

Summer 2026 Newsletter

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NEAH-KAH-NIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

SUMMER 2026

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! We are thrilled to welcome our students back to campus and look forward to a year filled with growth, learning, and strong partnership with our families.

As we embark on this new year, we want to share an important update regarding your child's academic progress reporting. Starting this term, our report cards will feature a standards-based model designed to give you clearer, more detailed insight into your student's learning and achievement.

What to Expect on the New Report Card

- **Clear Learning Standards:** You will see the specific priority standards taught in each subject area during the term.
- **Demonstrated Mastery:** For each standard, you will see your child's level of performance based on summative assessments.
- **Overall Subject Grades:** Standard mastery scores will be converted into a traditional final letter grade for each subject.
- **Separation of Work Habits:** Student behavior and learner attributes are separated from academic grades, giving you a clear picture of both academic knowledge and habits of success.

Our Multi-Year Journey to Standards-Based Grading

This transition is the result of several years of deliberate planning, training, and curriculum refinement across our middle school staff:

- **2022–2023:** Staff built foundational knowledge through dedicated book studies and national conference training focused on standards-based instruction.
- **2023–2024:** Teachers began implementing key practices, including eliminating zeros, offering retake opportunities, creating standard-aligned rubrics, and breaking down priority standards into learning targets.
- **2024–2025:** Departments developed detailed curriculum and pacing maps, refined rubric-to-letter-grade scales, and formally removed behavior metrics from academic grading.
- **2025–2026:** We defined core student attributes (habits of success) and built rubrics to deliver actionable feedback on personal growth.
- **2026–2027 (Current School Year):** Our focus is teaching students to self-assess their progress using attribute rubrics and launching our transparent family reporting system.

Next Steps & Staying Informed

Throughout this first term, I will keep you updated on our progress as we prepare to roll out the new report cards. Additionally, teachers will share detailed information and concrete examples during our upcoming Student-Led Conferences, giving you an inside look at how this process works in practice.

We believe this updated format provides an accurate reflection of what your student knows and can do, while

empowering them to take ownership of their learning. Please reach out if you have any questions.

With appreciation,

Lori Dilbeck
Principal, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

Important Dates to Remember

- September 1: First Day of School!
- September 7: Labor Day - **No School**
- September 16: Back to School Night (See more below)
- September 21-25: Outdoor School (Grade 6. See more below)
- September 28: Professional Development - **No School**
- September 29: Picture Day

Important Dates to Come:

- *October 26: Professional Development - **No School***
 - *November 2: Picture Retake Day*
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2026-27 Registration



MIDDLE SCHOOL IN-PERSON REGISTRATION



AUGUST 18-19

9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

- Purchase PE uniform (If needed. Students can use uniform from previous year(s) if applicable). Card or check preferred.
 - \$35 - Set | \$20 - Shirt | \$15 - Shorts
- Complete housing questionnaire (required for all families).
- Complete health questionnaire (If applicable).



Online Registration

If you have not verified your child's enrollment on **ParentVUE**, please complete as soon as possible. This ensures that all data on file for your student (including mailing address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, etc.) is up-to-date.

School Supplies

2026-27 SCHOOL SUPPLIES



**ALL SUPPLIES
DONATED BY OUR
PARENT GROUP!**



All school supplies are generously donated by our Parent Group and with funding provided by Gear Up!

The only supplies families are responsible for purchasing are a PE uniform (\$35 total: \$20 for shirt, \$15 for shorts) and appropriate PE shoes.

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Athletics



What's Needed to Participate?

In order for your child to attend and participate in any athletic practices, they will need two things:

- Completed sports physical (valid for 2 years)
- Completed Athletics Permission Form. Please click the link below to fill out the form (Required annually)

Athletics Permission Form

Sports Schedules

Fall sports schedules coming soon!



Coming Soon . . .



Back to School Night: Sept. 16

Join us in the evening on September 16th from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. for Back to School Night! This is a chance to walk the halls, tour classrooms, meet the teachers, learn about programs and school updates, and an opportunity to get any questions answered.



