



The Pirate Press

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Please fill this out as it helps shape our college-going culture!

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PARENT SURVEY

WE NEED YOUR VALUABLE INPUT TO MAKE THE GEAR UP
PROGRAM THE BEST IT CAN BE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND
FAMILIES!

Taking a few minutes to complete this important Parent Survey helps us:

- Measure the program's impact.
- Identify areas where we can improve.
- Plan future resources and support.
- Ensure we are meeting the needs of our community!

GO TO : [HTTPS://BIT.LY/OGUPARENTSURVEY](https://bit.ly/oguparentsurvey).

OR SCAN THE QR CODE:



Upcoming Dates

- **12/8:** Basketball vs Taft, Board Meeting
- **12/10:** LINK Lunch, BBX vs Nestucca, Parent Advisory Council Meeting
- **12/12:** BBX vs OES
- **12/13:** ACT Testing, Robotics League Meet 2
- **12/16:** BBX vs Knappa
- **12/17:** Blood Drive
- **12/19:** 3-week progress grades
- **12/22/25-1/5/26:** NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK



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Neah-Kah-Nie High School Blood Drive

24705 Hwy 101 North, Rockaway Beach OR 97136

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM

Give a gift, get a gift! Give blood 12/8-18 & get a \$15 Amazon Gift Card by email!
rcblood.org/gifts

For an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), follow the link or use the QR code.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=NeahKahNieHS>



Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Waffles 1 Chicken Strips & Fries	Banana Bread 2 Chicken Quesadillas	Yogurt Parfait 3 Mac & Cheese	Biscuits & Sausage 4 Sloppy Joe's	Oatmeal Rounds 5 Breakfast For Lunch
Breakfast Bar 8 Hot Dogs	Scrambled Eggs & Sausage 9 Chicken Tacos	Cream Cheese Bagel 10 Orange Chicken Over Rice	Breakfast Pizza 11 Cheese Burgers	Blueberry Muffins 12 Pizza Sticks
French Toast 15 Corn Dogs	Pumpkin Bread 16 Enchiladas	Pancake on a Stick 17 Tater Tot Casserole	Breakfast Sandwich 18 Chicken Burgers	Cinnamon Rolls 19 Soup & Toasted Cheese Sandwich
HAVE A 22	SAFE AND 23	HAPPY 24	HOLIDAY 25	BREAK 26
29	30	31	NEW YEAR'S EVE	

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

"This institute is an equal opportunity provider."

Student Life

November Rotary Student of the Month- Dillon Gardner

Dillon is a born teacher whose joy for learning and generosity in sharing knowledge make him an inspiring presence in our school. From serving as the “unofficial math tutor” in the library to leading his robotics programming team with enthusiasm and gracious professionalism, Dillon consistently demonstrates the Rotary values of integrity, fairness, goodwill, and service. His perseverance and determination—like studying hard to earn a perfect math score on the SAT—reflect his commitment to excellence. Dillon truly lives the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self, and we are proud to honor him as our Rotary Student of the Month.



December Rotary Student of the Month- Nathaniel Tinner



with patience and kindness. His commitment to inclusivity truly shines through his enthusiastic participation on the unified soccer team, where he actively fosters teamwork and positive relationships. Through both of these important roles, Nathaniel builds a more supportive and connected community for everyone at our school.



Congratulations Zelda Hooker!

Neah-Kah-Nie High School is proud to announce Zelda Hooker as the 1st place winner for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2848 Voice of Democracy contest. Additionally, she won 1st place at the VFW District level. She was awarded a \$350 dollar scholarship and is advancing to the state competition. Congratulations Zelda!



Battle of the Bookaneers!

We are excited to launch an Advisory Reading Competition for Trimester 2! The goal is for every student to have a book checked out and with them at all times. The advisory with the most books read will win a celebratory pizza party at the end!

Trimester 2 Reading Competition

The expectation is that **all students will bring a book of their choice to read** to every class during trimester 2.

