

# THE HOWLER

Garibaldi Grade School | Newsletter



## May 2025

GGs has lots of exciting field trips and activities coming up. Be sure to check your students backpacks and Thursday Folders to make sure you are not missing any important announcements!

And an important reminder, if you would like to volunteer for a field trip, you will need a district volunteer application approved and on file. Any questions, contact the office.

## Important Upcoming Dates

May 1st, Thursday - Spring Concert in the GGS gym

May 5th, Monday - *No School*, In Service Day

May 21st, Wednesday - 5th Grade MS Transition Night

May 23rd, Friday - Kindergarten Roundup

May 26th, Monday - *No School*, Memorial Day



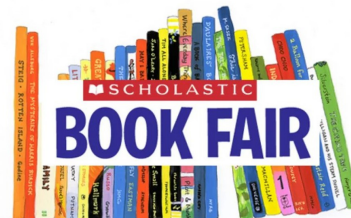
## Spring Music Concert

**Thursday, May 1st at 6pm (5:45pm classrooms open).**

Students have been working hard on perfecting their performances for the spring concert. Please join us in the GGS gym and enjoy our preschool-5th grade music performances and what they have been learning about in music with Mr. Simpson.

**GGs's Book Fair is April 28th - May 2nd!**

The Scholastic Book Fair is here and being held in the GGS Library, during students' regular library days and **opening at 5:15 pm before the Spring Concert on May 1st.**



Additionally, there will be a raffle for a basket full of books and goodies for each grade group (preschool, K/1, 2/3, and 4/5, for a total of four Raffle Baskets). Families may also purchase books on the Scholastic Store online from April 28 through May 11. Please visit the website for Garibaldi Grade School's Online: Scholastic Book Fair: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/garibaldigradeschool>

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### **May's Characteristic is Integrity**

Each month, GGS focuses on a personal characteristic and teaches it to our students. Our focus for the month of May is Integrity. Students demonstrate integrity by doing the right thing when no one is looking, taking pride in their work and makes the right decision regardless of what others are doing.

At the end of the month we will be handing out three awards in each class, two for students who were demonstrating Integrity 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 Integrity.

### **The Golden Brain Award!**

Students have been actively learning how to use the Toolbox Tools to manage their emotions and actions, and it's been exciting to see them apply these skills in their daily lives! Whether handling challenges or supporting their peers, they are building important lifelong habits. To recognize their efforts, we will be awarding the **Golden Brain Award** at our monthly assemblies. This award will honor students who have demonstrated their ability to use the Toolbox Tools to help themselves or others.



We are proud of our students for their dedication to personal growth and teamwork!

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### **Every Day Matters!**

**Let's end the year with strong school attendance!** Much of your child's learning today is built upon what they learned the day before! So when students miss school for any reason, excused or unexcused, this creates a gap and impacts their ability to participate in learning. This learning gap becomes significant when a student misses 10% or more of school.

GGS wants your child to succeed and is focused on helping smooth the way to regular attendance. Share your challenges so the staff can help. We have many resources and staff to assist you, from

our counselors, community resource coordinators, district nurse, you are not alone!



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## Ms. H's Counseling Corner

As we step into May, the home stretch of the school year is in sight! It's hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by! For many students, May can bring excitement—and sometimes a little nervousness—about the changes ahead. Whether they're moving up to a new grade or heading to middle school, we'll be discussing what to expect and how to cope with those “big feelings,” by using our Tools. We will review and practice them this month and into June.



My classroom lessons this month will focus on building our friendship skills and how to communicate with a friend when there is a disagreement. We will be taking a closer look at our Words Tool and using the 4 keys to communication. Using an “I” message helps students develop effective communication skills, express their feelings without blame, and foster positive interactions.

In the final weeks of May we will do some career awareness activities. It might seem early, but introducing career concepts at a young age builds curiosity, encourages goal setting, and promotes self-awareness. We're not asking students to choose a career path just yet—but rather sparking inspiration and showing them that their passions and talents can grow into something meaningful.

If you have any questions, or need more information please feel free to contact me, [cherieh@nknsd.org](mailto:cherieh@nknsd.org).



## PE with Mrs. B!

During the month of April, students at GGS have learned to play the classic game of kickball! I like to introduce this game in the original form and then build in different versions such as continuous kickball and ultimate kickball. Students learn the basics of baseball through playing kickball. Secondly, students worked on their dexterity and coordination with cup stacking. Cup stacking uses special plastic cups with holes on the bottom to make different formations of cups. We used cup stacking mats with timers and played games using our stacking skills. Ask your child about cup stacking!

What's next? Track and field! (Please make sure your child wears sneakers for school!)

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## GGs 2025-26 Kindergarten Round-Up

Friday, May 23rd from 8:30am-10am

Do you have an incoming Kindergarten for the 2025-26 school year? Please join us to find out more about GGS's Kindergarten program. Come hear what to expect next year, learn about curriculum, and meet teachers/staff. Your child will also have the opportunity to visit a kindergarten classroom and go on a short bus ride!



