

NEAH-KAH-NIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

== HOME OF THE RAIDERS: NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2022 ==

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Neah-Kah-Nie Families,

I cannot believe it will be March 1 tomorrow. This year is flying by quickly. The second trimester will end on March 17, with teacher grade day following on March 18. Then there is only one more trimester left in the 2021-2022 School Year!

I mentioned last month, but I feel the need to mention it again. We will be participating in State Assessments this year. Students in grades 6-8 will take the English Language Arts and the Math assessment. In addition to these assessments, students in 8th grade will take the science assessment. These assessments are an important tool to show what students know. We are hoping for a 95% participating rate. If you would like to opt your student out, please use the form below.

We have several upcoming events happening at the MS. We have our winter formal dance scheduled for this Friday, March 4. Please read more details below. Next week, each grade level will have an assembly celebrating students on of the month. On March 9, we will have the opportunity to watch Opera To Go perform their production of *Un Camino De Fe*. Finally, spring break will be the last full week in March.

We have seen a drop in our COVID cases at the middle school, however, there are other bugs that are showing up. Please make sure to have your student stay home if they are not feeling well. If your child has a fever or is vomiting or has diarrhea, they need to stay home for 24 hours after symptoms cease.

I want to close with a gentle reminder of the start times of school and when it is okay for students to arrive on campus. On Mondays, school starts at 10:00, therefore students should not arrive to school until 9:45. For Tuesday through Friday, school start time is 8:45, and

students should arrive at school between 8:30 and 8:45. Thank you for your support in this manner.

Sincerely,

Lori Dilbeck

2021-22 30-DAY NOTICE FOR STATEWIDE TESTS (ENGLISH)

2021-22 30-DAY NOTICE FOR STATEWIDE TESTS (SPANISH)

NO MORE MASKS REQUIRED FOR OUTSIDE!

Starting February 28, we will not be requiring students to wear their masks while outdoors. Indoor mask wearing will still be required until further notice. During breaks and during outside activities, students may remove their masks, enjoy their mask-free time outside, then put them back on and sanitize their hands when entering the building.



CHESS TEAM QUALIFIES FOR STATE

Congratulations to Ryan Bozley, Joseph Naylor, Karsten Johansen and Karson McNutt for qualifying for the state Chess for Success competition! Good luck Raiders!



MARCH FOOD DRIVE

We will be having a food drive March 7-11th. There will be individual and grade level prizes! Students that bring in 5 food items each day can get the following incentives:

- **Monday** - Snack in long Advisory
- **Tuesday** - Scooter Relay at lunch
- **Wednesday** - Pizza for you and 4 friends (5 food items = 1 raffle ticket and each extra item is one more ticket each)
- **Thursday** - Around The World Basketball Shoot-out
- **Friday** - Ice Cream Social (either ice cream bars, sundaes or popsicles!)

The grade level that brings in the most food items by the end of the week will win a 7th period Activity Time (choice between 4 activities)

So bring in some non-perishable food items to support our school and community!

JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



6TH GRADE

Trenady Thorpe



6TH GRADE

Dylan Sigman



7TH GRADE

Ellie Welsh



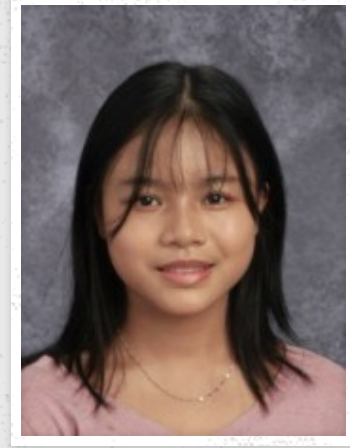
7TH GRADE

Daniel Sargent



8TH GRADE

Jordynn Burch



8TH GRADE

Christine Vo

START YOUR DAY OUT RIGHT!

Please be sure to start your day on a good note with a healthy breakfast. Some students are bringing monster drinks, sodas and chips for snacks and lunches and these things are not good for you. A good breakfast will help you to stay healthy and help you to concentrate better in class. This year we are providing healthy, free breakfasts and lunches at school, but if you choose to bring your own, don't just bring junk food!

WATER BOTTLES

We have water bottles for sale in the office for students to purchase! They are \$2.00 each, or can be purchased with 5 Sand Dollars. This also helps us reduce the use of plastic cups!



EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

Parents please be sure that the office has multiple people listed for your student's emergency contact list. If your child is ill or injured during school hours, they cannot stay and they cannot ride the bus home. We will need to have someone to come pick them up and the more options available, the better. Often we cannot reach working parents during the day. This is more important than ever with covid-19 protocols and we must all do whatever we can to keep the schools open and to keep our students safe and healthy. Thank you.

WINTER FORMAL DANCE

When: March 4, 2022, from 6:00-8:00
Who: Seventh and Eighth graders
What: Enchanted Forest Winter Formal Dance



More Details:

The entry fee is \$5 or 10 sand dollars, plus there will be plenty of food and drinks to buy as well as pictures for \$1/each copy. Students are encouraged to dress in semi-formal to formal wear for this event.

Rules to Participate:

- - There will be no cellphones or backpacks allowed at the dance. If you have a purse or other items, we will have a bag check area in the library. Cellphones will also be checked in and kept until the dance is over at 8:00 pm.
- - No outside drinks will be allowed and drinks are to be enjoyed in the hallway/table area only (no food or drinks inside the MPR).
- - Doors will be locked 15 minutes after the dance starts, so don't be late! No one will be permitted in after 6:30 PM unless arrangements are made in advance in through the Middle School office.
- - Once students are admitted to the dance, they will be expected to remain in the building. If a student leaves the building, he/she will not be re-admitted.
- - Night dances are for 7th and 8th grade middle school students only. High school students and students from other schools are not permitted to attend.
- - Parents should arrange to pick up their students promptly at 8:00 PM.
- - Students in detention situations or those that have had behavior problems in the weeks prior to the dance, may not be invited to attend dances unless special permission is granted by the Middle School principal or designee.
- - Students may not be allowed to attend the dance unless they have been in full-day attendance the day of the dance. Exceptions to this must be approved by the principal or designee.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 4 - Enchanted Forest 7th & 8th Grade Formal Dance

March 8 - 6th Grade Assembly

March 9 - Portland Opera To Go Assembly

March 10 - 7th Grade Assembly

March 11 - 8th Grade Assembly

March 11 - Mrs. Atwood's Field Trip

March 15 - Mrs. Clifton's Field Trip

March 18 - No School (Grade Day)

March 21-25 - SPRING BREAK

MESSAGE FROM CYNTHIA GRELCK - ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The Middle School has two track coaching positions open for the spring. If interested, please contact Cynthia Grelck, MS Athletic Director 503-355-3518.

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