



## NES March 2025 Newsletter

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### Important Dates/Reminders

- March 3rd-7th - Read Across America Week
- March 7th - Last Day for Read-A-Thon
- March 9th - Daylight Savings Time
- March 10th - School Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m. at the District Office or by Zoom
- March 18th - Clean Water Festival (4th grade)
- March 24th - 28th - Spring Break



Swim lessons will end for Honts, LeDoux, and Christensen's classes:

- Honts's last day will be March 18th. (Honts will also have a make up day for the power outage on the 17th)
- Christensen's last day will be March 19th.
- LeDoux's last day will be March 20th.

Swim lessons will start for K/1 classes the week after we return from Spring Break.

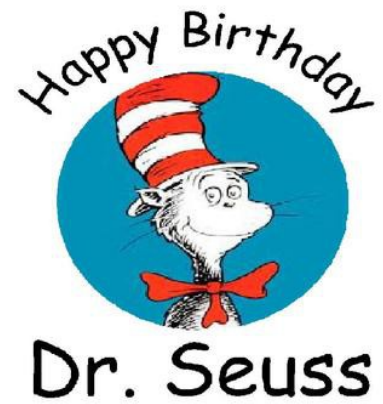
- Spicer - Tuesdays
  - Archer - Wednesdays
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# Read Across America Week, March 3rd -March 7th

Each morning we'll have a book walk in the classrooms. The students standing on the lucky number will get to come pick out a book from the office to take home.

## Dress Up Days:

- Monday - "Fox in Socks" - **Wear Crazy Socks**
- Tuesday - "Green Eggs, and Ham" - **Wear Green**
- Wednesday - "Wacky Wednesday" - **Wear Mismatched/Wacky Clothes**
- Thursday - "Cat in the Hat" - **Wear a Fun Hat**
- Friday - "Dr. Seuss Day" - **Dress like Your Favorite Dr. Seuss Character**



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## Seventh Annual Read-A-Thon

### Our Read-A-Thon will end on March 7th.

All of the donations received will help our school in many ways:

- **Thank for all of your support - 2019 = \$940 , 2020 = \$600 , 2021 = \$870, 2022 = \$2328.00, 2023 = \$3246.40, 2024 = \$3925.00**
- Supporting our commitment to literacy and daily reading.
- Purchasing student books to help celebrate our annual Read-Across-America Week book walk (each day, students' names are drawn for a chance to pick out a new book.)
- Purchasing student prizes for our PBIS treasure chest. Students have the chance every day to earn "Way to Go's" for being safe, respectful and responsible. The office then does a weekly drawing for a chance at choosing one item from our treasure chest.



Thanks so much,  
Nehalem Elementary

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## Attendance Data From the Principal

Attendance: it's a focus for NES. Shannon Mulcahy is the attendance secretary, and she and I have been meeting every 1-2 weeks to review how NES students are doing since we kicked off our new attendance focus after winter break. We are looking at student attendance data and asking NES staff to call home to check in with families if there is a question or concern we have. We are also celebrating improvements in attendance that we see. I have been calling home to families if there is a pattern of tardies to school to see if school staff can help.

Our state tracks what percentage of students are at school 90% of total school days. Students who have an attendance rate under 90% of the possible days are considered having chronic absenteeism. Here's our school rates by school year:

- 2017-2018: **80%** of students attended 90% or more days of school this year
- 2018-2019: **79%** of students attended 90% or more days of school this year
- 2019-2020: Pandemic hit-state did not track
- 2020-2021: Pandemic hit-state did not track
- 2021-2022: **49%** of students attended 90% or more days of school this year
- 2022-2023: **55%** of students attended 90% or more days of school this year
- 2023-2024: **63%** of students attended 90% or more days of school this year (GGS had **76%**, the middle school had **68%**, and the high school had **63%** so GGS and the middle school are bouncing back from the pandemic quicker than us.)

**Our goal this year is to have 70% of our students attend 90% or more days of school!**

**Here's our 2024-2025 data so far by month:**

- September: **74.7%** of our students attended 90% or more days of school this year
- October: **72.3%** of our students.....
- November: **73.7%** of our students....
- December: **73.3%** of our students.....
- January: **46.9%** of our students.... (Uh oh.....this is the month that we started hitting attendance hard but also the month that SO MANY staff and students were out sick...ironic, eh?)
- February: **57.7%** of our students.....

So, attendance is tricky. Thank you to families for keeping your sick children home; we want you to do that so sickness is not spread at school. (Please see the current exclusion list attached below.) We also know that other things play into tardies and attendance...sleep, late nights for special events, anxiety, appointments, peer problems, stress or changes at home, school, or in the community, etc. We want to partner with families to help when these other triggers happen; please keep your child's teacher informed or call our school counselor or myself-we are here to help support you! As a parent myself, I know it really can take a village to raise our children.

