



# Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

**January 2026**

## *From the Principal*

### **Dear Parents and Guardians,**

We are excited to share positive news as we begin the second half of the school year. Our winter MAP testing—the second round of benchmark assessments for the year—is now complete, and the results show meaningful academic growth across our school.

In mathematics, our fall data placed us at the 38th percentile as a school. After December testing, we are proud to report that we have moved up to the 68th percentile. This reflects significant progress and speaks to the hard work of our students, teachers, and support staff.

In reading, we also saw growth. As a school, we moved from the 59th percentile in the fall to the 61st percentile in the winter. While this increase is more modest, it represents continued forward movement and helps guide our instructional focus moving into the spring.

These results help us celebrate successes, while also identifying areas where we can continue to grow. Teachers will use this data to adjust instruction, provide targeted support, and challenge students at all levels.

Our annual Day of Service is set for May 15, 2026. This special middle school tradition brings our entire school community—students and staff—together to give back through service projects across our local communities, from Bay City to Manzanita.

Please mark your calendars for this meaningful day. If you are willing to volunteer or help support our Day of Service, we would love to hear from you—please give the school office a call.

We look forward to a strong and successful second half of the school year!

Warm regards,

Lori Dilbeck  
Principal, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

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## Important Dates To Remember

- Jan 19: MLK Jr. Day - **No School**
- Jan 27: Vision Screenings
- Jan 23: End of Trimester 2 Progress Period

### Important Dates to Come....

- Feb 2: Professional Development - **No School**
- Feb 16: President's Day - **No School**
- March 13: 7/8 Grade Dance
  - **\*Students must have 90% attendance or better for the duration of the school year or the 30 school days leading up to the dance.**
- May 15: Day of Service

## MS District Calendar

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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

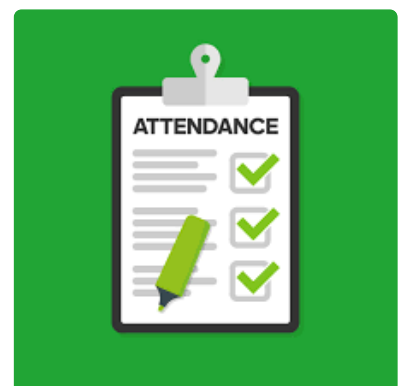
## Going To Miss School?

**Chronic absence is defined as 9 days a year— even if those absences are excused!**

If your student is going to be out for all or part of the day, please let the front office know! You can email us at

[msattendance@nknsd.org](mailto:msattendance@nknsd.org). Please include the following:

- Students First and Last name
- Reason for the absence
- Date or time they will return from absence



We are not always by our phone, so by emailing us it will help keep your student's attendance up to date.

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## Schedule Changes/Bus Notes

**📧 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. 📧



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## Yondr Pouches

### Reminders

Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School is a cellphone and smartwatch-free building. Upon enrollment, all students are issued a Yondr pouch to safely secure their electronic device(s) during school hours.

Students are responsible for bringing their Yondr pouch to school every day. If students forget their Yondr pouch, they are to turn their phone or watch in to the front office for the school day.



The Yondr pouch is the property of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District and will be checked out to each student just like a textbook or Chromebook, and each student will be responsible for its condition. If a student damages their Pouch, a \$25.00 fee will be assessed for the replacement of the Pouch.



**Cell Phone FAQ**

**Download**

520.7 KB

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## From the Nurse

### School Immunizations

**Oregon Exclusion date for all students is Feb 25th 2026.**

If your student is due for an immunization, you should have received a letter in the mail stating what vaccine is due.

Shots are required by law for children who attend public schools, private schools, preschools, childcare facilities, and Head Start programs in Oregon. [For Oregon school's immunization requirements click here.](#)



### Where to get copies of immunization records?

A copy is also located at any of the Tillamook County Health Centers. [Oregon Certificate of Immunization Status Form](#)

### Why is it important to keep copies of immunization records?

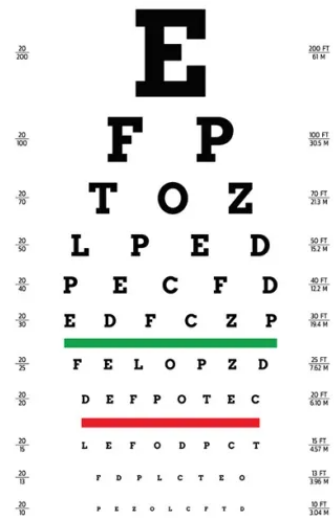
Immunization records are an important part of permanent medical records that will be needed throughout life. It's up to the guardians to make sure children are protected and up to date on immunizations.

