

NEAH-KAH-NIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

FIRST TRIMESTER REPORT CARDS

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You will find first trimester report cards enclosed with this mailing. It is our hope you will review these reports with your student and provide support and guidance for areas that

may be in need of improvement.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school at 503-355-2990 or 866-966-2990.



IN THIS MAILING...

In addition to your student's report card, you will also find a report card for the school as well as the district. Immunizations forms are also enclosed (only if we are needing them for your student) as well as any outstanding invoices for library fines and meals.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Wednesday, December 16th, Winter Concert - 7:00 pm/ 16 de diciembre el Concierto de Invierno 7:00pm**
- **Thursday, December 17th, Masquerade Dance 6-8pm/17 de diciembre baile a las 6-8pm.**
- **Monday, December 21st - Winter Break begins/ el 21 de diciembre empieza vacaciones de invierno**
- **Monday, January 4th - School resumes/ el 4 de enero regresar a la escuela**
- **Monday, January 11th- School Board 6:30pm @ District Office/Reunión de la junta escolar en la oficina del distrito a las 6:30pm**
- **Monday, January 18th, Martin Luther King Day Holiday, No School/ el 18 de enero el día de MLK, no hay**

REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

*Please be sure to call the office before 9:00 am (503-355-2990 or 866-966-2990) if your student is going to be absent. We have a 24-hour phone message line.

*Students absent from school due to illness or unexcused absence, are not permitted to attend after-school activities on the day of their absence.

*Middle school students are not allowed to carry medications. (*This includes cough drops, aspirin, vitamins, etc.*) Parents must check all medications in and out at the office.

*Plus, now is a good time to review what you are to have as school supplies. If you need the list, please contact the office.

*Late start Wednesdays- students should not arrive on school grounds before 9:30am

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Middle School Community,

We have just finished the first trimester and I have many great things to share. Middle Schools are always full of energy. Some unfortunate schools are marked with negative energy, while others like ours burst with positive creativity. If you have made a visit to the middle school lately you will notice our message boards have been reimagined, we have a new honor roll clippership display, and our new mural highlights the wonderful collaboration between our school and the Oregon Coast Children's Theatre. None of this work would at all be possible if it weren't for the dedication of our staff and the buy in from our student body. They deserve the accolades for these accomplishments, and we all look forward to supporting more creativity here in the future.

During my last principal letter I highlighted our efforts to keep every member of the school community safe, and our preparation became useful here

recently. When the Rockaway Beach Police Department needed to close schools to contain an outside threat our protocols went into immediate effect. Parents were notified as soon as possible, and the school was put in lockout. Students stayed home while the police neutralized the threat, and we all felt gratitude that no one was hurt.

To continue this success we need parents and guardians to do a couple of things. First, sign up with our Flash Alert System through the district website. Navigate to the school closure tab through the "PARENTS" button on the main page. This will give you a text message or email informing you of school closure or emergency. Also, make sure your phone and email information is up-to-date with the school office, as we also send out a voicemail through our school messenger service. Finally, like us on Facebook if you have an account. You will receive a push notification from our

page in the event of a school closure or emergency.

With inclement weather expected over the next three months it is good practice that we are all communicating clearly to each other. Hopefully, we can be doing that at a band concert, basketball game, wrestling tournament, or after school STEM lab workshop and not in the event of an emergency. But in the event an emergency requires us to 'stick to the facts and get the word out' you are tuned in to our message through all available means.

I encourage parents and family members to continue supporting the great things we have going on here at the middle school. Your support is allowing us to participate in these amazing things. Thank you!

Until next time,

Leo Lawyer, Principal

CONTACTING STAFF

All staff at NKN have e-mail so parents can easily stay in communication with their student's teacher. E-mail addresses are.....

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You can also contact the school by calling 503-355-2990 or 866-966-2990, faxing 503-355-8514, or writing 25111 Hwy 101 N, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school.



Daily announcements are available on our web site!

Go to ...

www.nknsd.org

To check it out, just click on "announcements" on the middle school page.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES/DELAYS

School Messenger is an automated calling system that the District uses for attendance calls, to notify parents of special events, but most importantly to notify parents of an unexpected, weather related or emergency school closure. The system will call the phone numbers that are in your child's student record. Earlier in the year, we provided you with a print out of the parent contact information that is a part of your child's student record. **It is VERY IMPORTANT that our schools have the most current parent contact information.**

In addition, you can check the NKN Facebook page or flash news for closures/delayed starts due to weather, etc.

DECEMBER 14, 2015

2014 Boys Basketball Schedule

The season is winding down...please come out and support players for the remaining games!!!

Date	Opponent	Location
Mon 12/14	Jewell	NKN
(8th grade only 12/14 @ 4pm)		
Wed 12/16	Warrenton	NKN
(7th Grade @ 3:30p on 12/16 & 8th Grade- 15 minutes after end of 7th Grade game.)		

