

The Nehalem Nugget

News bits for Nehalem Families



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BE SAFE . . . BE RESPECTFUL . . . BE RESPONSIBLE

September 2018

Important Dates

Monday 9/10/18
First Day for Kindergarten Students
School Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm—DO
Tuesday, 9/18/18
Parent Council meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9/15/18
Mudd-Nick Foundation Annual Auction and Dinner 6:00 pm NCRD
Thursday, 9/20/18
Picture Day (starts at 8:10 am)
Monday, 9/24/18
First Swim Thysell and Romanov
Tuesday, 9/25/18
First Swim, Duer, Verhulst, Honts, Felley, DeGandi, Henderson, & Burdick
Thursday, 9/27/18
Open House, 5:30-6:30 pm

PLEASE DO NOT DROP KIDS AT SCHOOL UNTIL 8:45 ON MONDAYS.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE BEFORE 1:00 P.M. EACH DAY IF YOUR STUDENT'S REGULAR AFTER SCHOOL PLAN CHANGES.

School parking is limited, but visitors can always park below the field area if needed. Also, please keep in mind there is a NO parking zone on a section of 8th street. All visitors and volunteers are reminded to sign in at the office and get a visitor or volunteer badge. This includes drop off and pick up times if visitors and volunteers need to be in the building.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

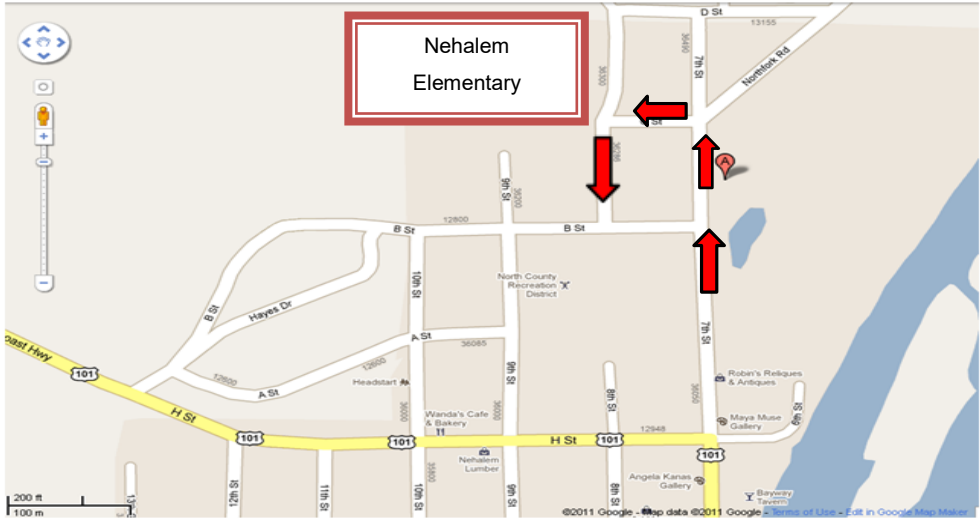
Welcome back! We are all geared up and ready to begin the school year! I hope you are too! Neah-Kah-Nie is a school district that works hard to “keep the main thing the main thing” meaning a direct focus on what is important. For us that means lots of high quality staff development to continually improve staff knowledge around instruction and content so your children can increase their learning each year. Last week during Inservice Week teachers and instructional assistants were trained on quality math instruction, using reading intervention curriculum, supporting English Language Learners and our PBIS (Positive Behavior & Instruction Supports) system that supports student behavior at school. Staff are completely fired up and excited to start the school year! As always, family support is the most important element of learning, and we want to invite parents and community members to get involved in the school and make reading at home a regular activity. These things really do make a difference! Please become a NES school volunteer—there are so many great ways for you to get involved at school!

Happy back to school! Let the fun begin! -Kristi Woika
Please welcome our new seagull staff:
 Susan St. John –Instructional Assistant
 Kristina Burdick—new 5th grade Teacher
 Breanna Uptegrove—Special Education Assistant
 Tricia Benard — Special Education Assistant
 Jaimie Dorsey—changed to new position as ELL and 3.5 Instructional Assistant.

UPDATED BUS ROUTE PROCESS

ALL BUSES WILL DEPART THE SCHOOL AND TRAVEL STRAIGHT ACROSS 8TH STREET AND THEN TURN LEFT ON B STREET.

If you transport your children, you **MUST** give the right away for the busses



STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURE:

Student safety is our number one priority, and we would like all parents to observe and follow our routine to ensure continued safety during the crucial arrival and departure times. We realize this is a busy time in everyone’s daily lives, but please use caution and respect. For ease of traffic flow, please drop off and pick up children using the route indicated above.

Tue, Wed, Thur and Fri *Arrival 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. *Dismissal – 2:35 p.m.
Monday LATE START * Arrival 8:50 to 9:15 a.m. * Dismissal 2:35 p.m.

