



Nehalem Elementary School

Welcome Back to School!

AUGUST 26, 2026



Hello Students and Parents!

Welcome to our school year's first edition of the Nehalem Elementary School Newsletter! We're excited to share the latest happenings and updates from our school community to keep you informed and engaged.



Welcome Mr. Leatherwood

Please join us in giving a big Seagull welcome to our new 4th grade teacher, Mr. Max Leatherwood! Mr. Leatherwood is transitioning to Nehalem Elementary School from the Scappoose School District. He is an avid hiker, backpacker, nature enthusiast, board gamer, and loves cats! This summer, he backpacked through Glacier National Park and North Cascades National Park. Mr. Leatherwood is a perfect

fit for our 4th grade student body and is adaptable, resourceful, communicative, and dedicated to his students.

Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendars for the following events happening in September:

- September 1st - First Day of School for K-5
- September 1 & 3 - Preschool Welcome Conferences- Sign up with the Office
- September 7th - No School (Labor Day)
- September 8th - First Day of School for Preschool
- September 14th - School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. @ District Office or by Zoom
- September 17th - School Picture Day
- September 19th - Mudd Nick Auction & Dinner, 5:00 @ NCRD
- September 15 - First Day of Swim Lessons for Mr. McCoy's Class
- September 16 - First Day of Swim Lessons for Mr. Leatherwood's Class
- September 17 - First Day of Swim for Mrs. Henderson's Class
- September 24th - Prek-5 NES Open House 5:30-6:30
- September 28th - No School - Professional Development Day





Important Reminders

Class Lists

We will post K-5 class lists right before the campus opens promptly at 7:37 a.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 for use by school staff, students, and families/parents only.

Parents will be able to login to their Parent Vue accounts to see who their child's teacher is beginning Friday, August 28, 2026 in the morning, for those families who want to know earlier.

Parent Vue

If you are a returning family to NES, you do need to go onto Parent Vue to verify your child's information is still correct. That is required for school each year for each student in our school district. If you have trouble logging on, please contact Heaven Hartford at heavenh@nksd.org or call the school.

Parking

Parking in the back of the building is for staff only! Please note, our playground and field are available for parents and students to access only after 5:00 p.m. on school days, as it is used daily by the NCRD for programming.

Schedule Changes

Please make sure you call the office at (503) 355-3650 by 2:00 p.m. if you need to make a change to your child's dismissal schedule.

ICE Notification Opt-In

Oregon law requires school districts to establish procedures for responding when federal immigration authorities enter school property for immigration enforcement purposes. As part of our commitment to keeping families informed and supporting a safe, welcoming school environment, Neah-Kah-Nie School District is providing parents and guardians the opportunity to opt in to receive notification if federal immigration enforcement authorities are confirmed to be on their child's school campus for an immigration enforcement purpose.

By completing the **NKN Immigration Enforcement Notification Opt-In** form, you are asking the District to notify you if such an event occurs involving the campus your child attends. Notifications will only be sent via ParentSquare, so please ensure you enroll in ParentSquare and select your notification settings within ParentSquare.

Important: This form is only for establishing your notification preference and current contact information. The District will not ask for or collect your child's or family's immigration or citizenship status through this form.

School Busses

Click on the link below to see the bus schedules:

Transportation - Neah-Kah-Nie School District

If you have not yet done so, please fill out the School Bus Registration form in your student's Welcome Packet. Even if your child does not ride a bus to school, this form should be filled out and taken to the school office as they will ride the bus on field trips or to other out-of-school activities.

Picture Day!

School picture day is September 17th!

Keep an eye out for picture packets from Life Touch in Student Welcome Packets.



Ms. Jennifer's School Counseling Office

503-355-3657/ jenniferh@nknsc.org

Welcome back! We are so excited to start the year with your kiddos on the 1st.

As the school counselor I will be teaching SEL lessons (social emotional learning) 20-30 minutes a week in each classroom Pre-K through 5th grade. SEL lessons focus on five core competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. The goal of these lessons is to support students in their growth towards success in school, work, and life. I love getting to connect with students each week with the goal of fostering well-being, improving academic achievement and promoting positive mental health. I also work individually with students (not therapy) to help in cultivating social and emotional skills or provide support during challenging situations. Additionally, I will be able to provide small group counseling which allows students to practice skills such as self control, friendship, managing emotions, family changes and handling worry and stress to name a few.

In September, our lessons will work on connecting and getting to know each other as well as starting with understanding brain states (nervous system) and self regulation, and introducing our Tools that foster empathy, resilience and self-mastery.

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.

I am looking forward to a great year!!



Academic Corner

PE with Mrs. Duer

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! We're ready for another high-energy year in the gym.

Daily Movement: K–5 students receive 30 minutes of PE every day to support their physical and mental health.

Footwear Check: Please ensure your child wears sneakers or keeps an extra pair in their backpack to change into.

Trimester One swim lessons will start for 3 classes on September 15th and will run through December 10th. Your student will need to bring a towel and a suit:

McCoy = Tuesdays

Leatherwood = Wednesdays

Henderson = Thursdays

Morning Marathon Kids

Get ready to move! Nehalem's Before-School Running and Walking Program starts its fall season on **Friday, September 11th**.

