



WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL!



NES September 2025 Newsletter

Important Dates and Reminders

- September 2nd - First Day of School for K-5
- September 3rd & 4th - Preschool Meetings - Sign up with Office if you haven't already.
- September 8th - School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ District Office or by Zoom
- September 9th - First Day of School for Preschool
- September 15th - School Picture Day (watch for packets in student backpacks)
- September 20th - Mudd Nick Auction Dinner, 5:00 @ NCRD
- September 22nd - No School - All District Professional Development Day Pre K-12
- September 25th - NES Open House 5:30-6:30



Families can log into their parent vue accounts on Friday August 29th to see who their child's teacher is for this school year.

Parking in the back of the building is for staff only! Please note, our playground and field are available for parents and students to access only after 5:00 p.m. on school days, as it's used daily by the NCRD for programming.

Please make sure you call by 2:00 p.m. if you need to make a change to your child's schedule.

Trimester One swim lessons will start for 3 classes September 23rd. Your student will need a towel and a suit:

- McCoy = Tuesdays
- Carbary = Wednesdays
- Henderson = Thursdays

Our amazing Parent Council provides school supplies for all of our students. The only supplies you are asked to provide for your child/children are:

- Wired Headphones
- Large Kleenex Box for your Child's Classroom
- Suit and Towel when they have Swim
- Water Bottle with their name on it

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Welcome Letter from Mrs. Mills

- Learning how to teach a new math curriculum that we adopted last spring
- receiving assessment training on our new PreK-12 grade level assessment
- Preschool staff attended an Early Learning conference together in Seaside

We will post K-5 class lists right before the campus opens promptly at 7:40 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 for use by school staff, students, and families/parents only. Parents will be able to login to their Parent View accounts to see who their child's teacher is beginning Friday, August 29, 2025 in the afternoon, for those families who want to know earlier.

Families are invited to drive their child to school or put them on the bus that first K-5 school day. There will be plenty of extra staff in front of the school to help students get to where they need to go. If parents want to park their car and walk their child to their class to drop them off on the first day, that is fine, but please note that our parking lots are tiny, so parents will need to park in the neighborhood or on the other side of the field. If you want your child to eat the free daily breakfast, please be sure to arrive right at 7:40 a.m. so that your child can eat and still get to class by 8:00 a.m. We do have a free Early Bird program each school day for families needing to drop their K-5 child off early (not Preschool students), so our gym will be open and supervised by school staff beginning at 7:15 a.m. each day, including the first day of school. Reservations are not necessary, just show up.

Preschool begins Tuesday, September 9. Families will meet one on one with the preschool teacher the week prior so we can introduce you to our program, and so that we can meet all families and students before the first day. If you still need to set up your preschool conference, please contact the school office. Please note that our preschool room is in the main building.

Inservice Week Parent Letter- 2025

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Bus Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Click on the link below to see the bus schedules

[Bus Schedules](#)

Family Resource Coordinator Changes, Swim Suits & Towels

Hello families!

Jennifer Hopkins will now be serving the whole district as our Family Resource Coordinator. Jennifer has been at the high school and middle school as their Family Resource Coordinator for years, so will not be new to the position, just new to the elementary schools. Jennifer will be at NES on Tuesdays only each week. The Family Resource Coordinator Program will still be providing snacks and meals to students on Fridays for those families needing extra food support on the weekends. This program is called the Backpack Program. Please look for information in First Day Packets for sign up sheets for our Backpack Program.

We will no longer be able to provide swim towels and suits for students on swim days; if students forget a suit or towel, they can come to the office, and we can call home to see if families can bring them in. If students cannot get their suit and towel from home, then they will go to the pool and sit on the bench and watch the lesson. Extra jackets and clothes will still be available for students to borrow when needed from our Family Resource Center. We ask that families please wash them and return borrowed items to the office.

Jen Hopkins can be reached at:

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September Breakfast/Lunch Menu

SEPTEMBER 2025

NEHALEM ELEMENTARY

Sandwiches or Hand-Crafted
Salads are available
Daily as an option for Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	2 Pancakes & Sausage Nachos	3 Yogurt & Grahams Spaghetti	4 Breakfast Sandwich Chicken Burgers	5 Oatmeal Rounds Pizza Sticks
8 Breakfast Bar Corn Dog & Fries	9 Scrambled Eggs & Biscuits Enchiladas	10 Cream Cheese Bagels Orange Chicken Over Rice	11 French Toast Tillamook Cheeseburger	12 Blueberry Muffin Crispy Chicken Drumsticks
15 Waffles Cheesy Breadsticks & Marinara	16 Banana Bread Chicken Soft Tacos	17 Pancake on a Stick Mac & Cheese	18 Breakfast Burrito Sloppy Joe's	19 Cinnamon Rolls Soup & Toasted Cheese Sandwich
22 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NO SCHOOL	23 Pancakes Pig-In-A-Blanket	24 Yogurt Parfait Teriyaki Chicken Over Rice	25 Breakfast Sandwich Homemade Chili	26 Oatmeal Rounds Breakfast For Lunch
29 Breakfast Bar Chicken Strip Basket	30 Sausage & Biscuit Bean & Cheese Burritos			

A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are available daily on our offering bar. All of our bread and pasta items are whole grain or whole wheat. GF options are available.
Fat free and 1% milks are offered daily. Whole grain cereals are an option at breakfast.
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NES OPEN HOUSE September 25th @ 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Please proceed to your child's classroom to meet your child's teacher. Make sure to stop by the cafeteria for cookies, refreshments, and visit the community organizations that will have tables set up with information about their programs.

