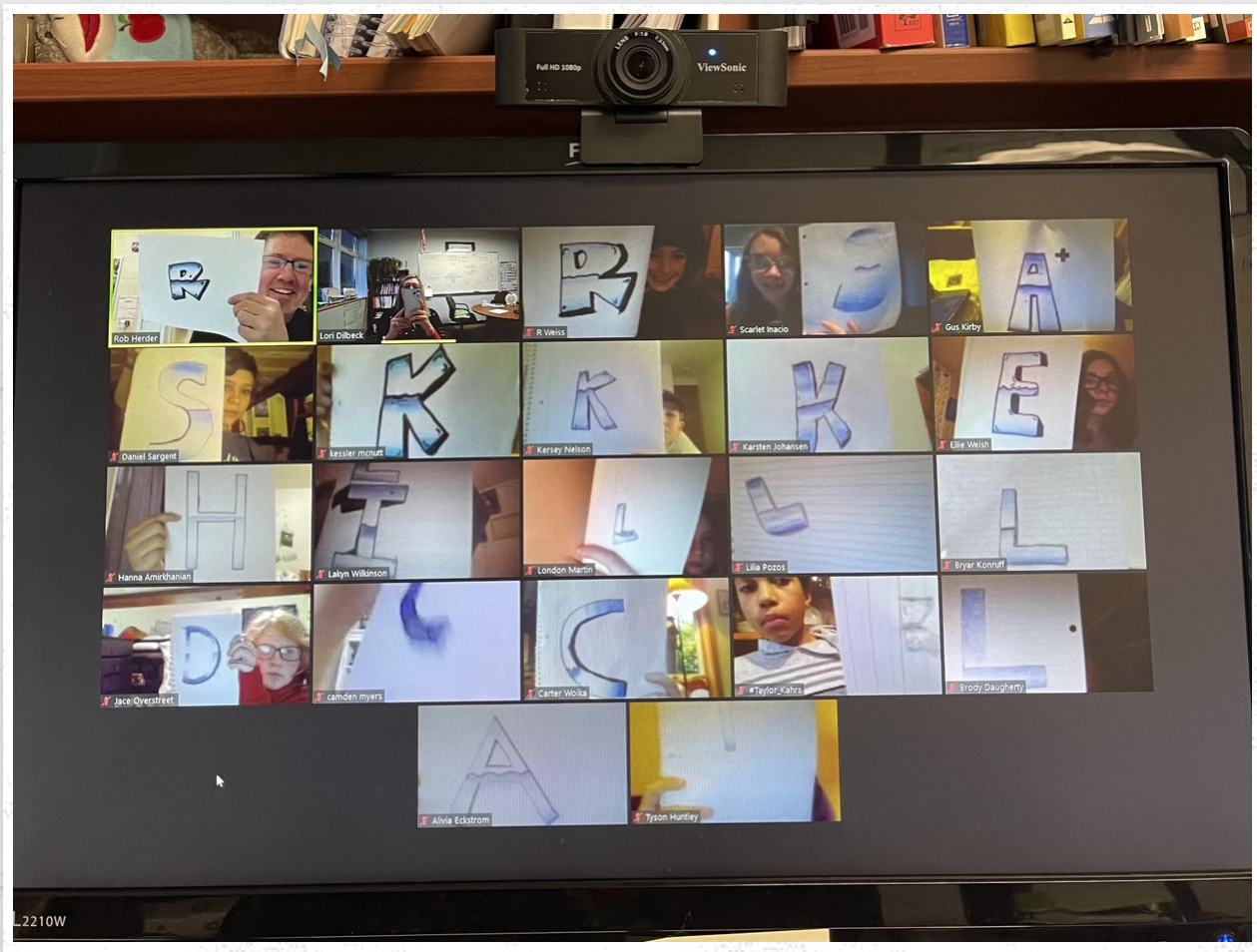
This data proves we have some great things going on at the middle school! Teachers are doing an amazing job of designing and implementing engaging lessons that allow students to collaborate with their peers.

I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. See you next year!

Sincerely,

Lori Dilbeck, Principal

COMPREHENSIVE DISTANCE LEARNING AT NKN MIDDLE SCHOOL



MR. HERDER'S GRAPHIC DESIGN CLASS - 100% PARTICIPATION!

Holiday This or That



PE TEACHERS - ENGAGING AND FUN WAYS FOR OUR STUDENTS TO STAY ACTIVE!

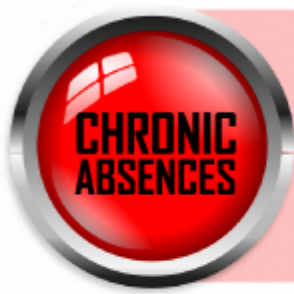
OUR GOAL MOVING FORWARD

Moving into the new year, we would like to focus our efforts on increasing our regular attenders from 76% to 90%. Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make up work.

There's a strong correlation between good attendance and success in school. On the other hand, students who regularly miss school are also more likely to struggle in school.

Missed days add up quickly: Just two days a month puts a child's success in jeopardy because students fall behind and disconnect. By third grade, it gets much more difficult to catch up. Students who regularly miss school can quickly feel hopeless, and returning becomes harder and harder.

The graphic below shows the impact of chronic absences.



18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

CONTACT INFORMATION

It is imperative that the school office has your current phone number and address. If there have been any changes, please call the office at 503.355.2990. Also, it is now a good time to review your emergency contacts in the event that we are not able to reach you. Please call the office with any changes or updates of your emergency contacts.

IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION- OREGON LAW REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING SHOTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Once students return to campus for hybrid learning and eventually full-time, immunizations are required as follows.

6th grade: 5 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis, 4 Polio, 1 Varicella, 2 Measles, 1 Mumps, 1 Rubella, 3 Hepatitis B and 2 Hepatitis A.

7th-12th grade: 5 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis, 1 Tdap, 4 Polio, 1 Varicella, 2 Measles, 1 Mumps, 1 Rubella, 3 Hepatitis B and 2 Hepatitis A.

School records indicate several students are in need of further vaccinations and thus far, 2 letters have been sent home. Even though students will not be returning in person until March, it is a good idea to get this taken care of to avoid any future exclusion days..

NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH- CONGRATS!

6th Grade: Bryar Konruff and Kessler McNutt

7th Grade: Bianca Smith and Andrew Browne

8th Grade: Jocelyn Heft and Raymond Grimes

Way to go!!!!!!!!!!

HONOR ROLL- TRIMESTER ONE

Congratulations to the following students for making the honor roll. Requirements include a 3.5 GPA or better, minimum of 7 hours community service and at least 95% attendance.

6th grade: Hanna Amirkhanian, Alivia Eckstrom Ruef, Ozzie Grider, Karsten Johansen, August Kirby, Bryar Konruff, Daniel Sargent, Lakyn Wilkinson, and Carter Woika.

7th grade: Andrew Browne, Colin Campbell, Brady Douma, Nicholas Jones, Annalise Moran, Yukon Norris Rivera, Bianca Smith, Nathaniel Tinnes, and Grace Wismer.

8th grade: Lilly Denning, Julia Goodell, Raymond Grimes, Ethan Hanson, Jocelyn Heft, Joseph Laun, Travis Poole, and Madison Scott.

We wish you and
your loved ones
safe and happy holidays!



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