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## Vision Screenings

On **Tuesday, January 27th**, free Vision Screenings will be offered by the Lions Club for all students.

A follow up letter will be sent home within a few weeks of the screening **ONLY** if there are unexpected results or if your student needs a follow up screening with an eye doctor. We appreciate this opportunity offered by the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.



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## *Inclement Weather*

### For Emergency and Weather Alerts from the District

Flash Alert is one of the systems that the district uses to communicate with staff and families in the event of a school delay or closure. If you sign up, you will receive notifications of such events. Just click on the button below and follow the steps to sign up. If you've already signed up, log in and click "Managing Subscriptions" to update for this year and test the email they have on file for you.

[Flash Alerts](#)



# Winter Athletics

**Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School**  
2025 Hwy 101 North, Rockaway Beach, OR 97116  
(503) 339-9000 • Fax: (503) 339-9004




**2026 Girls Basketball**

Date	Location	Dismissal/Departure	Tip Off
Wed 1/21	@ Clatskanie(1 game)	1:00/1:15	4:00
Thurs 1/22	@ Jewell(1 game)	1:45/2:00	4:00
Mon 1/26	NKN vs Rainier	3:25	4:00
Tues 1/27	@ Vernonia	1:15/1:30	4:00
Tues 2/3	NKN vs Warrenton	3:25	4:00
Wed 2/4	@ Knappa	1:45/2:00	4:00
Mon 2/9	NKN vs Vernonia	3:25	4:00
Wed 2/11	NKN vs Jewell(1 game)	3:25	4:00
Tues 2/17	@ Warrenton	2:00/2:15	4:00

\*\* 2nd game starts 10 minutes after 1st (about 5:00/5:10)

## Girl's Basketball

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**2026 Wrestling**

Date	Location	Dismissal/Departure	Wigh In/Start
Th 1/22	Warrenton (Seaside, Clatskanie, Tillamook)	2:00/2:15	3:30/4:00
Wed 1/28	NKN (Till, Warr, Seaside)	3:00	3:30/4:00
Wed 2/4	Jewell (Vernonia, Knappa)	1:30/1:45	3:30/4:00
Tues 2/10	Vernonia (Jewell, Scappoose)	1:15/1:30	3:30/4:00
Wed 2/18	Tillamook (Warr, Scappoose)	2:00/2:20	3:00/4:00
Mon 2/23	District Forest Grove	12:15/12:30	3:00 Start

## Wrestling

# Athletic Schedules

### Students @ Home Games

Please note: Students are not allowed to stay after school for High School or Middle School events or clubs without an adult to supervise.

# Haiku Death Match

The Haiku Death Match is a Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School tradition since its founding in 2006. Every year, all students write several haikus and compete in a grade-wide competition. The top 10 from each grade then move on to the school-wide competition.

In the school-wide competition, all finalists compete in several more rounds of haikus (with the entire school in attendance) until we are left with one winner standing.

Please help congratulate our winner, 8th grade Abby Carpenter!



# Student Writing & Art Contest

## 2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous

Open to grades 7-12. Contest submissions accepted December 1 2025 - February 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.



2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous,  
STUDENT Writing Contest \$5 CASH PRIZES \$5  
Information - *Please read carefully!*

Open to grades 7-12, attending school in Titlenook County.

Contest submissions accepted beginning  
December 1, 2025 - February 15, 2026, at 5 pm

Authors may submit a single unpublished work in one of the categories below:

1. Poetry, 2. Fiction, 3. Non-Fiction, 4. Journalism, 5. Media Lyrics  
Our judges will evaluate your work with attention to organization, development, voice, and attention to the conventions and craft of writing.

See RWR Website for submission information: <https://www.rwriters.com>

Document Formatting:

- Maximum 1,500 words
- Include your name in the document submitted.
- Poetry: Also submit a PDF document showing your desired formatting.

STUDENT PRIZES - CASH PRIZES: Reading of RWR events. Published in RWR Anthology  
First place - \$100.00, Second place - \$50.00, Third place - \$25.00

Honorable mentions may be selected at the discretion of the judges. No cash awards.

NCAM board members, contest judges, and immediate family are not eligible to write.

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



2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous  
Student & Open Class Art Contest

Information & Rules - *Please read carefully!*

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

Individuals may submit up to 5 printable images of original art work(s) you created, such as:

- Images of paintings
- Images of drawings
- Images of illustrations
- Images of photography
- Images of sculpture or other three dimensional art
- Images of installation art
- Images of furniture design
- Images of interior design
- Images of food or beverage creation
- Images of other types of art

Images all need to be items that are printable in the anthology.

