

NEAH-KAH-NIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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SECOND TRIMESTER REPORT CARDS

Once again, parents and students have an opportunity with the enclosed report cards to review grades and make sure students are succeeding at their full potential or identify areas in need of improvement and attention.

Please take some time and review both this newsletter and the enclosed report card with your student. You will find information on upcoming events, items of interest to both parents and students, ideas for increasing academic success,

and how to reach staff for further support.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Friday, April 1st - School Assembly**
- **Monday, April 11th- School Board Meeting 6:30pm @ District Office**
- **Monday, April 18th- Middle School Band Festival**
- **Monday, April 25th- Student Led Conferences 12p-8p**
- **Friday, May 6th- School Assembly**
- **Monday, May 9th- School Board Meeting 6:30pm @ District Office**
- **Saturday, May 14th- Women in Trades Career Field Trip**
- **Tuesday, May 24th- Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night , 5:30-6:30pm**
- **Tuesday, May 24th- Middle School Spring Concert @ 7pm**
- **Friday, May 27th- Day of Service**
- **Monday, May 30th- Memorial Day Holiday**

MARCH 6, 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear NKN Middle School Community,

Unbelievably, two-thirds of the school year is over. I was meeting with our teaching team in my office this past week and we were reviewing our upcoming events calendar. We are already planning the Honor Roll Field Trip, Day of Service, and other end-of-the-year activities. We have had so many positive events this year from our Haiku Death Match to Red Ribbon Week activities that time does truly fly by.

Per usual this time of year we begin state testing. I am confident our students and uphold the performance on assessments that will keep up in the category of a Level Five School. Our science exam results are in already at 83%! Kudos to Mrs. Cooper, her amazing students and the staff that assists in her class every day.

Language Arts testing begins April 26th. Math testing begins at the start of May. We are in our second year of the Smarter Balanced Exam, and I assure you it is a strong assessment of your child's critical thinking skills. It isn't asking basic facts your child may have memorized, but requires them to synthesize knowledge in higher level thinking situations. We use the data provided by the exam to adapt our teaching strategies to best fit the needs of students who will soon be adults in a world economy. We see it as our duty and appreciate your support as we help young people prepare for high school and beyond.

Lastly, as most of you know staff member Laurie DeKlyen passed away recently. Laurie meant an awful lot to this building. She raised her children here and was a fixture in the community recreation program of Rockaway Beach. If you ever went to a high school sporting event, she likely sold you a ticket. Please join me in sending your condolences to her family. I know they would appreciate it.

Until next time,

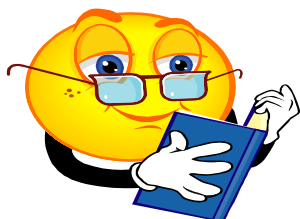
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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS! The following students have earned recognition as “Student of the Month” for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship:



February

6th grade—Emma Miller and Nakai Reny-Hamer

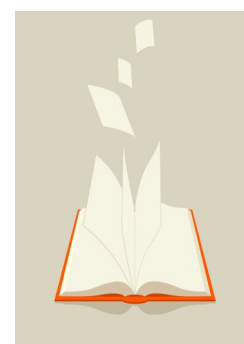
7th grade—Anna Deur and Travis Bennett

8th grade—Maraide Reid and Kent Pieper

Rockaway Lions Club February Student of the Month: Nakai Reny-Hamer



WAY TO GO, RAIDERS OBOB TEAM!



The Raiders' Readers Middle School OBOB team made it to the quarterfinals at Regionals on Saturday. Lead by a confident Kara Ramage, the team squeaked out of pool play with a 16th place barely making it to the sweet 16. Facing Number 1 ranked Pilgrim Lutheran, NKN had a decisive victory. In the quarterfinal round we lost by one question to OES.

Many congratulations to Kara Ramage, Meien Shiomi, Yasmine Cruz-Lilly and Evie Wilkins. These girls gave up many lunch periods over the past two months studying for this opportunity.

Thanks to the Mudd Nick Foundation and Camp Magruder for their support. The OBOB team also wanted to thank people who donated time to read questions to them at lunch. Rebecca Dana, Rheanne Bryant, and Anna Deur all were key assistants to the team

Track 2015

Track participants! You will need to purchase team T-Shirts (*shown below*) by Friday, March 20th. Cost is \$10— order yours now at the front office !!



It is now time for track! 2016 Schedule of meets:

- April 4th - at Seaside with Knappa and Warrenton
- April 14th— at Warrenton with Jewell and Ilwaco
- April 18th— at Ilwaco with Knappa and Warrenton
- April 26th— at home with Tillamook and Seaside
- May 2nd— at home with Warrenton, Knappa, and Ilwaco
- May 7th— Districts at Clatskanie



MARCH 28, 2016

REMINDERS...

*Attendance is imperative to educational success. It is the first step to success in all endeavors. Students are deemed chronically absent if they miss at least 10 percent of school days.

*School starts at 8:35am; please do not drop off your student prior to 8:15am

*Contact information- please keep us informed of any change in phone numbers, address, or emergency contacts.

If you have not already signed up for Parent VUE, it is an excellent tool....right at your fingertips! Parent VUE provides you with timely access to your child's progress, course schedule, attendance, school events, and immunization records. If you would like to get information to sign up and log on, please contact the office at 503.355.2990. *Now there is even an app to put on Parent Vue on your cell phone for convenient access!*

CONTACTING STAFF

All staff at NKN have e-mail so parents can easily stay in communication with their student's teacher. E-mail addresses are.....

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You can also contact the school by calling 355-2990 or 866-966-2990. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

DAY OF SERVICE 2016

We are under way in the planning of our 6th annual day of community service! We have many projects scheduled to take place throughout the district on **Friday, May 27th**. We chose a later date this year with the hope of having better weather in which to work. Projects again include work with local fire departments, parks, and other community service organizations.

We would like to give a shout out to our valued sponsors who have stepped up to again support this event including:

- Mudd-Nick Foundation
- First Student Transportation
- Rockaway Lions
- T&L Septic Service

Now, we are in need of parents to sign-up to help at each of the sites. If you are able to join in and help out as a volunteer on this big day or would like to help sponsor this event with a financial donation, please contact the school at 503-355-2990 or e-mail knsider@nknsd.org. Please be advised, all volunteers must have a completed and approved

volunteer application on file before joining the event.

Groups will be at worksites from around 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, and will then return to the middle school for a celebratory bar-b-que to be enjoyed with all participants. We are looking forward to a great Day of Service for students, volunteers, and community members.