# BALLOT MEASURE #29-184

PROPOSED LOCAL OPTION LEVY



## What is Measure 29-184?

Measure 29-184 is a proposed local option levy which was referred to the voters by the Neah-Kah-Nie School Board. If passed the measure would authorize an increase in property taxes that would be used to fund District operations. This measure will appear on all voters' ballots in the District boundaries for the May 20, 2025 election.

## If passed, what would the measure cost?

If the measure passes, property owners within the District would pay \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The owner of a home assessed at \$250,000 would pay \$ 5.48 more per month or \$ 65.76 more per year. The property tax would continue for five years and would raise a total of \$11,040,000.

## What happens if Measure 29-184 is passed by voters?

If passed by voters on May 20, the Measure would raise property tax revenue estimated at \$11 million over five years. The tax revenue would fund:

- Teachers and staff
- Transportation
- Meals
- Extracurricular Activities
- Maintain small class sizes
- Maintain programs such as the arts, athletics, career-technical education, dual credit programs, and district transportation

## What would happen if Measure 29-184 is not passed by voters?

If the measure does not pass, the above operational priorities would not be funded and property taxes would not be increased. The current property tax expires in June 2025.

More information can be found on the District website

**Learn more: [nknnsd.org/levy](https://nknnsd.org/levy)  
ELECTION DAY IS MAY 20, 2025**

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## Proposed New Math Curriculum

NES and GGS have been piloting different math curriculums over the past year and a half at both schools. We have had a group of teachers representing K-5 grade levels from both schools and have



been meeting monthly to determine what curriculum best meets our students' needs. We are recommending Big Ideas to be adopted by the NKN School Board at the May Meeting. Please feel free to look at the curriculum by following the link or QR Code.

**Oregon Math - Big Ideas Learning.** overview of the curriculum: <https://or.bigideaslearning.com/>

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## NKN School Board Meetings

**Next Meeting is Monday, May 12th, 6:30pm** This is a monthly meeting of our School Board. The meeting takes place at our District Office or through Zoom. You can access this meeting through our district website ([www.nknnsd.org](http://www.nknnsd.org)) under "School Board" and then "Board Meetings".



**NKN MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**TRANSITION NIGHT**  
**SPRING 2025**

**Get excited to be a Raider!**

**Who:**  
All upcoming Neah Kah Nie School District 2025-2026 6th graders and their families

**Where:**  
Neah Kah Nie Middle School

**When:**  
May 21, 2025 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM

**What:**  
Learn all about what middle school will be like and how to successfully make the transition! Students and parents will come away feeling prepared, ready, and EXCITED about starting 6th grade.

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Nutrition Education

Physical Activity

Staff & Community Involvement

# NKN Local Wellness Program

## WHY DO WE HAVE A LOCAL WELLNESS PROGRAM?

Our Wellness Policy focuses on the whole student by assisting in the development and education of their physical, emotional, intellectual, social and nutritional health and wellbeing.

## WHAT HAS NKN BEEN DOING TO PROMOTE STUDENT WELLNESS?

- Daily Physical Activity
- FREE nutritious meals every day
- District School Nurse
- Full time counselors at all buildings
- Annual Health Fair
- Health and Wellness Center



For more information visit the Neah-Kah-Nie Wellness webpage:

- Triennial assessment results
- NKN Local Wellness Board Policy
- Oregon requirements for Local School Wellness Policy
- Contact details

**MAY 2025**  
GARIBALDI GRADE SCHOOL

A variety of deli sandwiches are Available daily as an option for Lunch!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Scr. Eggs & English Muffin Tillamook Cheese Burgers	2 Breakfast Burrito Pepperoni Calzones
5 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NO SCHOOL	6 Breakfast Pizza Bagels Chicken Tacos	7 Lemon Bread Lasagna	8 French Toast Chicken Burgers	9 Blueberry Muffins Chili & Soft Pretzels
12 Pancakes Cheesy Breadsticks And Marinara	13 Breakfast Sandwich Burritos	14 Cinnamon Cr. Cheese Bagels Chicken Alfredo	15 Yogurt & Grahams Sloppy Joe's	16 Oatmeal Rounds Chicken Strips & Rice Pilaf
19 Waffles Corn Dogs	20 Sausage & Biscuits Chicken & Cheese Quesadillas	21 Banana Bread Mac & Cheese	22 Pancake on a Stick Western Burger	23 Breakfast Bar Fish & Chips
26 MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL	27 Breakfast Bagel Enchiladas	28 Biscuits & Gravy Orange Chicken Over Rice	29 Yogurt Parfaits Pulled Pork Sandwich	30 Cinnamon Rolls Breakfast For Lunch

A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are available daily on our offering bar. All of our bread and pasta items are whole wheat or whole grain. GF options are available. Fat-free and 1% milks are offered daily. Whole grain cereals are an option at breakfast.  
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