



Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

April 2025



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Spring is here, and we are excited for all the great learning opportunities ahead! One of the key events this month is our **Student-Led Conferences**, which will take place on **April 17 & 18**. These conferences are an important opportunity for students to take ownership of their learning by showcasing their progress, setting goals, and reflecting on their achievements.

The purpose of Student-Led Conferences is to encourage students to actively engage in their education by presenting their work, discussing their strengths, and identifying areas for growth. This approach helps build confidence, responsibility, and communication skills. Additionally, parents get valuable insight into their child's learning experience in a way that fosters meaningful discussions at home.

On **Friday, April 4**, you will receive a letter from your child's advisory teacher with details on how to sign up for a conference time that works best for your schedule. It is our hope to receive these requests back to the school by **Wednesday, April 9**. A final confirmation of dates and times for conferences will be sent home on **Friday, April 11**. We encourage all families to participate, as this is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and support their continued success.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to seeing you at the conferences!

Warm regards,

Lori Dilbeck
Principal, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School



Important Dates To Remember

April 3-4: NKN Student Health and Wellness Center closed for trainings

April 7-11: 2025 Penny Wars!

April 17-18: Parent/Teacher Conferences - **No School**

April 25 - Top Golf Field Trip for 7th Graders

April 28–May 2: Students in 8th grade will take the State Science Test.

Important Dates to Come...

May 5: Professional Development - **No School**

May 6–May 9: Students in grades 6-8 will take the State Math Test.

May 9: Spring Dance - All Grades 6-8

May 12–May 14, and May 19–May 21: Students in grades 6-8 will take the State English Language Arts Test.

May 16: Day of Service

- All Students who participate will receive 7 hours of Community Service

May 22: Band/Choir Concert

May 26: Memorial Day - **No School**

May 29: Senior Parade

Athletics

2024-25 Track and Field

Season begins officially on Monday, March 31st. Practices are held every day after school from 4-6 p.m.

Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

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2025 Track

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dismissal/Departure</u>	<u>Field/Run</u>
Wed 4/9	Neah-Kah-Nie (Tillamook, Scappoose)	3:00/	3:45/4:00
Tues 4/15	@ Clatskanie (Seaside, Knappa, Scappoose)	12:15/12:30	3:30/4:00
Wed 4/23	@ Tillamook (Banks, Rainier, Knappa,)	2:00/2:15	3:30/4:00
Thur 5/1	@ Banks (Knappa, St Helens)	1:35/1:50	3:30/4:00
Sat 5/10	Districts @ Clatskanie	6:45 AM	Coach Meeting 9 AM 10 AM Events Start

Special Olympics Summer Sports



OPEN HOUSE/ REGISTRATION
March 30th 2025 11:30am - 4p
Liberty elementary (gym)
1700 9th st Tillamook OR

SUMMER SPORTS 2025

We are looking for
athletes and unified
partners and
COACHES



Summer sports are April-July

Bocce

Softball

Track & Field



Summer sports are right around the corner! We are looking for Athletes (individuals with Intellectual disabilities) and Unified Players (individuals whom don't have an intellectual disability) aged 8 to 208 for competition or aged 6 and up for skills as well.

Contacts:

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Email- tillamook@soor.org

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voice message phone- (971) 209-3153

Billie Williams (communications manager)

Phone- (503) 741-0350

We need Coach's for all sports

Join us in making lasting memories for

Everyone involved

Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt

Spring Dance

TROPICAL POOL PARTY DANCE!



Friday, May 9th 6pm-8pm
ALL GRADES!

\$5 or 15 Sand Dollars To Get In
Casual Summer Wear (summer dresses, shorts,
tanks, hawaiian shirts, ect.)

Snacks & Drinks \$.50-\$3.00 Pictures \$1 Each

On The Menu

APRIL 2025 NEAH-KAH-NIE MS/HS					A variety of Deli Sandwiches are available Daily as an option for lunch
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Breakfast Sandwich 1 Chicken Soft Tacos	Cinnamon Cr. Cheese Bagel 2 Chicken Potato Gravy Bowl	Strawberry Smoothies 3 Chicken Burger	Biscuits & Gravy 4 Soup & Toasted Cheese Sandwich	
French Toast 7 Cheesy Breadsticks w/ Marinara	Pancake on a Stick 8 Bean & Cheese Burritos	Breakfast Bar 9 Tater Tot Casserole	Cherry Strudel 10 Pulled Pork Sandwich	Breakfast Burrito 11 Chicken Strips & Fries	
Waffles 14 Hot Dog & Baked Beans	Sausage & Biscuit 15 Chicken & Cheese Nachos	Cocoa Bread 16 Mac & Cheese	NO SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 17	NO SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 18	
Pancake Bites 21 Meatball Subs	Breakfast Sandwich 22 Chicken Fajitas	Strawberry Cr. Cheese Bagel 23 Crispy Chicken Drumsticks	Yogurt & Grahams 24 Western Burger	Oatmeal Rounds 25 Breakfast For Lunch	
Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast 28 Corn Dogs	Pancake on a Stick 29 Enchiladas	Breakfast Bar 30 Orange Chicken Over Rice			

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

Breakfast and lunch are free for all students. Seconds do cost money. Manage your students mealtime account here.

