

# The Nehalem Nugget

MARCH 2022

**Be Safe . . . Be Respectful . . . Be Responsible**



## Important Dates/Reminders

- March 14th - School Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- March 15th - Clean Water Festival (4th grade)
- March 18th - NO SCHOOL - Grade Day
- March 21st-25th - Spring Break
- March 30th - Report cards sent home

**\*\*IF your child requires medication at school, please call the office to get that process completed.**

## From our Principal

Hi Seagull Families!

I have some updates for you around health and safety as we slowly try to open things up to be more “normal” here on campus.

- As the district has already communicated, masks became optional outside on campuses on Monday, February 28. Some staff and students continue to wear masks and some don't; either is really okay with us. We are encouraging staff and students to do what feels safe and comfortable to them. Students K-5 have all been given elastic mask lanyards to wear each day here at school that can cinch up around their neck/hair so that they can lower their masks when at recess and lunch. Today we had maybe half the students take their masks off at recess and half leave them on. If you see a black lanyard end up at home, please send it back to school with your child.
- I'd like to encourage family members to fill out volunteer forms available in our school office to become volunteers. We are going to need volunteers this spring for class field trips, for our field day in June, and hopefully in classrooms soon. We have not had volunteers on campuses during the pandemic, so our next baby step is to only allow vaccinated volunteers at this time. We will open up volunteer opportunities to unvaccinated parents and guardians at a later time. TBD

- We had all students eat lunch inside today in their classrooms, and they loved it! As of March 1, all students will eat breakfast and lunches inside with the goal to be opening up the cafeteria for multiple classes to eat in at once soon.
- We are also uncohorting lunch recesses so students can play with the other two classes at their grade level outside. That starts March 1, as well. The students are going to enjoy getting to know the other students in their grade, plus it's so good for their emotional health!

Thank you for your continued support! We couldn't do this without you! If you have any questions please call or email me.

-Kristi Woika, Principal

## Read Across America Week, February 28th - March 4th

**Celebrating all of our amazing readers and Dr. Suess birthday!**

- Each morning we'll have a book walk in the classrooms. The students standing on the lucky number will get to come pick out a book from the office to take home.
- The students will get a treat during lunch on 3/2 to celebrate Dr. Suess's birthday!
- Mrs. Thysell's class will put on a readers theatre performance for the other class 3/3 & 3/4. Due to COVID, we can't have outside visitors come and watch this year.

Third Annual Read-a-thon started February 21st and goes through March 4th.

This year has been amazing! Your support of the Nehalem Elementary readers has almost exceeded all three other years we have done this fundraiser.

**Your support so far of \$ 2,390.00 is so appreciated.**

You can still register at [NES Read-a-thon 2022](#) to sign up.

You can do it all in a minute or two and really help us meet our financial needs. **How It Works:**

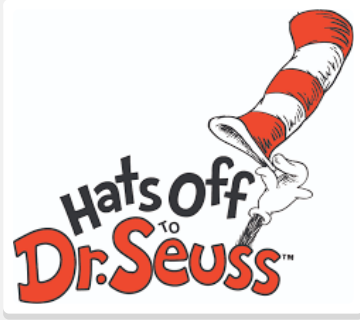
- Activate your account at the link above.
- Use the easy online tools to tell friends and family about our Read-A-Thon.
- Track and log at home reading sessions online.
- That's it!

All proceeds go to:

-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.



## Report Cards

Grade Day (No School) is on Friday, 3/18/2022. Report cards will be sent home with students on Wednesday 3/30/2022. Please check those backpacks. We encourage families to review the report cards with their child(ren) and contact the teacher if they have any questions regarding the report card.



## MISS JENNIFER

Happy March!

In February we celebrated Kindness and continue to encourage random acts of Kindness around our school community, homes and community at large. We talked about how one act of kindness can have a ripple effect that can spread far and wide.. I hope that you will encourage your children to continue showing random acts kindness throughout the year!

In March we will continue to work on understanding the importance of empathy with continued work in identifying feelings, both similar and conflicting, accepting differences and responding with compassion. Additionally, we will review how to help ourselves in regulating our emotions and problem solving.

Mindfulness will continue to be incorporated into our SEL lessons and school wide this year. Practicing mindfulness is a great way to train our brains to regain focus and calm as we continue to navigate through the pandemic.. I encourage you to practice this with your students at home. The more they practice the more automatic the mindfulness response becomes. [MindYeti](#) is a great resource for PreK - 3rd grade. It was created by the Committee for Children who is the creator of Second Step, one of the SEL curriculums used at NES. [Waterford.org](#) is another great resource for kids and mindfulness as well. Additionally, The [Child Mind Institute](#) is a great resource in learning more about supporting your children's mental health.

If you have any questions or concerns about your student feel free to contact me. You can also fill out a [counseling form espanol](#) to request a meeting.

# Family Resource Center

If you're looking to clean out gently used clothing that your child/children outgrew, we're in need of the following items.....

- clothing
- shoes/boots
- coats

Preschool through 5th grade sizes would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact Heaven Hartford at 503-355-3639 or [heavenh@nknsd.org](mailto:heavenh@nknsd.org) to donate.

