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Neah-Kah-Nie High School

Newsletter

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL:

Student attendance is the most important predictor of success!

In fact it is the most important of all factors that impact student success at school. Neah-Kah-Nie School District has adopted a 90% attendance rate expectation for all of our students. Regardless of the reason, we carefully monitor student attendance and work hard to communicate with families in an effort to remove attendance barriers. We work hard to hire the best and most highly qualified staff, purchase up to date curriculum, provide excellent professional development in the most effective instructional strategies because our number one focus is preparing our students for success in and beyond high school. We offer a wide variety of extracurricular activities, elective courses and support services so that academic, social, and physical health are part of a rich and well balanced program. In order for our investments to pay off, we need our students at school every day on time.

This year as we focus on attendance, we want to reward students that either improve their attendance or achieve the miraculous perfect attendance status— zero tardies AND zero absences for any reason!

Out of our total of 215 HS students, after the first 6 weeks of school we currently have 38 students that still have perfect attendance. 135 have maintained our goal of at least 90% and 42 students have slipped below that standard for a variety of reasons.

We ask families to support high standards for attendance in every way you can. Please do not make appointments during the school day if possible. If there are important reasons or family priorities that require a student’s absence, please follow our pre-arranged absence protocol – parents give the school at least two days advanced notice so students can be informed of the work they need to do and teachers can communicate important information so students can be responsible for their classwork while absent. When students are sick, it is important to carefully evaluate the severity of the illness. Please do not send students to school if they have a fever, are vomiting or have diarrhea as these could be symptoms of contagious diseases that we, of course, do not want to expose others to. Your family doctor should be consulted and provide guidance about when it is safe to come back to school. In cases of chronic, non-contagious issues, please contact us so we can create a plan that will enable students to participate fully. If a student has a disability which impacts attendance, please contact the student services director at 503-355-3556.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Neah-Kah-Nie commits to providing a learning community focused on improvement, persistence and integrity.

**VISION STATEMENT**

Full engagement in rigorous academics and healthy activities will produce graduates able to apply the literacy, problem solving, creativity and technology skills needed for success in college and the work force.



## **GETTING TO KNOW THE NEW SUPPORT STAFF:**

To support students and staff, instructional assistants Sarah Ceja, Lanai Spliethof and Robert Waddell have joined us here at Neah-Kah-Nie High School. Beth Clark is our new testing coordinator/media assistant.

**Beth Clark** was born and raised in the Midwest in a family of seven. Mrs. Clark attended Indiana University and Ball State University, earning her bachelor's degree in special education and a master's in school administration. After 37 years as an educator and administrator in Anderson Community School Corporation in Anderson, Indiana, Mrs. Clark retired. She and her husband, Alan, have been married for 42 years, have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. About 1 1/2 years ago, the Clark's moved to Oregon to be close to their youngest daughter and two youngest grandsons.

**Lanai Spliethof** is working with Kelly Thayer and the special education team. Lanai has lived in Nehalem for 18 years. She and her husband, Hank, have been married for 23 years and have two children, Blake and Cheyenne who are recent NKN graduates. Lanai enjoys hiking, camping, photography and "a good book". Lanai added that she loves working at NKN with the students and staff!

**Sarah Ceja** joined Carlotta Roddy in life skills this fall, moving from Prairie City, Oregon with her husband and two of their four children. Sarah came to Neah-Kah-Nie with great experience, having worked in special education for 11 years and worked 10 years as an English second language assistant at her previous school district. Sarah is "excited to have this new opportunity and work with a great group of students and staff".

**Robert Wadell** moved to Tillamook from Ohio in June 2016 to join his fiancée. Bob is a certified special education teacher and many students throughout the district know him as he was a substitute teacher last year. In the fall, he chose to accept an instructional assistant position in life skills. Bob is a member of a number of community organizations including the VFW Auxiliary and TAPA.

We are excited to have each of these individuals working here at the high school!



## **CAREER CENTER AND COUNSELOR UPDATE:**

Wednesday, November 8th, students in grades 10—12 will be given the opportunity to take the **ASVAB**. This is an excellent career tool that aids students in discovering more about their strengths and what kinds of careers they might enjoy. Although this is a military assessment tool, **we do NOT release scores to the military!**

During the Student Led Conferences, we will have financial aid presentations for seniors and their parents at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.. The computer lab will also be open for parents and students to use for completion of the 2018-2019 FAFSA.