Thank you for reading this long article and getting your children to school so they can learn! I appreciate how hard this can be!  
-Kristi Mills, Principal



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NEHALEM ELEMENTARY CHESS CLUB

# CAR WASH

WHEN: SATURDAY MARCH 8TH  
FROM 10A.M.-2P.M.

WHERE: RTI PARKING LOT IN NEHALEM



*We are raising money for state  
competition in April*



Cafeteria

# MARCH 2025

## NEHALEM ELEMENTARY

A variety of sandwiches are  
Available daily as an  
Option for lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pumpkin Bread <b>3</b> Cheesy Breadsticks <b>CELEBRATE</b>	Breakfast Sandwich <b>4</b> Chicken Fajitas <b>READ</b>	Strawberry/Cr. Cheese Bagel <b>5</b> Mac & Cheese <b>ACROSS</b>	Yogurt & Grahams <b>6</b> Rib-A-Que <b>AMERICA</b>	"Cat in the Hat" Pancake <b>7</b> Oodles of Noodles <b>WEEK!!</b>
French Toast <b>10</b> Corn Dogs & Fries	Pancake on a Stick <b>11</b> Enchiladas	Breakfast Bar <b>12</b> Orange Chicken Over Rice	Scr. Eggs & English Muffin <b>13</b> Tillamook Cheeseburger & Fries	Breakfast Burrito <b>14</b> Pizza Sticks
Waffles <b>17</b> Lucky Chicken Nuggets	Sausage & Biscuit <b>18</b> Nachos	Banana Bread <b>19</b> Spaghetti	Pancakes <b>20</b> Sloppy Joe's	Oatmeal Rounds <b>21</b> Breakfast For Lunch
<b>24</b> HAVE	<b>25</b> A SAFE,	<b>26</b> RELAXING	<b>27</b> SPRING	<b>28</b> BREAK!!!
Lemon Bread <b>31</b> Peppy Rotini				

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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### Mrs. Jennifer's Counseling Office

Greetings NES Families!

February we celebrated kindness and will continue to do so throughout March! We learned that showing kindness in all forms can improve both your mental and physical health!

March will also focus on bully prevention. Students will learn to recognize, refuse and report bullying. It is important for students

to know the difference between bullying, and a mean moment or a conflict with another student. Bullying is taken very seriously and all students need to learn to recognize the signs.

Every year Nehalem Elementary administers the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) to 2nd and 5th grade students. This assessment helps us in determining if a student qualifies for Neah-Kah-Nie's Talented and Gifted program (TAG). We will be testing the 2nd grade students March 11, 12 & 13 and the 5th grade students March 18. You should have received information in the mail with the option to opt your student out of testing. If you choose to opt out please be sure to return the opt out form by March 7th. If you have any additional questions, please reach out via email - [jenniferh@nknsc.org](mailto:jenniferh@nknsc.org) or phone - 503-355-3657.

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.

Ms. Jennifer

503-355-3657

[jenniferh@nknsc.org](mailto:jenniferh@nknsc.org)

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## P.E.

January/February in PE  
Mrs. Duer

### January/February Focus (Grades 3rd-5th):

- Balance, Stunts, and Tumbling and Gymnastics Routines
- Paddle Skills
- Individual Jump Roping with Tricks
- Long Jump Rope

### January/February Focus (Grades PreK-2nd):

- Introduction to Balance, Stunts, and Tumbling
- Paddle Skills
- Introduction to Jumping Skills/Jump Roping
- Reviewing Locomotor Skills

Students have also been continuing to enjoy a “Fun Friday” where they get to participate in their favorite activities or games. In March, we plan to do a short dance unit and focus on basketball skills.

**\*Please make sure your child wears or brings tennis shoes every day. There have been a lot of minor falls and injuries lately due to improper footwear.\***



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## NKN District Job Openings

Click button to access and apply for open positions.

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## AT NEAH-KAH-NIE HIGH SCHOOL

### HOURS:

#### Tuesdays

8:30 am – 12:00 pm / 1:00 – 4:30 pm  
(Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm)

#### Wednesdays

Counseling appointments only

8:30 am – 12:30 pm / 1:30 – 4:30 pm  
(Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 pm)

#### Thursdays

8:30 am – 12:00 pm / 1:00 – 4:30 pm  
(Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm)

### SERVICES AVAILABLE:

NKN Student Health & Wellness Center offers various medical services, including:

Regular check-ups	Dental screenings
Sports physicals	Blood-pressure screenings
Care for illness and injury	Health education
Immunizations	Counseling
Routine lab tests	Wellness opportunities
Prescription medications	Referrals for other medical services
Age-appropriate reproductive health	(Dental, X-rays, MRIs, Specialty)
Vision screenings	

Learn more at: [NKNHealth.org](http://NKNHealth.org)

