



BE SAFE . . . BE RESPECTFUL . . . BE RESPONSIBLE

December 2019

Important Dates

Monday, 12/2/19
NO SCHOOL—Grade Day
12/3 through 12/6
Week of Giving AND Parent Council Holiday Shoppe
Thursday, 12/5/19
Report Cards come home
Friday, 12/6/19
Family Train Ride Event (FULL)
Monday 12/9/19
School Board Meeting @ DO 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 12/10/19
5th Grade Parent Meeting @ 5:45 p.m. Parent Council Meeting @ NES 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, 12/12/19
Winter Concert, 6:30 p.m.
12/21/19—1/5/2020
WINTER BREAK
Monday, 1/6/2020
School Resumes
PLEASE DO NOT DROP KIDS AT SCHOOL UNTIL 8:45 ON MONDAYS.

Individual Student Rewards -That add up to whole school rewards-
WAY TO GO'S # 2,687
FEATHERS # 154
Whole Classroom rewards
FEATHER PARTIES Williams: extra recess
Whole School Reward 11/29 Classroom Movie Time

GRADE DAY IS DECEMBER 2, 2019 (NO SCHOOL)
 Report cards will go home Thursday December 5, 2019

Week of Giving

Tuesday 12/3

- ◆ Collect Canned/Boxed Food for Food bank
- ◆ Wear red/green

Wednesday 12/4

- ◆ Collect Sundries for Food bank
- ◆ Wear fun hats & scarves



Thursday 12/5

- ◆ Collect Toys/Books for Tillamook Elk's Lodge
- ◆ Wear Stripes, Bows & sparkles

Friday 12/6

- ◆ Pennies with a purpose for Tides of Change
(formally known as Tillamook Women's Resource Center)
- ◆ Wear clean, school appropriate pajamas.

WINTER MUSIC PROGRAM

The Winter Music Program will be on Thursday, 12/12/19. Mr. Simpson, the students and staff look forward to seeing family and friends. Students will need to be here at school by 6:15 p.m. and should go directly to their classrooms. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

*** Please take time to check out the +100 lost and found items in the main hallway! Items will be donated to local thrift stores at the end of the week.**

PBIS December Family Question

Question: How can you be kind at school?

Answer: _____

Child's Name: _____

Return their answer to the office for a chance to win fabulous prizes!

DUE BY 12/13



5th grade parent meeting

- To discuss end of year fund raising
- Tuesday, December 10, 2019
- NES Cafeteria @ 5:45 p.m.



HOMEMADE FOODS

In keeping with health department guidelines, only food prepared in an inspected kitchen may be brought to school. This requirement includes all food sharing such as at school parties, events or activities and even birthday treats.



STATE TESTING INFORMATION

Required state testing for grades 3-5 will be this spring. Specific dates will be in the newsletter when testing gets closer so that parents know the actual dates their children will test. State law requires parents be notified of their right to opt-out their child from state testing, even though NES, the Neah-Kah-Nie School District and the Oregon Department of Education recommends that all students test. Please see our district website for more information at www.nknsd.org on parent page.

IDENTIFYING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Districts are responsible to locate, evaluate, and serve children with special needs including-

*Children with disabilities (birth to 21): Special Education Director, Stacey Dills @ 503-355-3556.

*Children who speak a second language or those who live in a home where a second language is spoken. (kindergarten to 12th grade) ELL Coordinator, Janice Scudder, @503-355-3658.

*Children who are talented and gifted. (kindergarten to 12th grade)

If you know any child who may need special services (this includes private and home school children), or if you have questions about what services can be provided, please contact the school office.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS and SUPPORT

Dear Parents,

Below are listed some of the school behavior expectations we are working on with your students in all areas to keep Nehalem Elementary a great place for learning. Thank you for your support in encouraging your students to meet these expectations.

Sincerely, The Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Team

Be Safe— Walk facing forward & quietly. Keep hands, feet & objects to self.

Be Respectful - Use Kind Words

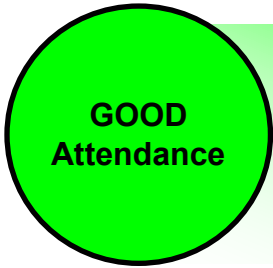
Be Responsible - Follow school rules and Do the right thing even when no one is looking.