**RAISE ME** is a new scholarship site our students can start using in the 9th grade! Micro-scholarship are awarded for a variety of things such as grades, activities, awards, etc. There are over 200 colleges across the nation currently participating in this program, including 18 Oregon public and private colleges! Students can sign up and get started at: <https://www.raise.me/join/neath-kah-nie-high-school> for more information!

### **Upcoming Senior Events:**

GEAR UP Cash for College Week, October 30th—November 3rd

GEAR UP College Application Week, November 13th—17th

If you have questions pertaining to the Career Center update information, please contact Esther Troyer, Guidance Counselor at [esthert@nknsd.org](mailto:esthert@nknsd.org) or 503-355-3588.

## **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

While fall sports are at the mid-way point of their schedules and Speech is preparing for the Oktoberfest Tournament at Tillamook High School on October 28th, please remember if your son or daughter is planning on participating in a winter sport, paperwork must be completed and in the office PRIOR TO November 13th. If all paperwork is complete and turned in to the office, students may begin practice on the 13th. However, **academic eligibility** for winter sports and continued eligibility for Speech will be determined based on trimester one final grades which will be completed December 1st. OSAA academic eligibility is based on a two-step criteria. First is minimum satisfactory progress towards completing graduation requirements and secondly passing a minimum of four classes the preceding grading period. Specifically, by the end of their 9th grade year, all incoming 10th grades must have earned a minimum of five credits; prior to entering the 11th grade, the minimum number of credits is 11.5; prior to the 12th grade, the minimum number of credits is 19.5. Students meeting the credit criteria AND passing a minimum of four classes at the end of trimester one will be considered academically eligible.

Winter sports scheduled will be included in the December newsletter or available soon for pick up in the high school office.

If you are interested in becoming an individual or business sponsor of Neah-Kah-Nie athletics, please contact Corey Douma, Athletic Director. Mr. Douma may be reached by e-mail: [coreyd@nknsd.org](mailto:coreyd@nknsd.org) or by phone: 503-355-2272. If you are interested in purchasing Pirate gear, contact Margaret Whiting in the high school office.

## **UPDATE ON THE NEW TRACK:**

We are getting close to completion of our track and field remodel project! This has been an extensive renovation which started last May. The entire old track was demolished so that new drainage, complete new base and new larger rubberized running surface could be installed. Last week the first of the striping went down and we expect final striping to occur this week, weather permitting. The new concession stand and restroom building walls and roof are up. They are currently working on connecting plumbing and working on the finish surfaces inside. It will be so great to have new facilities for our students, athletes and Pirate fans. If you remember our old black, 6 lane track, you will be very impressed with our beautiful red 8 lane track. Other improvements include 4 runways leading to new long jump and triple jump pits, a relocated pole-vault runway and nice double shot put area. The javelin runway, which used to be grass, will now run through the football end-zone and into the field with our new discus ring on the opposite side of the track. New fencing around the track, amazing new field lighting and improved parking lot lighting are the sparkling finishing touches. We are very excited to see this project drawing to a close ...hopefully before homecoming! We will be hosting our grand opening at the first home track meet this spring. Stop on by to check it out!

**Homecoming** week begins October 23rd. The homecoming game is October 27th with Nestucca. This year's theme is "Bash the Bobcats". Classes will be nominating their prince and princess with court coronation during an assembly on Monday the 23rd. Student Council has a number of activities and competitions they will be introducing to the student body throughout the week. Points earned by each class will determine the Homecoming King and Queen who will be crowned during half-time activities at the Friday night game. The homecoming dance will be on Saturday the 28th from 8:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m. in the upper high school gym. Tickets for the dance, Enchanted Forest, will be available to students beginning next week and will be available until the end of school on the 27th. Prices are \$20/couple and \$12/single. Prices will go up at the door.