BE SAFE	BE RESPECTFUL	BE RESPONSIBLE
Student safety is #1 Please stop at walkway No passing vehicles No cars in walking zone Follow one way loop (below)	One drop off at a time To walk child up, park along C St. or 8th St. Please wait turn	Follow map Watch for departing busses <u>Staff Parking Spots are NOT available to parents during arrival/dismissal times.</u>



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY 9-20-18

Mark your calendar! Picture Day is coming on **THURSDAY, 9/20/18** look for more information on your child's Picture Day flyer/order form. Visit Life-touch.com for clothing suggestions, online payment details and more. **School Pictures will only be available in the Fall.**

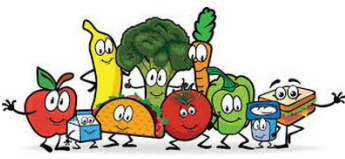
VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

We would like to remind parents of district policies and procedures for field trips, volunteers, and visitors. District Policies are available on the district website <http://www.nknsd.org> under the community link. Field trips are an extension of the classroom and only approved volunteers are permitted to have direct, unsupervised contact with students. Visitors need to sign in and sign out in the office and receive a visitor nametag. A visitor is not an approved volunteer and cannot have direct, unsupervised contact with students. Please get a volunteer application in the office if you would like to volunteer. Volunteer applications expire after 3 years.



SCHOOL MESSENGER—FLASH ALERT

School Messenger is an automated system for notifying parents through home phone, cell phone or email. This service is another tool that will allow NES to communicate important information to all parents, such as: Daily attendance calls for unexcused absences, important school wide events emergency school closure or late starts due to weather. You can sign up for flash alert at the district web site on the parent page. <http://flashalert.net/news.html?id=1123>



FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL NES STUDENTS

We respect parents' rights to make nutritional decisions for their kids. If you have special needs, please let the office know. Remember to bring meal money as soon as possible. Prices this year are: **Milk-50¢; Lunch-\$2.80 (student), \$4.60 (Adult); Breakfast-\$2.45 (Adult)**. Families can apply for free/reduced lunch online through our Neah-Kah-Nie school district web site. (www.nknsd.org, parent section) Please call the school office for student ID number before applying.

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OPEN HOUSE 9-27-18



Open House will be held on Thursday, Sept. 27th , from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Families can visit classrooms and see all the new summer seismic work that was done in the gym. Families will also have an opportunity to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences held on Thursday, 10/18-12:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, 10/19-8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Please visit the cafeteria to get information about community programs for families that support stu-

A NOTE FROM YOUR NES ATTENDANCE FAIRY

Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early
School success goes hand in hand with good attendance! When Do Absences Become a Problem?
Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.



CHRONIC ABSENCE =18 or more days (excused or unexcused)

WARNING SIGNS 10 to 17 days

GOOD ATTENDANCE 9 or fewer absences

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Our Parent Council once again provided all basic school supplies for Nehalem Elementary School students. However, students are asked to bring **2 boxes of tissue** for their classroom to start the year off. They will also need PE shoes, swimsuits and towels, and a backpack. Please contact Linda Hershey, Family Resource Coordinator, if your family needs help with these items

503-355-3639 or Lindah@nknsd.org

STUDENT INSURANCE: Student insurance is now available online at www.K12StudentInsurance.com



**Nehalem
Elementary
Parent
Council**

Newsletter
SEPTEMBER 2018

BACK TO SCHOOL



COME JOIN US!
TUES., SEPT 18TH
6:30pm - 7:30pm
NES Cafeteria



**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES**



Our task at hand was a large one; but we conquered it with a little help from a trusty computer, a UPS & FedEx driver and our back-to-school committee assembly line. Our grand total for our school supplies spending this year was approximately \$3,342.

**ICE
Cream
Social**

THURS. Sept 6th
5:30pm

Bring the family and meet other families have some ice cream and be social!
This a **FREE** event!

community rewards Where shopping & giving unite

You Can Help Nehalem Elementary Parent Council earn **DONATIONS** just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card. Our non-profit #11364.

Sign up online at:
www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards

SOLVE
IT'S OUR NATURE TO VOLUNTEER

**Saturday
Sept. 22ND**

The Parent Council has adopted Nehalem Bay State Park in partnership with SOLVE for local beach clean-up! Join us Sat., September 22, 2018 @ 10am - 1 pm. Teaching our families to respect and take care of our local beaches is a win-win for the whole community! Contact Erin or Jay Woika for more details. Meeting station by the horse stables.



OUR FALL FUNDRAISING IS COMING SOON...



Cherrydale
AMERICA'S FUNDRAISING COMPANY

OCT 3rd

PACKETS WILL BE SENT HOME

It's that time of year again! We are asking all students to put their fundraising hats on and help us successfully raise funds for our school supplies for 2019-2020! Each student will be sent home with a Cherrydale packet, we hope to have a great turn out this year and beat last year's number.