ATHLETICS



More sports to come!

Girls Basketball signups for 6,7 & 8th grade will take place after winter break. Wrestling will also start up after break...the coaches are hoping for a good turn out!



PARENT VUE

If you have not already signed up for Parent VUE, it is an excellent tool...right at your fingertips! Parent VUE provides you with timely access to your child's progress, course schedule, attendance, school events, etc. If you would like to get information to sign up and log on, please contact the office at 503.355.2990.

NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to:

6th Grade: Brent Anderson and Chloe Gingerich

7th Grade: Alicia Deuel and Kara Rumage

8th Grade: Animesh Patel and Tyler Ernst



Parents:

Please

contact the office before

1:00pm with any messages and/or

notes for your

students. Also, if

requesting a bus

pass for your

student, please

provide bus number, city, and stop.

Thank you.



IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

Oregon immunization requirements have changed. Parents, don't let your child get left behind! *Note: Doses required vary by a child's age and how long ago they were vaccinated. Please check with your child's school or healthcare provider for details.*

Oregon law requires the following shots for school attendance...

A student entering grade six (6) needs:

- 5 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP)
- 4 Polio
- 1 Varicella (chickenpox)
- 2 Measles
- 1 Mumps
- 1 Rubella
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 Hepatitis A



A student entering grade seven through

twelve (7-12) needs:

- 5 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP)
- 1 Tdap
- 4 Polio
- 1 Varicella (chickenpox)
- 2 Measles
- 1 Mumps
- 1 Rubella
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 Hepatitis A (those entering 7th grade)

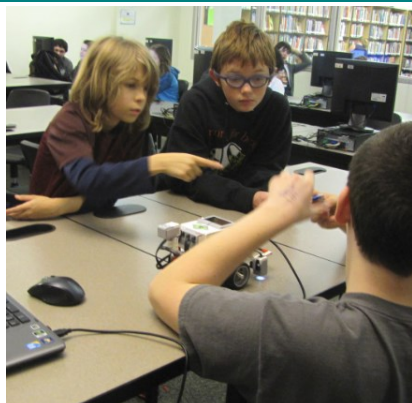


ATTENTION PARENTS! Our records indicate several students are in need of further vaccinations. For those students, we have enclosed a letter outlining what is needed. Please note: **Students still out of compliance on exclusion day (2/17/16) will not be admitted to school.**

Note: Beginning March 1, 2014, parents claiming non-medical exemptions will need to provide the school with Oregon Health Authority certificates of documentation. As more information about the new process becomes available, it will be posted at <http://1.usa.gov/OregonSchool>.



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY!



Congratulations to our top 10 library patrons for the first trimester! Way to go!!!

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| Joshua Baker-Freeman | Caledonia Fry |
| Yasmine Cruz-Lilly | Kimberly Kennard |
| Seth Jesse | LeneaMarie Johnson |
| Juan Hernandez | Clark Krostag |
| Isabella Carrillo | Hannah Barlow |



Maker Mondays have been really fun monthly events in the library. October was kite building and November monster fashion show. December's Maker Monday will be on the 14th and students will be creating a path to help an OZobot navigate a maze.

Many thanks to the parent group for helping fund a new Dremel 3D printer for the STREAMlab at NKN Middle School. It is up and running and printing out projects as I write.

Also, the Thursday afterschool STEM program has a name! The Institute for Idea Generation and Manufacturing (or I4IGM for short) meets every Thursday after school. Students have learned some basic Lego robotics, worked on video editing in Premiere, and learned to build 3D objects in Tinkercad using a new online classroom tool called Project Ignite .

Thanks to Hunter Cram and Connor Kealy for volunteering to help out every Thursday!

PARENT GROUP NEWS

Your Parent Group would like to thank everyone for their support during our See's Candy fundraiser! It was a very successful event, the proceeds from which will allow Parent Group to provide field trips, activities, technology, and other extras to our students.

Candy will be delivered before winter break begins. When the delivery date is finalized we will get that information to you.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 12th, at 6:00pm in the library. We would love to hear your ideas and thoughts for Parent Group through the rest of the year.

If you have any questions, feel free to call or text Wendy Krostag at 503-801-2903 or email me at raiderparents@gmail.com. We also have a Facebook page where we post upcoming school and Parent Group events. Find us at Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Parent Group.

Statewide Testing

Later in the year, testing windows will again open for Smarter Balanced English Language and Math tests, as well as for eight grade OAKS science tests.

For more information about these tests, please go to the NKN website, www.nknsd.org, and click on "Departments", then "Education Services", and then "Smarter Balanced".

Updates on testing will be posted as they become available.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN TO DO DURING WINTER BREAK??? TILLA SKATE ROLLER RINK IS OPEN FROM 1-4P MOST DAYS AT TILLAMOOK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. FOR MORE INFO, CALL 503.842.2272.