Robotics Boot Camp

Robotics Boot Camp Wrap Up 2024-25

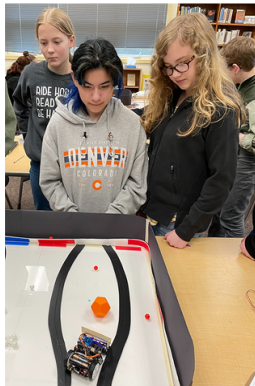
Twelve 6th-8th grade students participated in Robotics Bootcamp at NKN High School this week. Students in teams of two programmed and adapted small Microbots powered by 3 AA batteries, and a Microbit Microcontroller.

NKN Robotics team members designed the field, created the rules to the game, taught lessons on programming, CAD modeled and printed team awards, and ran and refereed game rounds. The camp went super smoothly with lots of thought and planning going into every aspect.

Participants programmed a perfect PB&J sandwich (who knew that would be so hard?) on Monday, played a two finger "human game" version of the game on Tuesday (NO FLYING ROBOTS), designed their own team name, motto, and chant on Wednesday, and had endless patience when programming and battery issues inevitably caused setbacks on Thursday.

All teams were able to score points on the field at Thursdays competition to finish the season! Impressive effort - and great job to all 6 teams: It's Muffin Time, Cheese Tech, Combat Wombat, Fifty-five, E&B, and The Strangers.

All teams took home a trophy for some aspect of their amazing performance. Congratulations to all involved - NKN Robotics will resume this Fall on September 13th, 2025.



Reminders

Schedule Changes

📢 **If your student needs to ride a different bus, be picked up, or have any other transportation changes, please let the office know no later than 3:15 p.m.** We cannot guarantee enough time to inform students if we are notified past this time. 📢



How to make Honor Roll

Students who earn a 3.5 G.P.A. or better, complete 7 hours of community service/volunteer hours, have good behavior, and good attendance for the trimester will be awarded the status of Honor Roll.



In order to make honor roll, students must complete a minimum of 7 hours of community service per trimester. For each activity, the student will need a signature and the contact information from the supervising adult. Once this is completed, send in your letter to your student's advisor or the middle school office. [Learn more here.](#)

ParentVUE

Grades, Attendance, Class Schedule and more!

ParentVUE is a web portal that allows parents to access real-time information related to their student's education progress. Parents can view their student's attendance, grades, assignments, and more. If you are a new user, contact the Middle School for your activation code and get signed in!

Click Here To Enroll, Register or Update Information Today!

Counselor's Corner

How Teenagers' Brains Are Actually Wired Differently

THE TEEN

BRAIN



How Teenagers' Brains Are Actually Wired Differently

The video explains that middle schoolers' brains are still developing, especially the part that helps them think ahead and control impulses. This means they may act on emotions, take risks, or make decisions that don't always seem logical to adults. Sometimes it helps to remember not to take their middle schooler's bad attitudes or emotional outbursts too personally—they're often a reflection of brain development, not a lack of respect or love, or your success as a parent.

This video is a reminder that their child isn't just being difficult on purpose—their brain is still growing! Understanding this can help parents be more patient and supportive, setting clear but fair boundaries while also guiding their child through this tricky phase of growing up.

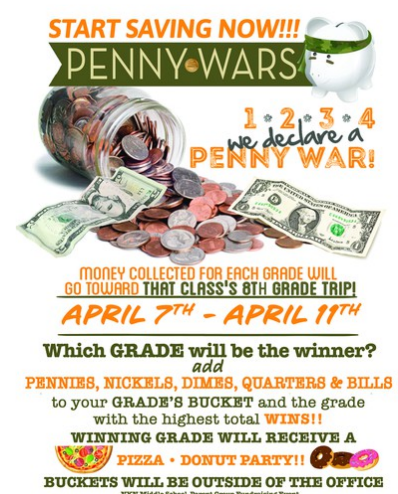
Penny Wars

2025 Penny Wars is coming soon!

Here is an opportunity for grades to show their Raiders spirit and raise money for their class. The MS Parent Group is supporting this fundraiser and will save ALL funds raised by each class for when they are in 8th grade and to support their 8th grade promotion trip (this is a fun-filled day to celebrate the end of middle school).

Penny Wars is the week of April 7 - 11. Have your student bring in coins (bills are acceptable too) any day, or every day, that week. The class with the most money raised will get a pizza and donut party!

Let the Penny Wars begin!



Marie Giani/Emily Massey