ROCKAWAY LIONS TAKING CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET APPLICATIONS

Each year the Rockaway Lions Club provides Christmas food baskets for families in our community who are in need of holiday assistance. Requests to receive a food basket are available in the school office. Stop by for one or call and ask that one be sent home with your child. The completed request needs to be **mailed** and received (in Rockaway) no later than Friday, December 6th. The Lions will deny your request if you are already scheduled to receive Thanksgiving assistance through another organization. If you have any questions, call Ron with the Lions Club @ 503-355-2778 or 208-305-8886.

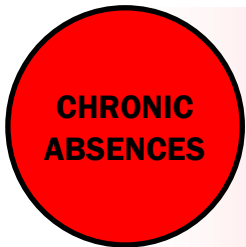
ATTENDANCE MATTERS



9 OR FEWER
ABSENCES
in a school year



10 to 17
ABSENCES
in a school year



10 to 17
ABSENCES
in a school year

Fact
Poor Attendance can influence whether kids read proficiently by 3rd grade.

Fact
Excused and Unexcused absences have the same negative effect.

Fact
Attendance Improves with parent participation.

Fact
By Graduation, missing 10 days of school each year could total 130 days missed—Almost a whole school year.



Ms. Jennifer's School Counseling Office
503-355-3657 / jenniferh@nknsd.org



How is it possible that December is upon us!

SecondStep lessons are in full swing. November was all about skills needed for learning. We worked on following directions, positive self-talk, being assertive, listening with attention and growth mindset. Our Mindful Mornings in the gym have been filled with messages about gratitude. Reminding students to be grateful for thing in our life, whether big or small, is an important part of social emotional skills.

Cherie Hasenoehrl, Garibaldi's School Counselor, and I have created an elementary school counseling website. It provides you links to our various curriculum as well as community resources. You can find it at: <https://sites.google.com/nknsd.org/elementarycounseling/home>
If you have any questions or any concerns about your child feel free to contact me.

APPLY FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICED SCHOOL MEALS ONLINE!

**Have your family's financial circumstances changed since the beginning of the year?
Families can apply for meal benefits any time during the school year.**

You can complete an application in just a few minutes. The program guides you through the application in just a few easy steps. **Apply for school meal benefits now at:**

<https://nknsd.org/parents/>click on mealtime online OR

<https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp>

All applications are reviewed by the appropriate sponsor / school district nutrition office for approval. Paper applications are still available; please contact your school office for details.

POOL NEWS

NCRD/NEHALEM POOL CLOSED (for maintenance, part of Christmas Break)

CLOSED: Saturday, December 21, 2019

OPEN: Thursday, January 2, 2020----- January 5th ("Holiday Schedule")

January 6, (Monday) Full Winter Schedule Begins

SAVE THE DATE:

30th ANNUAL POOL-A-THON FUNDRAISER—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

****All proceeds go directly to the NCRD/NEHALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SWIM & WATER SAFETY PROGRAM** EVERYBODY IS INVITED & ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!! *****Looking for Record Participation this Year!!** **Details revealed JANUARY 2020*****

NCRD

NCRD Play Care: Winter break hours are 7:00AM-5:00PM, Monday-Friday. We will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, and New Years Day. If you have any questions please call NCRD at 855-444-6273.

Sports: Registration Deadlines for Floor Hockey and Volleyball have been extended to January 3,

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December Newsletter



COME JOIN US!

**TUESDAY
Dec 10th**

6:30pm - 7:30pm
NES Cafeteria



This year our kids will get a chance to learn about the giving of the season! For a very LOW cost, children can shop for their loved ones during school hours, in the library:

*The Lil' Shopper's Shoppe will be open at the following times for students to shop during the week of **December 3 - 6, 2019:***

Tuesday - Friday 7:30am - 7:55am.

*Also during your student's scheduled class recess that occurs between **11:05am and 12:15pm.** We will also be open for **Family Night from 2:35PM - 6PM on Wednesday, December 4th.***



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Where shopping & giving unite

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Family
Valentine's
Dance

UPCOMING
EVENT



FREE DANCE!
STAY TUNED FOR THE DATE!

Valentine Grams

The week of Feb 3rd through Feb 7th, kids can purchase Valentine grams for friends and teachers! We will be selling every morning that week, in the gym, 30 minutes prior to the start of school. For as little as a 50¢, or up to \$3, kids can purchase a Valentine treat for friends.

On Valentine's Day, grams are distributed to kids to take home. This fundraiser was a big hit last year! So, round up your loose change to send in with kids to have some fun and support the Parent Council fundraising efforts.

Interested in volunteering to help with Valentine's Grams, please contact
Rena Scalabrin



HOW CAN YOU HELP?
**COME BE A PART OF THIS FUN
GROUP EFFORT!**



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