## Library News

April 5th-8th we are going to have a Hybrid Book Fair! I'm so excited. We have to do it in a new way to be able to do it safely, but it is possible. There will be other Book Fair information later in the month, too. It will be in two pieces that run simultaneously. The first piece will be the Online Virtual Book Fair for savvy parents/grown ups. The second piece is the in-person fair. We have to keep the classes (cohorts) separate. The K-5 kids will come to the Book Fair at their 2 regular library times so they can shop and browse to their heart's content instead of checking out books. There will be no shopping during recess or before & after school this year due to classes not being able to mix.

Preschool, our youngest Seagulls, need something different. Since they won't come to the Book Fair with their class during the school day, I asked permission for Wednesday April 6th from 3-5:30pm, for a Preschool only- Book Fair Family Night. After all the big kids have gone home, the Preschool can come back with their parents/grown ups and shop at their first Book Fair. Everyone will need to wash hands /use sanitizer and sign in and out on our contact log. It's part of our safety steps that made this possible. The windows will be open and fans on to keep fresh air in the room.

Ms. Kathy





# Substitute Employment



Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, Neah-Kah-Nie School District has contracted with [ESS](https://www.ess.com) for our substitute services. To become a substitute for the District please go to [ESS.com](https://www.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 [ABrueske@ess.com](mailto:ABrueske@ess.com) or our Human Resources office at 503-355-3506.

## Cogat Testing

Every year Nehalem Elementary administers the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) to 2nd and 5th grade students. This assessment helps us in determining if a student qualifies for Neah-Kah-Nie's Talented and Gifted program (TAG). We will be testing the 5th grade students March, 7th, 11th and 14th. Each testing window is an hour or less. We will be testing the 2nd grade students in April. The specific dates are yet to be determined. If you have any questions, please reach out via email - [jenniferh@nknsd.org](mailto:jenniferh@nknsd.org) or phone - 503-355-3657.

## NCRD Youth Center

Afterschool program hours are 2:30PM-5:00PM, Monday- Friday. Reservations are required. We will pick up your child(ren) and provide enriching after school activities and a healthy snack! Monday Madness hours are 7:00AM-9:00AM. Reservations are required. We will walk your child to NES on district late-start Mondays. On no-school days we are open from 7:00AM-5:00PM. Reservations are required.

NCRD Youth Center will be open the entire month of March. There are multiple days off of school in March the 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th, NCRD Youth Center will be open and taking reservations, please contact Kiley at the Welcome Center to get on the list. **Prepayment is required.** While your child is with us we will provide nutritious morning and afternoon snacks as well as enrichment activities (outdoor play/walks, gym time, crafts, music, science, etc.) all while following

strict health and safety guidelines. The cost is \$20/ full day or \$10/half day, \$5/day for Before School, and \$5/day for our afterschool program. Reserve your child's spot, we are unable to accept drop-ins at this time.

Scholarship applications are available upon request. Scholarships for students are funded through the Friends of NCRD, who support families in need through various fundraisers throughout the year.

#### **-Youth Sports -**

Volleyball starts Tuesday 2-22-22 for ages 9-12 and cost is \$35 it runs Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30pm. Basketball is also getting started for Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades, cost is \$35 and starts 2-28-22 at 4:30pm. Please fill out registration and return with payment to NCDR Welcome Center as soon as possible. We are so excited to get playing again please come join us and bring a friend. If anyone is interested in helping coach please reach out to Angie or Kiley at NCRD welcome center.

## **NCRD Aquatics Center**

### **Friday Night Family Swim Still Happening!!**

**\*\*\* Must have a RESERVATION TO PARTICIPATE\*\*\***

NCRD/Nehalem Pool

Student must be accompanied by an adult

6:00pm---7:00pm

Call or e-mail for **reservations: 1-855-444-6273 NCRD Aquatics #3**

e-mail: [suedg@ncrdnehalem.org](mailto:suedg@ncrdnehalem.org)

Adult/Student combination passes for sale....\$18

No Friday Night Swim: March 25, 2022

## **Click on this link to see the current Employment Opportunities at NKN School District**

## **The Neah-Kah-Nie School District is proud to announce the release of their equity lens and statement**

**Rockaway Beach, January 28, 2022** – The Neah-Kah-Nie School District, based on the Every Student Belongs guidance from the Oregon Department of Education, adopted its new equity statement in May 2021 and finalized its equity lens in October 2021.

The Neah-Kah-Nie Inclusion Alliance, a School Board Advisory team comprised of an ESD staff member, school board members, district staff, families and community members, studied equity statements and lenses from across the state of Oregon, and then created the ones that the district has adopted. **The implementation of the equity lens and statement will result in an improved and more inclusive culture within the district for students and staff alike.** The application of these values will ultimately result in positive impacts to the community where our graduates build their lives. Students and staff will continue to build creative ways for us to incorporate the equity statement into our daily lives and interactions in the district.

The Neah-Kah-Nie School District is proud of the work done in the schools to make them more inclusive, diverse, and to promote equity to all who pass through the doors. For more information about the equity statement, lens, or the district please go to <https://nknsd.org/equity-committee/>.

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