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### SECOND TRIMESTER REPORT CARDS

Once again, parents and students have an opportunity with the enclosed report cards to review grades and make sure students are succeeding at their full potential or identify areas in need of improvement and attention.

Please take some time and review both this newsletter and the enclosed report card with your student. You will find information on upcoming events, items of interest to both parents and students, ideas for increasing academic success,

and how to reach staff for further support.



# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Friday, March 22nd 6th Grade Field Trip to Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport
- Monday, March 25th—Friday, March 29th: Spring Break
- Friday, April 5th Assembly
- Monday, April 8th School Board Meeting 6:30pm @ District Office
- Monday, April 22nd Student Led Conferences 12p-8p
- Friday, May 3rd School Assembly
- Monday, May 13th School Board Meeting 6:30pm @ District Office
- Friday, May 17th 7th Grade Field Trip to Oregon Children's Theatre
- Friday, May 24th Day of Service
- Monday, May 27th Memorial Day Holiday
- Saturday, June 1st- NKN HS Graduation
- Thursday, June 6th 7th grade field trip Garibaldi Boat House
- Friday, June 7th Oaks Park Honor Roll Field Trip

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear NKN Middle School Community,

Unbelievably, two-thirds of the school year is over. I was meeting with our teaching team in my office this past week and we were reviewing our upcoming events calendar. We are already planning the Honor Roll Field Trip, Day of Service, and other end-of-the-year activities. We have had so many positive events this year from our Haiku Death Match to Red Ribbon Week activities that time does truly fly by. Per usual this time of year we begin state testing. I am confident our students and uphold the performance on assessments that will keep up in the category of a Level Five School. A new assessment this year for the middle school will be the social studies state test. We have never completed this portion of the state assessment this year, but are curious to know how are students will perform so we can develop curriculum and instruction into the future. Language Arts testing begins April 22nd. Math testing begins at the start of May. We are in our fifth year of the Smarter Balanced Exam, and I assure you it is a strong assessment of your child's critical thinking skills. It isn't asking basic facts your child may have recognized, but requires them to synthesize knowledge in higher level thinking situations. We use the data provided by the exam to adapt our teaching strategies to best fit the needs of students who will soon be adults in a world economy. We see it as our duty and appreciate your support as we help young people prepare for high school and beyond. Lastly, please come and support our track team on two dates: April 9th and May 4th. Based on early signups this will be our biggest team ever. May 4th is an especially important day, as we host middle school districts on our new track facility for the first time. Based on early feedback from teams last year I am sure we will be asked to host many more times to come. If you would like to volunteer for this tremendous event please contact me directly at school through phone or email.

Until next time,

Leo Lawyer

### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH/MATHLETES

CONGRATULATIONS! The following students have earned recognition as "Student of the Month" for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship:

### **February**

6th grade—Taylor Wriggelsworth & Mallie Olson

7th grade— Kennedy Fletcher & Hayden Simpson

8th grade— Mariana Cota & Rossi Nelson

Raider That Cares Award - Catey Fry

Mathlete- Elizabeth Reyes Avalos

## 2019 Track Schedule

Date: Tuesday 4/9

@ NKN

Date: Monday 4/15

@Knappa

Date: Friday 4/19

@St. Helens

Date: Wednesday 4/24

@Tillamook

Date: Wednesday 5/1

@ Illwaco

\*Field Events @ 3:30pm/Running Events @ 4:00pm

Districts: Saturday 5/4

@ NKN

Coaches 9am/Start 10am



# **6th Grade Field Trip**

6th Graders will take their annual field trip to the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport, Oregon on Friday, March 22nd. Please have students at the school by 7:30am for a 7:45am departure. Students will arrive back at school to take their regular bus home that day.

ALSO: Reminder for 6th graders to do their AR read at home and fill out their reading logs.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES:**

We are NOT almost done with school; there is still 1/3 of the year to go. Many students have lost or run out of the normal supplies they need. If things are broken, lost, or otherwise unusable, they need to be replaced. Supply lists are available at the office.

### REMINDERS...

- \*Attendance is imperative to educational success. It is the first step to success in all endeavors. Students are deemed chronically absent if they miss at least 10 percent of school days.
- \*School starts at 8:35am; please do not drop off your student prior to 8:15am
- \*Contact information please keep us informed of any change in phone numbers, address, or emergency contacts.

If you have not already signed up for Parent VUE, it is an excellent tool....right at your finger-tips! Parent VUE provides you with timely access to your child's progress, course schedule, attendance, school events, and immunization records. If you would like to get information to sign up and log on, please contact the office at 503.355.2990. Now there is even an app to put on Parent Vue on your cell phone for convenient access!

#### CONTACTING STAFF

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## DAY OF SERVICE 2019

We are under way in the planning of our 7th annual day of community service! We have many projects scheduled to take place throughout the district on **Friday**, **May 24th**. We chose a later date this year with the hope of having better weather in which to work. Projects again include work with local fire departments, parks, and other community service organizations.

We would like to give a shout out to our valued sponsors who have stepped up to again support this event including:

- Mudd-Nick Foundation
- First Student Transportation
- Rockaway Lions
- Teninty Septic Service

Now, we are in need of parents to sign-up to help at each of the sites. If you are able to join in and help out as a volunteer on this big day or would like to help sponsor this event with a financial donation, please contact the school at 503-355-2990 or e-mail ksnider@nknsd.org . Please be advised, all volunteers must have a completed and approved

volunteer application on file before joining the event.

Groups will be at worksites from around 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, and will then return to the middle school for a celebratory bar-b-que to be enjoyed with all participants. We are looking forward to a great Day of Service for students, volun-

teers, and community members.
NOTE: Counts as five (5) hours of community service.

