



# Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

September 2025

## From the Principal

### Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to welcome you and your children to the 2025–2026 school year! September is always a special time, filled with fresh starts, new opportunities, and the energy that stems from seeing our hallways and classrooms come alive with learning.

Our school theme this year is **“Stronger Together: Learning in Harmony, Leading with Strategy.”** This theme reflects our commitment to working side by side—as students, staff, and families—to create an environment where collaboration, growth, and thoughtful leadership guide everything we do.

Parents and families play a vital role in this journey. We encourage you to stay connected with teachers, check in regularly with your student about their school experiences, and join us at school events throughout the year. Together, we can ensure that each child feels valued, supported, and inspired to reach their highest potential.

Thank you for your partnership and trust. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead filled with learning, growth, and Raider pride!

Warm regards,

Lori Dilbeck  
Principal, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

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## Important Dates To Remember

- SEP 10:** MS Parent Group Meeting
- SEP 15-19:** Outdoor School for Grade 6
- SEP 22:** Professional Development Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- SEP 24:** Back to School Night (bring your student!)
  - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.



September 2025						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

**Important Days to Come....**

- OCT 3:** Picture Day
- OCT 23-24:** Student-Led Conferences - **NO SCHOOL**
- NOV 11:** Veteran's Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- NOV 19:** Picture Re-Take Day
- NOV 24:** 7/8 Grade Dance
- NOV 25:** Grade Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- NOV 26-28:** Thanksgiving Break

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

**We need your help! Keep your teen on track in Middle & High School.**



- Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.
- Chronic absence is defined as 18 days a year—or just 2 days a month – even if those absences are excused!
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.

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### Going To Miss School?

If you need to contact us for attendance purposes, please email us at [msattendance@nknsd.org](mailto:msattendance@nknsd.org).  
**Please include the following:**

- Students First and Last name
- Reason for the absence
- Date or time they will return from absence



We are not always by our phone, so by emailing us it will help keep your student's attendance up to date!

We understand that students miss school due to illness, appointments or for a pre-arranged absence, but we want to partner with you to make sure your student is as successful as possible. Students with strong attendance are more likely to succeed in school and in future employment. All absences impact a student's performance and they miss out on valuable instructional time. Emailing or calling the office to let us know they won't be here is a start to keeping them on track!

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## Outdoor School

### September 15-19

#### Camp Meriwether - Oregon Coast

Camp Meriwether is a 790-acre Scouts BSA summer camp founded in 1926 and located south of Cape Lookout near Cloverdale, Oregon, along the Oregon Coast. Camp Meriwether is the largest of the Cascade Pacific Council's four resident camps in Oregon.



Outdoor School Camp is a required part of the 6th grade curriculum.

**Please click on the below information to register your 6th grade student.**



#### Tillamook County Outdoor School (Copy)

At Tillamook County Outdoor School, we provide 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.

🔗 [tcods.org](http://tcods.org)

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# Back to School Night



FAMILIES AND STUDENTS  
ARE INVITED TO

## Travel the halls of NKN Middle School!

Date: September 24th, 2025  
Time: 5:30 PM-6:30 PM  
Why: Meet the teachers, visit the classrooms, see all the great things the students have been working on, and get any questions you have answered!  
Bonus: All 6th graders will be given a code for a free \$75 for Oregon College Savings Plan and everyone can end the night with a treat!

Questions please call front office at 503-355-2990

*Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year!*

## Athletics

If you know your child is planning to participate in sports, please fill out the Athletic Permission Form and complete a sports physical. **Your student will not be allowed to participate or attend practices until both components are complete.**



Sports physicals can be done at your normal physician or at the Student Health and Wellness Center. Physicals are good for two years from the date of the exam. Once complete, please submit a copy of the physical to the Middle School front office.

### Athletic Permission Form

Please fill out this permission form if you know your student is planning to play sports this year. This form is good for all athletics for the entire school year.



Date	Location	Home/Depart	Time
9/7 Tues	@Clatskanie	12:20/12:40	4:00
9/13 Fri	NSN vs Knappton	2:30	4:00
9/23 Tues	NSN vs Vernonia	2:30	4:00
10/1 Wed	@ Rainier	12:15/12:30	4:00
10/17 Tues	@ Vernonia	12:15/12:30	4:00
10/14 Tues	NSN vs Clatskanie	2:30	4:00
10/21 Wed	@ Seaside	1:55/2:00	4:00



Date	Location	Home/Depart	Time
9/17 Wed	@ Clatskanie	12:05/12:15	4:00
9/21 Tues	@ Seaside	1:45/2:00	4:00
9/28 Wed	NSN vs Rainier	2:30	4:00
9/29 Thurs	@ Warrenton	2:00/2:15	4:00
10/1 Wed	NSN vs Vernonia	3:30	4:00
10/8 Mon	NSN vs Knappton	3:30	4:00
10/10 Wed	@ Vernonia	2:55/3:00	4:00
10/13 Sat	NSN vs Rainier 1 game	1:30	4:00
10/15 Wed	NSN vs Warrenton	1:30	4:00
10/16 Sat	ST Helens Tournament		

\*All game times will start 15 minutes after the grade.



2025 Cross Country			
Date	Location	Home/Depart	Time
9/17 Wed	Nestucca	1:45/2:00	4:00
9/24 Wed	Jewell	12:30/12:45	3:00
9/30 Tues	Naselle		
10/9 Thur	Ilwaco		
10/16 Thur	Vernonia		
10/21 Tues	NKN(Alderbrook)		

## Football Schedule

## Volleyball Schedule

# After School Clubs

## Robotics

We are accepting new 7th and 8th grade members! Parents can email me at [kathrynh@nknsd.org](mailto:kathrynh@nknsd.org) - or kids can pick up a flyer with information in it from me in the library.