Outdoor School: Oct 21-25

An annual Grade 6 tradition. All 6th graders will spend the week at Camp Meriwether, a 790-acre Scouts BSA summer camp located south of Cape Lookout near Cloverdale.

Tillamook County Outdoor School provides a positive, safe, and caring environment in which sixth graders will be challenged to learn important life concepts in relating to and caring for our environment, including both nature and people. Students and their teachers will be creatively challenged to pursue more learning opportunities about the needs of our environment and how people can meet those needs in very wise and caring ways.

ODS Registration

From the Nurse



Medications At School

If your student needs medication while at school, it must be checked in with the Middle School office by the parent or guardian and have the required completed paperwork. This applies TO ALL MEDICATION - EVEN TUMS OR ASPRIN.

If you are needing medication authorization forms, please contact our front office.

Mealtime

Seconds on Meals

First servings of breakfast and lunch are free to all students in the district.

Second servings, however, do cost money. Please ensure there are funds on your Mealtime Account if your child is interested in additional servings. Click the button below to log in to your Mealtime Account.

Mealtime Online

Attendance



Missing School?

If your student is going to be absent from school, please let our attendance team know by emailing [**msattendance@nknsc.org**](mailto:msattendance@nknsc.org), sending us a message on ParentSquare, or calling the front office at 503.355.2990.

Yondr Pouches



Neah-Kah-Nie School District is cellphone and smartwatch-free. Upon enrollment, all students are issued a Yondr pouch to safely secure their electronic device(s) during school hours.

Students are responsible for bringing their Yondr pouch to school every day. If students forget their Yondr pouch, they are to turn their phone or watch in to the front office for the school day.

The Yondr pouch is the property of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District. Each student will be responsible for its condition. If a student damages or loses their pouch, a \$25.00 replacement fee will be issued.

Cell Phone FAQ

From the District

2026-27 Annual Calendar

NEAH-KAH-NIE SCHOOL DISTRICT Annual Calendar 2026 - 2027

Adopted: February 9, 2026

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July	3	Independence Day Holiday (observed)
August	24-27	Prof. Development/Teacher Workdays
	28	No School - Non Contract Day
	31	No School - Non Contract Day
September	1	First Day of School K-12
	7	Labor Day Holiday (No School)
	8	First Day of School PK
	28	Professional Development (No School)
October	26	Professional Development (No School)
November	6-6	PK-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
	11	Veterans Day Holiday (No School)
	25	No School - Non Contract Day
	26	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
	27	No School - Non Contract Day
December	21-31	Winter Break (No School)
	25	Christmas Holiday (No School)
January	1	New Year's Holiday (No School)
	4	Professional Development (No School)
	5	School Resumes
	18	Martin Luther King Day Holiday (No School)
	22	Grade Day PK-12 (Semester 1 - 82 days) (No School)
February	1	Professional Development (No School)
	15	President's Day Holiday (No School)
March	19	Reserve for Making Up Inclement Weather Days
	22-25	Spring Break (No School)
April	8-9	PK-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
	30	Reserve for Making Up Inclement Weather Days
May	3	Professional Development (No School)
	28	Reserve for Making Up Inclement Weather Days
	31	Memorial Day Holiday (No School)
June	5	High School Graduation
	11	District-wide Early Release / Last Day for Students
	14	Grade Day PK-12 (Semester 2 - 86 days) (No School)
	15-16	Reserve for Making Up Inclement Weather
	18	Juneteenth Holiday (observed)

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Semesters - All Grades	Holidays	8
Semester	Instructional Days	168
Semester	Conferences	4
	Prof. Dev/Teacher Work Days	9
	Grade Days	2
	Total	191

Key For Symbols	
△	Holiday
▽	Early Release
○	Non-Contract Day
□	Grade Day, Prof. Dev/Teacher Work Days
■	Reserved days for making up inclement weather days. They will not be used unless necessary.

Regarding Asbestos



September, 2026

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Asbestos is an issue we have been dealing with for many years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (referred to as AHERA), was enacted recently by Congress. AHERA was enacted to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos.