NKN Student Health & Wellness Center | Telephone: 503-355-3500 | Fax: 844-720-1901



## EN LA SECUNDARIA NEAH-KAH-NIE

### HORARIOS:

<b>Martes</b>	8:30 am – 12:00 pm / 1:00 – 4:30 pm (Cerrado para almorzar de 12:00 a 1:00 p. m.)
<b>Miércoles</b> <small>Citas de consejería solamente</small>	8:30 am – 12:30 pm / 1:30 – 4:30 pm (Cerrado para almorzar de 12:30 a 1:30 p. m.)
<b>Jueves</b>	8:30 am – 12:00 pm / 1:00 – 4:30 pm (Cerrado para almorzar de 12:00 a 1:00 pm)

### SERVICIOS DISPONIBLES:

El Centro de Salud y Bienestar para los estudiantes de NKN ofrece varios servicios médicos, inclusive:

Controles regulares	Estudios dentales
Exámenes físicos para deporte	Estudios de presión arterial
Atención de enfermedades y lesiones	Educación de salud
Vacunas	Asesoría
Análisis de laboratorio de rutina	Oportunidades de bienestar
Medicamentos de receta	Remisiones para otros servicios médicos (Dental, radiografías, resonancias magnéticas, especialistas)
Salud reproductiva adecuada a la edad	
Estudios de visión	

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## NCRD Youth Center

Happy St. Patrick's Day! If you are in need of youth care, please reach out to us we have openings! We pick up your student(s) at Nehalem Elementary school at the end of each school day and are open until 5pm. Cost is \$6 a day per child. This includes 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 offer full day childcare on non- school days. We have been making efforts to stay open even on school emergency days like we just experienced on Feb. 25. We will be open over spring break March 24 - 28 for full day childcare this month. To preregister and prepay, contact the Welcome Center. Scholarship applications are available upon request. Scholarships for students are funded through the 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. ([www.ncrd.org/friends](http://www.ncrd.org/friends))

### -Youth Sports-

Futsal will start on March 11 and run through April 25. We will meet in the NES gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30- 5:30. If you have a registration on file at NCRD, just call or email. We are in need of coaches, please let me know if you are available, no experience needed.

[angiet@ncrdnehallem.org](mailto:angiet@ncrdnehallem.org)



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# NCRD Aquatics Center

## SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE MARCH 24th - MARCH 28th

### OPEN SWIM

#### MONDAY - FRIDAY 1:00pm - 3:00pm

\$2 per student swimmer \$18 = 10x pass adult - \$6 or \$50 = 10x pass

children 5 years & younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times

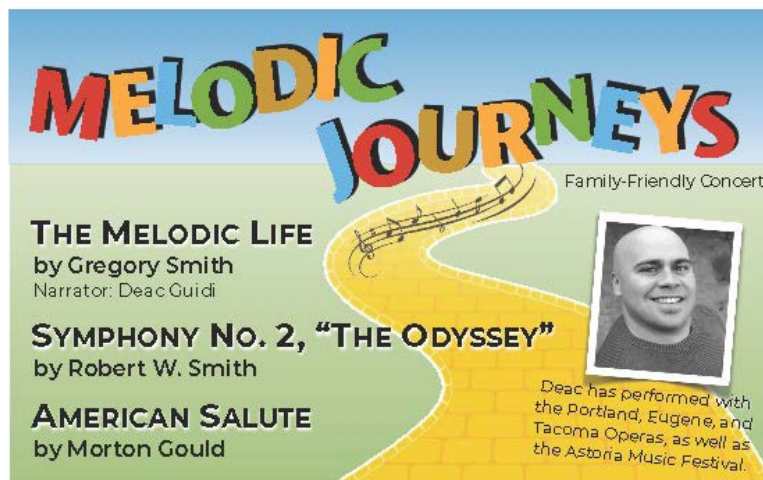
Friday Family Night Swim Continues in March EXCEPT For Spring Break!

Time 6:00pm - 7:30 ( **NO FRIDAY NIGHT SWIM MARCH 28, SPRING BREAK!!**)

Adult(s) please accompany your children - Not mandatory that adult must get in the pool unless child is 5 years and under

**NO FRIDAY NIGHT SWIM MARCH 28TH (SPRING BREAK).**

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Saturday ♦ MAR 15, 2025 ♦ 3:00 pm  
Nehalem Elementary School Gym  
36300 8th St ♦ Nehalem

Sunday ♦ MAR 16, 2025 ♦ 3:00 pm  
Bob Chisholm Community Center  
1225 Avenue A ♦ Seaside

Tickets available at the door ♦ Cash or personal check only

**\$10 Admission ♦ 18 and under are free**  
12 and under must be accompanied by an adult

For more information see our website  
[www.nocsymphony.org](http://www.nocsymphony.org)



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