PIZZA DAY

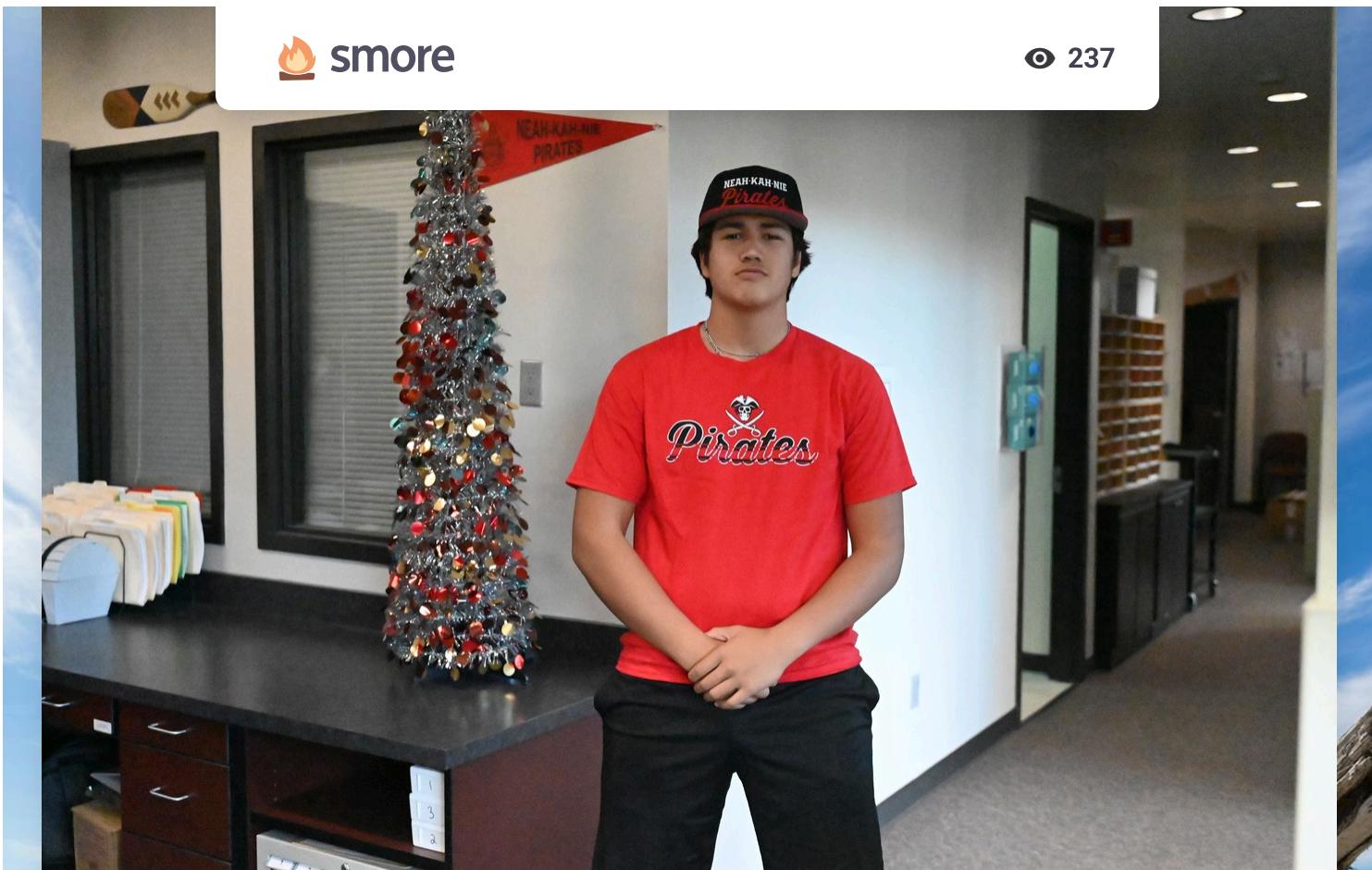


The advisory with the **most real library checkouts per person and the fewest missing books during book checks** will earn a pizza party at the end of Trimester 2.

Holiday Shopping

Need an idea for your HS student for the holidays?!

Get them some NKNHS swag- on sale in the main office!





Attendance Matters!

Oregon Law: ORS 339.010

- All children between the ages of 6 and 18 years who have not completed the 12th grade are required to attend regularly a public full-time school during the entire school term.
- Students are considered irregular attenders when they meet any of the following:
 - 8 unexcused one half days absences in any four week period
 - 5 absences (excused or unexcused) in three months
 - 10 absences (excused or unexcused) in 6 months
- Chronic absences means missing 10% or more school days in a year for ANY reason. That is nearly a month of school. **Chronic absenteeism includes ALL absences, consecutive or not, excused or not, as they all relate to a student's overall attendance.**

Build the habit of good attendance early!

Our goal is to have all students attend 90% or more of the time. We appreciate your support as we work to reach this goal!

