

# NKN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 20, 2020

## DEAR FAMILIES,

I know you are eager for more information about what the school day and learning will look like as we transition into a hybrid model of instruction and students return to school. The plan as of now, is for the hybrid model to begin on January 11, 2021. This newsletter is intended to share an important update and a preview of what you can expect. Before I share details, I want to acknowledge the challenges and ongoing uncertainty that you have faced since schools closed last spring and offer our appreciation for your patience as moved into Comprehensive Distance learning in the Fall, and now as we transition into a hybrid model.

With input from families, staff and through working in close collaboration with our health partners, the middle school has designed our plan to focus on:

- \* Our foremost priority of keeping our community safe and healthy
- \* The instructional needs of our families
- \* A recognition that we must remain nimble and responsive to any changes in the prevalence of COVID-19 within the community

Below are some key highlights of the hybrid learning model of instruction you can anticipate in January when we move to this model of instruction:

- \* Students will be placed into either Cohort A or Cohort B. Cohort A will attend on-site learning on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Cohort B will attend on-site learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- \* Within each Cohort A or B, students will be placed into their classroom cohort. There will be 6-10 students in each classroom cohort.
- \* Classroom cohorts will enter the building and go to their classroom. Students will remain in this classroom for the school day. Teachers will rotate to classrooms to teach their specific subject. Lunch and breakfast will be served in the classrooms.
- \* School start and end times are still being worked out, however the length of school day will be similar to a normal school day, where students would be on-site for 7 hours each day they are at the school.

\* On the days students are not on-site learning, students will be learning via synchronous Zoom meetings just as they are doing now during Comprehensive Distance Learning.

Our Hybrid Model applies improved standards to your student's learning, and is intended to provide consistency and quality in-person learning combined with distance learning opportunities.

I am honored to work beside you to meet the challenges and opportunities of this moment. The immense effort we must all contribute, and the patience that will be necessary as health circumstances shift over time, is well worth it for the sake of all of our students to receive learning in a safe, ready school environment.

Sincerely,  
Lori Dilbeck, Principal







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## **PRINCIPAL'S CHAT SESSIONS**

**WHEN**

**THURSDAY, DEC. 3RD, 3PM**

**WHERE**

**THIS IS AN ONLINE EVENT.**

**MORE INFORMATION**

Please join me at my weekly Principal's Chat Session every Thursday at 3:00. The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81565930958>

## **PARENT SURVEY**

Thank you for all parents who filled out the survey sent out by the district a couple of weeks ago. At the middle school we needed to find out the following information to help us plan for having students on-site.

1. Who will attend the hybrid model when we return to students on-site?
2. How many students will need to access bus transportation?
3. The number of students who will not attend on-site learning?

If for some reason your plans have changed since filling out the survey, please call the office. It is important to have accurate information as we complete the planning process.

# UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION

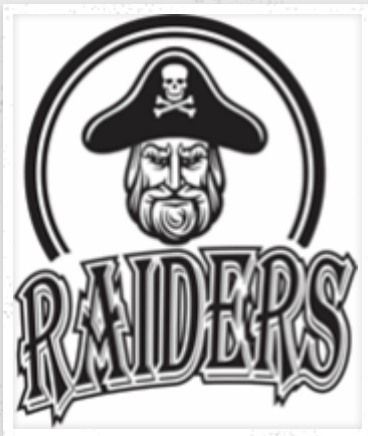
As we approach our hybrid model plan and hope to have students return to campus, it is more important than ever to have the most current, up to date information on file for the office. We ask that you please provide reliable emergency contact phone numbers in the event that your student is sick or needs to be picked up and we can't reach you. Ideally two or more contacts would be preferable so we can quickly reach someone.

Also, please be sure to use the following link to fill out your student's health information in FamilyID: <https://www.familyid.com/neah-kah-nie-high-middle-school/health-questionnaire>

## SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYMENT

Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, Neah-Kah-Nie School District has contracted with ESS for our substitute services. To become a substitute for the District, please go to <https://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.



## NEAH-KAH-NIE MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

Please call the office or email me if you have any questions.

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