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You shop. Amazon gives. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the council just for logging in and shopping. Same products, same prices, same ordering and delivery, but instead earn money for the Parent Council. Please add **smile.amazon.com** as a must do for your shopping.



**HOW CAN YOU HELP?
COME BE A PART OF THIS FUN
GROUP EFFORT!**

facebook:
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Renae Scalabrin President
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SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION

The district's website can be found at www.nknsd.org We are also on Facebook. Please "like" our page to stay in the loop of current information, upcoming events and school closures updates. Find us on Facebook by searching for Neah Kah Nie School District #56 (no hyphens in Neah-Kah-Nie). Schools will be posting information regularly.



Neah-Kah-Nie
School District

NEHALEM POOL

Swimming starts on Monday, **9/25/17** for Mrs. Henderosn and Tuesday, **9/26/17** for ALL other classes. Students will need to be prepared with a swimsuit (recommend 1 piece for girls and nylon trunks for boys) and a towel. Parents are asked to **not** have students wear their swimming suit under their clothes. Students are walked from Nehalem Elementary to the NCRD rain or shine. Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather.

NCRD/Nehalem Elementary School Swim Lessons are a unique and extraordinary privilege. In this area surrounded by water and dominated by water-related recreation, the swim program's goal is to provide a safe environment in which the students can learn to swim and be educated in water safety while instilling the value of swimming as a lifetime skill and healthy recreation activity.

The only reason for students not participating in swim class would be due to health reasons such as: vomiting, diarrhea, skin rash (allergy, ring worm) etc. or doctor's note specifying that your child cannot swim. Please encourage your child to come to school on swim day prepared with swimsuit, towel and positive attitude for learning new skills, reviewing old ones, and having fun!

FRIDAY NIGHT SWIM WILL BEGIN September 28, 2018.

\$2 per swimmer or 10x pass for \$18.00 6:00pm---8:00pm

SWIM TEAM IS BACK!!

Starting Date.....September 24th, Monday. Open to 1st thru 5th grade students.

****must be able to swim 2 continuous lengths of the pool without a swim belt****

****workouts 2x a week (Monday & Thursday)**** Look for Swim Team flyer coming soon.

Questions: call pool#1-855-444-6273(new number) or Kiley(coach)#503-812-7679

NCRD/Nehalem Pool closed for maintenance September 3rd thru September 23rd.....OPEN SEPTEMBER 24, 2018.

Because of E Coli, Cryptosporidia, Giardia, and other organisms that can make people very ill, we need to ask parents and students help in following these guidelines put out by the Oregon Health Division:

If a swimmer has had diarrhea in the past two weeks, he or she should not swim. Swimmers who may have bowel accidents must wear a special swim diaper. All swimmers must take a cleansing shower before entering the pool and after using the toilet. As you probably know, these diseases can be very serious, so we must be able to count on our students to follow these rules, and parents to help reinforce their importance. On behalf of all pool users, thanks! If your child does need to miss his or her swim class, please send a note to the office. Without a note, children will be expected to participate as usual.

NCRD NEWS

Summer Camps: We had many successful camps this year! Our first camp of the summer was the Missoula Children's Theater. We had over 50 children from 1st grade to 12th. This was our first year, and we hope to do it again next summer! Our second camp was Emergency Preparedness. Jane Knapp led a week of learning how to handle difficult situations. We also had 2 fun weeks of Forest to the Sea. Peter Walzack taught our youth about the ecosystem and the importance of preserving nature. Crystal, our sports coordinator, led 2 weeks of Gardening and Cooking Camp with the help from Food Roots. They showed them the importance of being self sustainable and using fresh ingredients for cooking. Shout out to the "Bigs" Gardening and Cooking Camp for cleaning out and planting fall vegetables in the school garden.

Sports: Get your Fall Soccer registration in now! Season starts week of September 24th.

Always looking for volunteer coaches and referees. If interested contact Crystal Dietrich at crystald@ncrdnealem.org

After-School Program: After-school care from 2:35-5pm is \$5 per day

Monday Madness (Late Start): 7am-8:50am is \$5 per morning

Please fill out a registration form before your child attends.

We will offer character building skills, science, homework help, art, and free play.

We also will walk children to/from tutoring and dance classes. Please call 855-444-6273 to set this up as well as call the school office.

If your child is going to attend NCRD on a regular basis please tell the school office.

If your child's after-school plan changes, please call the school office before 1:30pm.

Employment Opportunity: Are you looking for year around work now that summer is over? We are looking to add another youth assistant to our team. 2pm-5pm Monday thru Friday with extended hours during breaks and summer time. If interested please call or email Susan Scholerman, Director of Youth and Family Programs- susans@ncrdnealem.org or 855-444-6273

Special Events: Saturday September 22nd come see us at the Harvest Festival @ Aldercreek Farm from 12-4pm. We will have fun games and prizes!