Robotics meets on **Mondays and Thursdays after school from 3:45-6:00 p.m.** in the Library and Makerspace starting **September 8th**.

Activity bus is available for students needing transportation home.

## Dungeons & Dragons

Will begin held weekly on Tuesdays after school from 3:45 - 6:00 p.m. starting **September 23rd!**

Activity bus is available for students needing transportation home.

## Chess for Success Chess Club (HS/MS)

Chess club is coming to your school. Do you want to give yourself the advantages of chess: critical thinking, patience, and self-confidence? We will be meeting on Wednesdays from 4-6pm in the Middle School Library. Each meeting will consist of a short lesson followed by playing chess with other students in the club. First club meeting is **Wednesday, September 24th**. See you there.

This chess club is open to High School and Middle School students.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/66cCGsxoW8nkrwmx6>

Questions: [jamesj@nknsd.org](mailto:jamesj@nknsd.org)

Activity bus is available for students needing transportation home.

## Art Club

Coming Trimester 2 (Stay tuned!)

## Math Tutoring

Will be held weekly on Mondays after school from 3:45 - 6:00 p.m. starting on **September 29th**.

Activity bus is available for students needing transportation home.

## Knitting/Fiber Arts

Will be held weekly on Wednesdays during lunch starting on **October 1st**.

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# On the Menu

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## Mealtime Online

Breakfast and lunch are free for all students, but seconds do cost extra. Click this link to add money to your students Mealtime account.

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# NKNMS Cell Phone Policy

## Yondr: Frequently Asked Questions

- **What if I want to reach my child during the school day?**

Our priority is for our students to engage in their learning. If you need to contact your child during the school day, contact the main office at **503-355-2990**, or you may email your student at their school email address.

- **What if there is a school emergency?**

Keeping our students safe, responding quickly, and providing accurate information are our top priorities. In case of a school emergency, we will direct our students to safety first following our school emergency preparedness protocol and will disseminate accurate information to all families using the communication tools at our disposal.

- **Will my student's phone be safe?**

Students will retain possession of their phone - in their Yondr pouch - for the entire school day. We will advise students to store the pouch in their backpacks where it is completely safe.

- **What devices will my student have access to for their academic needs?**

Students can use Chromebooks in each of their classrooms, and checkout to take home if needed.

- **Will students have their phones at lunch?**

Our building will remain "phone-free" for the academic day. The expectation is all students will be phone-free while in our building.

- **What if I need to check my student out for an appointment?**

Please call the main office at 503-355-2990 and let our office staff know when your student should be dismissed. Our staff will communicate that with your student, and they will be able to check out in the main office and unlock their pouch as they exit.

- **Will students have access to their phones on buses to and from school and during extra-curricular activities?**

Yes, students will not be required to lock their phones away until entering the building in the mornings. We also acknowledge that many students need to communicate with adults about events after school. Students will be able to unlock their phones at the end of the academic day.

- **What if a student is caught on their phone?**

The Yondr pouch is the property of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District and will be checked out to each student just like a textbook or Chromebook and each student will be responsible for its condition. If a student damages their Pouch or is found on their phone, school staff will collect the phone/Pouch and contact home:

1. First Offense: Device is delivered to the main office. Student may pick up their device at the end of the day. Parents will be notified via phone or email. Students will be retaught expectations
2. Second Offense: Device is delivered to the main office. Parent will be contacted and may be required to pick up the device at the end of the day. Student will be retaught expectations. Disciplinary action may be administered.
3. Third Offense: Device is delivered to the main office. Parent will be required to pick up the device from school. Administration, student and parents will create a technology use plan. Disciplinary action may be administered.

- **What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged?**

The Yondr pouch is the property of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District and will be checked out to each student just like a textbook or Chromebook, and each student will be responsible for its condition. If a student damages their Pouch, a \$30 fee will be assessed for the replacement of the Pouch.

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## From the Nurse

### Medications at School

If your student requires medication at school, they must be checked in with the Middle School office by the parent or guardian. No medications can be checked in to our office without completed paperwork.



- A permission form must be submitted to the office for medication administration
- This means: All medication must be checked in at the office with a signed authorization from a parent or physician depending on the medication.
- This applies TO ALL MEDICATION EVEN TUMS OR ASPRIN.
- Please call the office if you have questions
  - *See attached authorization forms - you can bring signed to registration.*

NEAH-KAH-NIE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physician Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medication Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dose: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Route: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 All medication must be in its original container with an accurate label.



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## Counselor's Corner

### Welcome Back!

I'm so excited to start another wonderful school year with our Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School community. Middle school is such an important time of growth and discovery, and I'm here to support students socially, emotionally, and academically.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if your child needs extra support or if you'd like to connect—I'm looking forward to partnering with you to make this a great year!



## Middle School Parent Group

The Middle School Parent Group's goal is to support NKN students and staff. Our next meeting will be held **September 10 @ 4p.m.** in the Middle School library. If you can't make it, but are interested in joining the Middle School Parent group listserv to hear about volunteer opportunities and upcoming events, please email [parentgroupms@gmail.com](mailto:parentgroupms@gmail.com).





**Marie Giani/Emily Massey**

Head Secretary/Assistant Secretary