**FBLA—Future Business Leaders of America**—had a successful 2016-17 year sending 15 students to the national competition in Anaheim, CA. Additionally, 26 students placed in the top 10 in their respective events at the state completion. This year we are hoping to have 30 or more students attend the state conference in Portland in April 2018. If a student would like to join FBLA, please attend the lunch meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month in Mrs. Jackson's room. Also, congratulation to former NKN student, Hunter Cram, who landed a job with Apple while attending college in the Seattle area, studying computer engineering. His affiliation and success with FBLA — placing 1st in Computer Game and Simulation for the State of Oregon and attending nationals multiple years was helpful in seeking employment and developing more interest in his chosen career field of study.

Preparing for the expense of the upcoming competitions, FBLA members are selling raffle tickets for firewood and are again selling holiday wreaths and greens. If interested in either of these fundraisers or donating to FBLA, please contact Mrs. Jackson at [steviej@nknsd.org](mailto:steviej@nknsd.org) or a FBLA member.

**FALL 2017 SLC SCHEDULE**  
**October 19th, 2017; Noon—8p.m.**

**3 Sessions**

Session 1: Noon—2:00 p.m.

Financial Aid Support: 4:00 p.m.

Session 3: 5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

Session 2: 2:00 p.m.--4:00 p.m.

Staff Dinner Hour: 4:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Financial Aid Support 7:00 p.m.

**SLC Round 1: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

8 minute mini schedule: Teachers prepare a very short introduction, message and summary of class objectives, routines, maybe have syllabus to hand to parents in case they didn't get it/ forgot to look at it and a request for parent teacher conference sign up sheet at the door.

1st period      Noon—12:08 p.m.

2nd period      12:10 p.m.—12:18 p.m.

3rd period      12:20 p.m.—12:28 p.m.

5th period      12:20 p.m.—12:38 p.m.

6th period      12:40 p.m.—12:48 p.m.

Advisory      12:50 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

- Advisor shares advisory routine, what a successful student led conference should look and sound like; hand out evaluation forms
- Share information for student and parent feedback via online survey.

1:00 p.m. — 1:20 p.m.      Students do SLC presentation with their parents and complete online surveys

1:20 p.m. — 2:00 p.m.      Time to meet with teachers as needed

**SLC Round 2: 2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.**

8 minute Mini schedule: Teachers prepare a very short introduction, message and summary of class objectives, routines, maybe have syllabus to hand to parents in case they didn't get it/ forgot to look at it and a request for parent teacher conference sign up sheet at the door.

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5th period      2:30 p.m.—2:38 p.m.

6th period      2:40 p.m. — 2:48 p.m.

Advisory      2:50 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

- Advisor shares advisory routine, what a successful student led conference should look and sound like; hand out evaluation forms
- Share information for student and parent feedback via online survey.

3:00 p.m. — 3:20 p.m.      Students do SLC presentation with their parents and complete online surveys

3:20 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.      Time to meet with teachers as needed

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- Share information for student and parent feedback via online survey.

6:00 p.m. — 6:20 p.m.          Students do SLC presentation with their parents and complete online surveys

6:20 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.          Time to meet with teachers as needed

Parent Survey

<http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/9177801>

Student Survey

<http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/5174919>

Staff Survey

<http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/4021655>

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**PLAY SMART—YOUTH HEART SCREENINGS:** We were very excited to be able to offer heart screenings here at NKN this year in conjunction with Providence Heart and Vascular Institute. The following is a recap of the event provided Providence.

**SCREENINGS RESULTS – TUESDAY, SEPT. 12**

- **Number of students screened (BP, ht., wt., EKG (electrocardiogram)) = 157**

- **Number of students with results in the “normal range” = 145**

**Number of youth diagnosed with elevated blood pressures = 15**

All youth/families received their results of the screenings. **15** youth/families need additional follow-up for elevated blood pressure and received recommendations for further care and treatment. If students are ever diagnosed with a cardiac condition; each family will receive a phone consultation with one of the Play Smart cardiologists who will discuss recommendations for further care and treatment.

Of the **157** students screened through the *Play Smart – Youth Heart Screenings Program*, **7%** of the students received recommendations for further care and treatment.

Since the inception of the *Play Smart – Youth Heart Screenings*, we have now **screened over 18,106 youth and identified 1,124 youth (7%) that needed to get follow-up assessment and treatment.** This invaluable health service would not be possible without dedicated partnerships, such as the one that we have with Neah-Kah-Nie High School. We are very appreciative of your ongoing collaboration and support of this program.