Our November regular attender rate is below:

Freshman: 71% (up by 4% from October)

Sophomore



Juniors: 61

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Seniors: 53% (DOWN BY 15% FROM OCTOBER)

Overall Regular Attender Rate: 64% (down by 7%)

Tutoring Information

Mr. Lehr offers after school tutoring every Thursday from 4-6. Signups are in the main office!

Community Events and Resources

THE COASTAL PANTRY PROJECT
Swap & Learn Event

Garibaldi Grade School
11am to 2pm | December 6th 2025

Bring what you can. Take what you need.
A modern, community-focused gathering welcoming all families, workers, seniors, neighbors, & anyone seeking support.

What to bring: Preserved goods if you have extras
Fermented foods like sauerkraut • Fresh & Canned Produce • Lentils, flour, rice • Proteins (meats, eggs, tofu, etc) • Grains • Pastas • Nuts & Seeds • Shelf-stable dairy and non-dairy items • Cooking oils • Butter • A Reusable Bag To Fill

Need inspiration or need some help?
Visit our Recipe & Cooking Help Table! Handouts will be available to help you make the best use of items you may not know how to use.

No food? No problem.
Cash donations will cover bags, bulk items & printing. All leftover funds will go to the district to pay off school lunch debts and go towards the weekend food bag program.

Restaurants & Food Trucks:
Interested in providing a grab-and-go dish for attendees?
Our neighbors would love to try something new from you!

Questions? Want to donate? Want to feed people?
Contact directly for donation information!
Email: yourmumonthebeach@gmail.com
Contact Lauren Mehnert: (503) 688-8138

Monetary Donations:


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Evento: Intercambia & Aprende

Garibaldi Grade School

11am to 2pm | December 6th 2025



Event Page

Trae lo que puedas. Toma lo que necesites.

Un encuentro moderno y comunitario que recibe con cariño a todas las familias, trabajadores, personas mayores, vecinos y a cualquiera que esté buscando apoyo.

Qué puedes traer: Productos en conserva si tienes extras

- Comidas fermentadas
- Frutas y verduras frescas o enlatadas
- Lentejas, harina, arroz
- Proteínas (carnes, huevos, tofu, etc.)
- Granos
- Pastas
- Nueces y semillas
- Productos lácteos y no lácteos de larga duración
- Aceites de cocina
- Mantequilla

¿Necesitas inspiración o un poco de ayuda?

¡Visita nuestra Mesa de Recetas y Ayuda en la Cocina! Tendremos folletos para ayudarte a aprovechar mejor los ingredientes que quizás no sabes cómo usar.

¿No tienes comida? No te preocupes.

Las donaciones en efectivo cubrirán bolsas, artículos a granel y materiales impresos. Todo el dinero restante se donará al distrito para pagar deudas de almuerzos escolares y apoyar el programa de bolsas de comida para el fin de semana.

Restaurantes y Camiones de Comida:

¿Te interesa ofrecer un platillo para llevar a los asistentes?
¡A nuestra comunidad le encantaría probar algo nuevo de ti!

Monetary Donations:



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¿Preguntas? ¿Quieres donar? ¿Quieres ayudar a alimentar a la comunidad?

¡Contáctanos directamente para información de donaciones!
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2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous

OPEN Class Writing Contest

Contest open to post high school adults, and 7-12th grade students not entering the Tillamook County Student contest.

Submission period: December 1, 2025 - February 15, 2026 at 5 pm

Individual authors may submit a single unpublished work in ONE of the categories below:

1. Poetry, 2. Fiction, 3. Non-Fiction, 4. Journalism, 5. Music Lyrics, 6. Art Submission

Our judges will evaluate your work with attention to organization, development, voice, and the conventions and craft of writing.

See RWR Website for submission Information: www.rbwriters.com

Document details:

- Maximum 1,500 words
- Poetry: Please submit additional PDF document showing your desired formatting.

Please Note: NCAM board members, contest judges, and immediate family are not eligible to enter.

ENTRY FEE - \$20 (non-refundable) Payments may be made through our website, which also accepts your credit card.

PRIZES – Reading at RWR event; Published in RWR Anthology; RWR website, etc. Honorable mentions may be selected at the discretion of the judges. No cash awards. Finalists will be notified by March 31, 2025. Awards announced at the RWR event. Winners will be invited to read their winning works. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL winning entries may be published in the RWR Anthology and RWR website, social media sites and other partners websites and social media.**



2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous, April 24, 25, and 26.

Christy Hartford

Principal | Neah-Kah-Nie High School

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