Introducing New Staff:

- Julee Ward - Assistant Secretary/Instructional Assistant
- Elizabeth Avila - Head Secretary
- Ian Gillespie - Special Education Teacher
- Caroline Keen - Special Education Instructional Assistant
- Sibai Lulai - Special Education Instructional Assistant
- Currently open until filled: Special Education Instructional Assistant



NEAH-KAH-NIE VOLUNTEERS <<<

Online Safety Training

Starting for the 2025-2026 school year, all new and EXISTING Volunteers, Contractors and Parents MUST complete an online safety training to continue to be able to volunteer.

ABUSE AND SEXUAL CONDUCT TRAINING

Go to the training site: pacetraining-or.safeschools.com/login

Click Register button

Enter the correct registration Key

- CONTRACTOR: 53ae6612
- VOLUNTEER: 093efff6
- PARENT: dc07938a



Create username and enter your name.

Click location and select Neah-Kah-Nie School District

Complete the training (estimated 30 minutes)

**Return certificate of completion to the District Office
or one of the school offices.**

Questions: breannag@nknsl.org

>>>VOLUNTARIOS DE NEAH-KAH-NIE<<<

Capacitación en seguridad en línea

A partir del año escolar 2025-2026, todos los voluntarios, contratistas y padres nuevos y EXISTENTES DEBEN completar una capacitación de seguridad en línea para poder seguir siendo voluntarios.

CAPACITACIÓN SOBRE ABUSO Y CONDUCTA SEXUAL

Vaya al sitio de capacitación: pacetraining-or.safeschools.com/login Haga clic en el botón Registrarse
Ingrese la clave de registro correcta

CONTRATISTA: 53ae6612

- VOLUNTARIO: 093efff6
- PADRE: dc07938a
- Crea un nombre de usuario e ingresa tu nombre.

Haga clic en la ubicación y seleccione el Distrito Escolar Neah-Kah-Nie



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Completar la formación (duración estimada: 30 minutos)

Devuelva el certificado de finalización a la Oficina del Distrito o a una de las oficinas de la escuela.

Preguntas: breannag@nknsd.org



Miss Jennifer School Counselor

Ms. Jennifer's School Counseling Office

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<https://sites.google.com/nknsd.org/elementarycounseling>

Welcome back! We are so excited to start the year with your kiddos on the 2nd.

As the school counselor I will be teaching SEL lessons (social emotional learning) 30 minutes a week in each classroom Pre-K through 5th grade. SEL lessons focus on five core competencies—self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. The goal of these lessons is to support students in their growth towards success in school, work, and life. I love getting to connect with students each week with the goal of fostering well-being, improving academic achievement and promoting positive mental health. I also work individually with students (not therapy) to help in cultivating social and emotional skills or provide support during challenging situations. Additionally, I will be able to provide small group counseling which allows students to practice skills such as self control, friendship, managing emotions and handling worry and stress.

In September, our lessons will work on connecting and getting to know each other as well as starting with understanding brain states and self regulation, introducing Kelso's choices (problem

solving and conflict resolution) and introducing our Tools that foster empathy, resilience and self-mastery.

If you have any questions or concerns about your student, feel free to contact me. You can also fill out a [counseling form espanol](#) to request a meeting.

I am looking forward to a great year!!

PE - Mrs. Duer

September

PE-Mrs. Duer

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! I am excited to welcome all students back into the gym. Our kindergarten through fifth grade students receive 30 minutes of PE every single day, which is amazing for our students physical and mental well being. With that in mind, **please make sure your child is wearing appropriate shoes for PE or has a pair of shoes in their backpack to change into.**



Morning Marathon Kids

Morning Marathon Kids, Nehalem’s before school running and walking program, will start the fall season on Wednesday, September 10th. Paperwork will be sent home the first week of school to sign up so be on the lookout for it. This fall we are limiting it to 30 participants in grades third through fifth. We will allow our second graders to participate starting in the spring.

-Mrs. Duer and Mr. McCoy

NCRD Youth Center

Welcome Back NES students and families!, we here at NCRD are happy to be back in school and hope you had an exciting summer! If you are in need of youth care, please reach out to us ASAP. We pick up your students at Nehalem Elementary school at the end of each school day and are open until 5pm. Our cost is \$6 a day per child. This does include a nutritious snack and a host of enrichment activities (outdoor play/walks, gym time, crafts, music, science, etc.) If interested, please reach out to Angie or Kiley at NCRD by phone, email, website, or just stop in. We are not accepting drop-ins currently but hope to get back to that down the road. We offer full day care on most “no school days”, closed national holidays. No School days are \$20 per student. Our first no school day is September 22. To preregister and prepay, contact the Welcome Center. Scholarship applications are available upon request. Scholarships for students are funded through them. Friends of NCRD, who support families in need through various fundraisers throughout the year. Please let any youth center staff or the Welcome Center know if this is a need, and we will get you a scholarship application.

Youth Sports-

Registration is open for Soccer. Please stop by or call the Welcome Center for more details! If you are interested in volunteering/coaching for this or any sport, please let me know. None of this would be possible without the great coaches we have. We will start practice on September 15 right here at the NES field. Please make sure you have cleats, shin guards, and a water bottle.

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