

NKN Middle School Newsletter

September 2, 2020

Dear NKN Middle School Students and Families,

As many of you already know, the decision to start the school year with Comprehensive Distance Learning was made this week. With the increase in COVID numbers in Tillamook County, this decision is what is best for the health and safety of our staff and students. As you can imagine, with this sudden change in what we had expected, all of us at the middle school are working very hard to shift gears. Once again, I will ask for patience as we prepare for teaching and learning online for at least the next few weeks.

The information below shares some highlights about the start of the school year:

- * The first day of Comprehensive Distant Learning is September 13. I have attached the schedule below. In this schedule, students will begin their day with their first class at 9:00 and the school day ends at 3:35. Also within the schedule, are two 10-minute breaks and a 65-minute lunch break. This longer lunch break will allow time for busses to deliver lunches to set locations for student/parent pick up. The delivery schedule for lunches will be shared at a later date.
- * School will occur Monday-Thursday, with Friday set aside for Advisory class and time for teachers to connect with students and/or families. Please note, that the Advisory class on Friday is a required class that all students need to attend.
- * To prepare for CDL, will we be having a Chromebook pick-up day on Wednesday, September 8, from 8:00-4:00. Please stop by the school during these times to pick up a Chromebook and other important materials students will need for the beginning of school.
- * We will have two Greet and Meet Virtual Meetings on Wednesday, September 8. Students and families of sixth graders will meet from 5:00-6:00, and students and families of 7-8 graders will meet from 6:00-7:00. The Zoom link is below.
- * Friday, September 10, teachers will be meeting with all students and families in a scheduled Zoom meeting. We will be scheduling these meetings beginning Tuesday, September 7. The meetings will cover all the important information students will need to know to start the year in CDL (schedules, Google Classroom log-in information, etc). Please look for the invite in your email on Tuesday of next week.

Thank you so much for your patience and support as we navigate through these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Lori Dilbeck, Principal

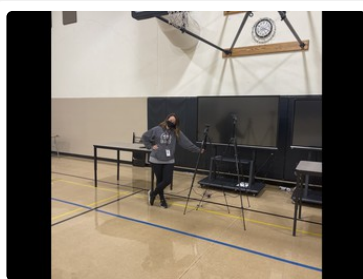
Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School CDL Schedule

PREPARING FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!



Preparing for Chromebook Distribution Day

Wednesday, September 8 is Chromebook Distribution Day! Stop by the office between 8:00-4:00 to pick up your student's Chromebook.



The Command Station!

Mrs. Wiley (formally Ms. Ceder) is preparing for her active, virtual PE classes.



Welcome to NKN Mr. Esselstrom!

Mr. Esselstrom is our 6-7th grade PE teacher.

Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Teachers

Includes Names and Email

Fred Bayouth, 6-7th Grade Science Teacher - fredb@nknsd.org

Ruben Bitts, 6-7th Grade Math Teacher - rubenb@nknsd.org

Jay Blake, 6-7th Grade Social Studies Teacher - jayb@nknsd.org

Salena Clifton, 6-7th Grade English Language Arts Teacher - salenac@nknsd.org

Matt Esselstrom, 6-7th Grade PE Teacher - matte@nknsd.org

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Ellie Hilger, Special Education Teacher - ellieh@nknsd.org

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Chromebook Pickup

When

Wednesday, Sep. 8th, 8am-4pm

Where

25111 U.S. 101 Rockaway Beach, OR

More information

Please stop by the office to pick up Chromebooks and other important material needed for school!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7 - Check your emails for the invite to teacher/family virtual meetings for Friday, September 10.

September 8: Chromebook Pick Up at the School

September 8: Family Greet and Meet, Grade Level Virtual Meetings with Teachers

September 10: Student/Parent Onboarding - Virtual Meetings with Teachers

September 13 - First Day of CDL School

6th Grade Greet and Meet

Please join us at the link below for an informational meeting with the sixth grade teachers. They will answer questions and share information about the upcoming school year.

7th-8th Grade Greet and Meet

Please join us at the link below for an informational meeting with the sixth grade teachers. They will answer questions and share information about the upcoming school year.

Meet Your School Counselor

Ashley Atwood

NKN Middle School Counselor



About Me

I grew up in Michigan and moved to the coast 10 years ago. I love spending time doing anything with my husband and three kiddos! I also really enjoy reading, animals, and laughing!

How to reach me...

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My Background

I've worked with people of all ages from babies to adults. I love getting to know people and learning about their strengths, resilience, and capacity for growth. I have worked as an educator, mental health counselor, and school counselor for the majority of my time in Tillamook County and really appreciate the amazing people that make up our community.

My hopes for this year...

I hope that every student who is an NKN Raider will feel heard, valued, understood, safe, and empowered to grow beyond the four walls of our school. I hope through classes, groups, and one on one meetings students, staff, and parents know that I am available to help support their growth in both the hard and good times.

Fun Fact

I LOVE cheesy jokes!!

To schedule a meeting with Ashley please fill out this form here:

[School Counselor Access Form](#)



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