You may only submit work that you still own the rights to.

Our panel will evaluate your work with attention to the quality of the work, including Creativity & Originality, Technical Skill, Emotional Impact, Composition & Design, and Artist Statement.

See RWR Website for submission information: [www.rwriters.com](http://www.rwriters.com)

ENTRY FEE - FREE for all submissions.

PRIZES - Winning entries will be published in the 2026 RWR Anthology. No monetary awards will be given. Prizes will be notified by March 31, 2026. Awards announced at the RWR event April 24-26, 2026. 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.

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### Writing Contest

### Art Contest

## On the Menu

First servings of breakfast and lunch are free for all students in the district. A reminder that breakfast happens before school, from 8:30 - 8:45 a.m.

### Mealtime Account

Click the link below to access your mealtime account.

If your child plans to have seconds of either meal, please ensure there is money in their mealtime account.

Mealtime Online

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## *Community Service/Honor Roll*

**Each Trimester, students have the goal to hit 7 hours of community service in honor to make honor roll.**

**Community service** refers to voluntary work that individuals perform for the benefit of their community or society. It can include: volunteering at a local food bank, participating in neighborhood cleanups, assisting at a senior center, tutoring younger students, volunteering at school event, participating in beach cleanup, organizing donation drives, helping at a community garden, helping neighbors with activities they cannot do for themselves, etc.



### **Documentation of service:**

Please share the following information with your teachers advisor to document their service:

- Student's Name and Contact Information
- Description of Service: What the student did and how it helped the community.
- Organization/Recipient Information: The name and details of the organization or person benefiting from the service.
- Total Hours Completed
- Supervisor's Signature and Date: Confirmation that the student performed the service.

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## *Volunteer Opportunity- IPM*

### **International Police Museum**

The International Police Museum in Rockaway Beach is looking for dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers.

Volunteering opportunities may include: doing research, help create displays, learn about inventory procedures, merchandising, record keeping, writing thank you letters and other correspondence, making and recording gift shop sales, merchandise displays, and other possibilities.

If interested in learning more or volunteering, please contact Jane McClain at [Jane@internationalpolicemuseum.org](mailto:Jane@internationalpolicemuseum.org) or call 503-457-5018.



# ParentVUE

## Attendance, Grades, and More...

ParentVUE is an app that offers real-time access to grades, attendance data, teacher contact, assignments and more. You have the option to select how and when you are notified regarding your child's grades, behavior, health, and assignment scores. If you do not have a ParentVUE account, you can create one by clicking the link below.

The screenshot shows the 'Parent' account creation interface. It includes a navigation bar with 'ParentVUE' selected. Below the navigation bar are tabs for 'Demographics', 'Children', 'ParentVUE', 'Parent Contact', 'Survey', 'Online Registration', 'Lottery', and 'Impact Aid'. The 'ParentVUE' tab is active, showing fields for 'Last Name', 'First Name', 'Middle Name', 'Suffix', 'Title', 'Preferred Pronouns', and 'Adult ID'. There are also checkboxes for 'Interpreter Needed', 'Open ParentVUE as Parent', and 'Open OLR as Parent'. The 'Activation Key Management' section includes fields for 'Activation Key', 'Key Valid Until', and 'Date Activation Key Used', along with buttons for 'Create Activation Key', 'Print Activation Key', and 'Create and Email Activation Key'. The 'ParentVUE ID' section has fields for 'User ID' and 'Password', with a 'Confirm Password' field and checkboxes for 'Force Password Reset' and 'Exempt From LDAP'. The 'Email Addresses' section lists five email addresses, each with a delete icon. The 'Account Activation' section has checkboxes for 'ParentVUE Account Disabled' and 'Exclude Parent From Activation Letter'.

The screenshot shows the 'Notify Options' and 'ParentVUE Settings' sections. The 'Notify Options' section has a table with columns for 'Attendance', 'Discipline', 'Health', 'End Of Term', 'Class Grade', 'Assignment Score', 'Grade Book Summary', 'Email', and 'Push Note'. Each row has checkboxes for 'Email' and 'Push Note'. The 'ParentVUE Settings' section includes a dropdown for 'ParentVUE Language', a section for 'Synergy Mail Settings' with a checkbox for 'Disable Compose/Reply', and sections for 'Class Grade Options', 'Assignment Score Options', and 'Grade Book Summary Options' with various input fields and dropdowns.

ParentVUE



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