To give you some background, asbestos has been used as a building material for many years. It is a naturally occurring mineral that is mined primarily in Canada, South Africa, and in the Russian Federation. Asbestos' properties made it an ideal building material for insulating, sound absorption, decorative plasters, fire proofing, and a variety of miscellaneous uses. There have been over 3,000 different products made using asbestos materials. EPA began action to limit uses of asbestos products in 1973 and most uses of asbestos products as building materials were banned in 1978.

We have recently had our facilities inspected by a certified asbestos inspector, as required by AHERA. The inspector located, sampled, and rated the condition and hazard potential of all material in our facilities suspected of containing asbestos. The inspection and laboratory analysis records were turned over to a professional engineer certified to develop asbestos management plans.

Our engineer has developed an asbestos management plan for our facilities which includes: this notification letter, education and training of our employees, and a set of plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of the asbestos-containing materials, and plans for regular surveillance of the asbestos-containing materials.

A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in our administrative offices during regular office hours. Mr. Luke Nugent, Facilities, Grounds, and Maintenance Director for Neah-Kah-Nie School District, is our asbestos program manager and all inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to him.

We have begun implementing the asbestos management plan. We are intent on not only complying with, but exceeding federal, state, and local regulations in this area. We plan on taking whatever steps are necessary to insure your children and our employees have a healthy, safe environment in which to learn and work.

Best regards,

Dr. Tyler Reed, Superintendent
Neah-Kah-Nie School District

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Septiembre de 2026

RE: Aviso de Asbestos

Estimado padre o guardián:

El asbestos es un asunto que hemos estado tratando durante muchos años. El Acta de Emergencia a los Riesgos del Asbesto de 1986 (designado AHERA), fue decretado recientemente por el Congreso. AHERA fue decretado para determinar el grado de contenido de asbestos y desarrollar las soluciones para cualquier problema que puede tener con el asbestos.

Para darle un antecedente, el asbestos se ha utilizado como material de construcción durante muchos años. Es un mineral natural que se mina sobre todo en Canadá, Suráfrica, y en la URSS. Las características del asbestos le hicieron un material de construcción ideal para aislar, bloquear el sonido, los yesos decorativos, la impermeabilización del fuego, y una variedad de aplicaciones misceláneas. Ha habido más de 3,000 productos diversos hechos usando los materiales del asbestos. EPA comenzó la acción para limitar aplicaciones de los productos de asbestos en 1973 y la mayoría de las aplicaciones de los productos de asbestos en los materiales de construcción fueron prohibidas en 1978.

Hemos hecho recientemente que nuestras instalaciones sean examinadas por un inspector certificado del asbestos, según los requisitos de AHERA. El inspector localizó, muestreó, y clasificó el potencial de la condición y del peligro de todo el material en nuestras instalaciones con posibilidades de contener el asbestos. Los expedientes de la inspección y del análisis del laboratorio fueron entregados a un ingeniero profesional certificado para desarrollar planes de gestión del asbestos.

Nuestro ingeniero ha desarrollado un plan de gestión del asbestos para nuestras instalaciones que incluye: esta carta de notificación, la educación y entrenamiento de nuestros empleados, y un sistema de planes y de procedimientos diseñados para reducir al mínimo el disturbio de los materiales que contienen asbestos, y los planes para la vigilancia regular de los materiales que contienen asbestos.

Una copia del plan de gestión del asbestos está disponible para su inspección en nuestras oficinas administrativas durante horas de oficina regulares. El señor Steve Baerlein, director de instalaciones del distrito, terreno, y mantenimiento para el distrito escolar Neah-Kah-Nie, es nuestro director del programa de asbestos y todas las investigaciones con respecto al plan se deben dirigir a él.

Hemos comenzado a ejecutar el plan de gestión del asbestos. Intentamos no sólo conformarnos sino exceder las regulaciones locales, estatales y federales en esta área. El distrito escolar Neah-Kah-Nie toma las medidas necesarias para asegurar un ambiente sano y seguro en el cual sus niños y nuestros empleados puedan aprender y trabajar.