Important Details:

- **Who:** Open to 3rd–5th graders (limited to 30 participants)
- **Registration:** Sign-up forms will go home during the first week of school—be on the lookout!
- Have questions? Send a message to Mrs. Duer on Parent Square.
- See you out there,
- Mrs. Duer & Mr. McCoy



School Supplies

Our amazing Parent Council provides school supplies for all of our students. The only supplies you are asked to provide for your child/children are:

- Wired headphones
- Large Kleenex box for your child's classroom
- Suit and towel when they have Swim Lessons
- Water bottle with their name on it

Cafeteria Corner

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEHALEM ELEMENTARY				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Breakfast Egg Rolls ¹	Banana Bread ²	Cream Cheese Bagels ³	Oatmeal Rounds ⁴
	Chicken & Cheese Quesadillas	Spaghetti	Chicken Burgers	Pizza Sticks
⁷	Sausage & Biscuits ⁸	Breakfast Bars ⁹	Blueberry Muffins ¹⁰	Breakfast Sandwiches ¹¹
LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	Enchiladas	Mac & Cheese	Rib-B-Que Sandwiches	Hot Dogs & Baked Beans
¹⁴	Yogurt & English Muffins ¹⁵	Pancake on a Stick ¹⁶	Breakfast Bagels ¹⁷	Waffles ¹⁸
French Toast	Nacho Bar	Sloppy Joe's	Cheesy Breadsticks w/ Marinara	Cheeseburgers
Crispy Chicken Drumsticks				
²¹	Breakfast Pizza ²²	Pumpkin Bread ²³	Cream Cheese Bagels ²⁴	Cinnamon Rolls ²⁵
Pancakes	Burritos & Mexican Rice	Orange Chicken or General Tso's Chicken	Chicken Strip Basket	Breakfast For Lunch
Corn Dogs				
²⁸	Pancake on a Stick ²⁹	Breakfast Bars ³⁰		
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NO SCHOOL	Chicken Soft Tacos	Peppy Chicken Rotini		

A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are available daily on our offering bar. All of our pastas and breads are whole grain or whole wheat. GF options may be available. Fat Free and 1% milks are offered daily. Whole grain cereals are an option at breakfast.

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NCRD Youth Center

Welcome back Nehalem Elementary School students and families! We here at North County Recreation District are happy to be back in school and hope you had an exciting summer!

Youth Care

The NCRD provides a youth after school care program for students. If your family is in need of care, please reach out to us as soon as possible. The aftercare program begins each afternoon by a member of our staff picking up your student(s) at Nehalem Elementary School at the end of each school day and ends when a parent or guardian picks up the child(ren). Please pick up your children no later than 5 PM. Our program provides a nutritious snack and a host of enrichment activities including, but not limited to, outdoor play and walks, gym time, crafts, music, and science projects.

The NCRD also offers full-day care on most "No School Days" but are closed national holidays. The first "No School Day" is September 28th.

At this time, we are not accepting drop-in students, but we hope to have that available at a later date.

The cost of the program is \$10 per day, per child (for in-district families), and monthly payment options are available. "No School Days" are \$20 per day, per child.

If you'd like to register for any of our care programs, please contact Angie or Kiley at the NCRD via email at angiet@ncrdnehalem.org or kileyk@ncrdnehalem.org or contact the Welcome Center at (855) 444-6273. Pre-registration and pre-payment are available at the NCRD's Welcome Center or by logging on to your NCRD Sportsman account. Scholarship applications are available upon request. Scholarships for students are funded through the Friends of NCRD, a program aimed at supporting families in need through various fundraisers throughout the year. Please let any Youth Center staff or the Welcome Center know if one is needed and a member of our team will provide you with an application.

Youth Sports

Registration is open for Fall Soccer! Fliers will be sent home the first week of school. You may also sign up at the Welcome Center or by sign up and pre-pay on the NCRD Sportsman webpage. The season begins on September 14th at the Nehalem Elementary School field. Please make sure your child(ren) has cleats, shin guards, and a water bottle. Please stop by or call the Welcome Center for more details!

If you are interested in volunteering and coaching for soccer, or any other sport, please let Angie know. None of the NCRD's activities would be possible without the great coaches we have.

Volunteer & Visitor Corner

We love having student's family members visit and volunteer at Nehalem Elementary School! If you wish to volunteer or visit at Nehalem Elementary School, you must complete the District Volunteer Application form. Please complete and turn into the NES front desk as soon as possible as the review process can take up to several weeks to complete (especially at the beginning of the year). A copy of the Volunteer Application will be sent home in your student's new school year packet and a link to the form is below.

<https://nknsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Volunteer-Application-Rev-07312023.pdf>

If you are an existing volunteer and wish to continue volunteering this school year, please complete the new online safety training.

Any questions or concerns? Please contact the office or Beanna Goodman at the District Office at (503)355-3502.



Contact info

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can reach us at Nehalem Elementary School at:

- (503) 355-3650 / 1-888-218-2455
- **Nehalem Elementary School - Neah-Kah-Nie School District**

or at the District Office at:

- Phone: (503) 355-2222
- Fax: (503) 355-3434
- **Home - Neah-Kah-Nie School District**