Sinceramente,

Dr. Tyler Reed, Superintendente
Distrito Escolar Neah-Kah-Nie

Regarding Weapons



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Dear Families:

We are asking for your help. Please be sure your children do not bring any weapons to school for any reason. We also ask that "look alike" or toy weapons not be brought to school. We are taking this stance because we want your children to be safe at school. Our society has experienced a significant increase in violence of all kinds as well as an increase in the number of students bringing weapons or look-alike weapons to school. We do not want weapons on our school grounds at any time, and we want to act before a serious problem develops.

School District policy requires that a student who is caught with a weapon on district property or at a district function is subject to emergency expulsion. Emergency expulsion means immediate removal from school and all school-related activities and can result in a student being permanently excluded from attending any school in the district. Disciplinary action for possession of look-alike weapons will be determined based upon the age of the child and circumstances surrounding display of the look-alike weapon. In addition, threats or acts of violence will not be tolerated and will lead to discipline including suspension and possible expulsion. You can help ensure the safety of all students in the following ways:

- Talk to your children about situations that would make them feel they need protection;
- Counsel your children that violence does not solve problems; it only creates more problems;
- Ensure that any weapons you keep in your home are not accessible to your children. According to national statistics, an estimated 80 to 90 percent of students who carry guns, bring them from home;
- Monitor the movies and television shows your children watch. Research indicates that many of the popular violence-prone movies and television shows send children a message that violence is the way to solve problems. It is not; and
- Continue to develop your children's positive self-esteem so they can make good choices and avoid potentially dangerous associations or situations.

I can assure you that we will do all we can to provide a safe environment for your children in our schools. I ask that you, too, do all you can to help.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tyler Reed, Superintendent
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Estimadas Familias:

Les estamos pidiendo su ayuda. Por favor, asegúrense de que sus niños no traigan ningún tipo de arma a la escuela por ninguna razón. También les pedimos que cualquier arma de juguete o "que parezca" arma no sean traídas a la escuela. Estamos tomando esta postura porque queremos que sus niños estén seguros en la escuela. Nuestra sociedad está experimentando un aumento significativo en la violencia de todo tipo, así como también un aumento en el número de estudiantes que traen armas o artículos que parecen armas. No queremos armas en nuestros terrenos de las escuelas en ningún momento, y queremos actuar antes de que se convierta en un problema grave.

La política del distrito escolar requiere que al estudiante que se descubre con un arma en la propiedad del distrito o en una actividad escolar sea sujeto a una expulsión de urgencia. La expulsión de urgencia significa el retiro inmediato de la escuela y de todas las actividades relacionadas con la escuela, y puede resultar en la exclusión permanente del estudiante de asistir a cualquier escuela del distrito. Una acción disciplinaria por poseer armas idéntica será determinada basándose en la edad del niño y las circunstancias aledañas a la exposición del arma idéntica. Además, las amenazas y actos de violencia no serán tolerados y darán lugar a disciplinar incluyendo la suspensión y posiblemente a la expulsión. Ustedes nos pueden ayudar a garantizar la seguridad de todos los estudiantes de las siguientes maneras:

- Hable con sus niños sobre las situaciones que les pueden hacer sentir que necesitan protección;
- Aconseje a sus hijos de que la violencia no resuelve problemas, pero que solamente crea más problemas;
- Asegúrese de que las armas que usted mantiene en su hogar no estén accesibles a sus niños. De acuerdo a la estadísticas nacionales, se estima que 80 a 90 por ciento de los estudiantes que traen armas, las traen de su hogar;
- Supervise las películas y programas de televisión que ven sus niños. Las investigaciones indican que muchas de las películas y programas de televisión populares propensos a la violencia mandan el mensaje a los niños de que la violencia es la forma de resolver los problemas. Y no es así.
- Continúe desarrollando la autoestima positiva de sus niños para que ellos puedan tomar buenas decisiones y evitar asociaciones o situaciones potencialmente peligrosas.

Les puedo asegurar que nosotros haremos todo lo que podamos para proporcionar un ambiente seguro para sus niños en nuestras escuelas. Así también, les pido a ustedes que hagan todo lo que puedan para ayudar.

Sinceramente,

Dr. Tyler Reed, Superintendente de Escuelas
Distrito Escolar Neah-Kah-Nie

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