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Neah-Kah-Nie High School

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ABRAHAMSON TRACK & FIELD DEDICATED



Photo taken by North County Citizen staff

Prior to the start of the May 3rd, 2018 Neah-Kah-Nie High School track meet, the Abrahamson family, the community, Pirate athletes, district staff and members of the NKN School Board celebrated the official opening of the new track. Following the ribbon cutting those in attendance enjoyed refreshments. The track meet officially began following the dedication ceremony.

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.



Congratulations to the Neah-Kah-Nie High School Band and Mr. Russell Zaugg!!

April 4th the concert band competed in the NW Band Festival at Jewell High School, a state sanctioned festival for our league. The band performed with exemplary skill and focus. They qualified for the state tape pool with scores of 76, 78 and 88 out of 100. Neah-Kah-Nie is one of eight schools selected by the state judges to compete at the State Championships on May 11th at Oregon State University. No one on the current staff can remember the last time the NKN High School concert band accomplished this. It has taken years of work and dedication by the students to bring themselves to this competitive level.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to the Neah-Kah-Nie FBLA Student Organization – Future Business Leaders of America – who had 19 national qualifiers at the annual Oregon state competition, which took place in Portland, Oregon April 5-7, 2018. The team composed of 29 students won an overall 22 top 10 state awards with 19 national qualifiers. To be a national qualifier a student, or team of students, must place in the top 4 at state in their event. With over 140 schools participating across the State of Oregon and over 1000 students competing, this was an excellent showing for a small, rural 2A school. Nationals will be held in

Baltimore, MD, June 26-July 2 this summer. We are hoping to send a large group but the costs are significant. If a business or individual would like to donate funds for our trip please contact FBLA Advisor Stevie Jackson at steviej@nknsd.org.

State Award Winners: Advertising-Ethan Lee 10th, Nula Reid 6th, Gabe Calkins 2nd; Computer Applications-Brandon Partosan 3rd, Mathew Mahnke 1st; Intro to Business-Karissa Hermann 3rd; Intro to Business Communications-Animesh Patel 1st; Intro to Financial Math-Kara Ramage 4th; Journalism-Rheanne Bryant 7th, Anna Deur 5th; Networking Concepts-Ryan Dillard 2nd; Personal Finance-Ryan Dillard 6th, SeOnna Moreland 4th; Broadcast Journalism Team– Kara Ramage and Mei Shiomi 6th; Hospitality Management team-Karissa Hadermann, SeOnna Moreland and Sam Holm 4th; Marketing Team-Nula Reid, Lacya Reny-Hamer and Gabe Calkins 4th; Marketing Team-Ethan Lee, Animesh Patel and Mathew Mahnke 3rd; Publication Design Team-Adam Giles and Dylan Mitchell 4th.

Pirate Students of the Months

**Logan Laity,
Senior
Month of March**



**Ashley Henderson,
Senior
Month of April**



**Keygan Wagner,
Freshman
Month of May**



Congratulations!!!!

Updates:

From Student Council and Mr. Billstine:

The newly elected 2018-2019 Student Body officers will be putting on an end of the year “Clubs’ Rush”. The Club Rush will include incoming Freshman, sports coaches and club advisors. Everyone will have a chance to meet coaches or advisors, learn about the various opportunities and sign up for next year’s clubs. This is geared to introduce each club or sport to the incoming freshmen so that they will have a better idea of what they want to do in high school. The date will be announced soon. We are very excited about this event and are hoping to get all students involved in Pirate activities!!

From Technology Club:

The NKN High School Technology Club has three exciting projects we are working on right now.

The school district donated some older computers to Tech Club that are being surplused. We will install a Linux operating system and offer them to students through a lottery system with one year of tech support from Tech Club members. We hope to have those up and working soon.

We continue to work with Mark Balmer on the fundamentals of electronics – building circuits – working with Logic Gates – drawing schematics – writing truth tables. The goal is to be very well versed in the language of electronics and logic. Mark considers this an important step towards being familiar with all first year college content.

In addition we are working on creating a Makerspace at the high school with 3D printing, soldering, and eventually laser cutting. The goal is to give students a strong foundation in electronics and engineering.

If you have any questions about the Technology Club, please contact Kathryn Harmon, kathrynh@nknsd.org or by calling the high school office.

Senior News:

The Annual Senior Awards and Scholarship Ceremony is May 22nd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower gym. All seniors, their parents and family are invited to attend. Parents of those receiving honors at this event will be contacted by phone to insure they have the opportunity to share in this evening. Juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend this event as it is an excellent occasion to learn about the various scholarships offered by various local clubs, organizations and families. A brief social time will follow with refreshments served.

Graduation is June 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the lower gym. Seniors will be checking out of **afternoon classes May 30th** and **morning classes May 31st**. Seniors will be dismissed at lunch on the **31st** but are to be here and in the lower gym PROMPTLY at 1:00 p.m. for mandatory graduation practice.

A separate Senior Newsletter will provide for the seniors and their parents with additional information.

Our School:

NKN HS is a Positive Behavior and Instructional Supports School. Our main objective is to maintain a positive and productive learning environment with students and staff that are Safe, Responsible, and Respectful.

Each month the PBIS team meets to review school discipline data. We identify areas that need improvement and then work on strategies to address those areas. This month our prime areas to focus on are facilitating appropriate student use of cell phones, making sure students remain in their assigned areas, and dress code.

Cellphones are to be off and away during instruction. Individual teachers may give permission for students to use their phones for classroom purposes. See page 11 of our Student Handbook.

Students may not wear clothing that promotes drugs, alcohol, gangs, or hate... see page 24 of the Student Handbook.

Updates...continued:

Softball:

NKN HS varsity softball team has three returning seniors: Maddie Lambert, shortstop/pitcher; Esmeralda Ramirez, 2nd base; and, Hannah Grider pitcher/shortstop/3rd base. Both of our senior pitchers have improved and are throwing fairly consistently. Grider provides stability and accuracy in the circle, while Lambert adds speed and the ability to change the pace of a game. Both pitchers have been hitting the ball well this season. Ramirez at 2nd base is great at making the routine plays, adds depth to our batting line-up and has a number of stolen bases on the season.

Returning juniors are Avery Smith center field, Dixie Esplin left field, Alicia Lilly catcher, CC Stewart utility, and Destiny Payne designated hitter/outfield. All of our juniors can hit the ball. Returning sophomore Kayleah Nelson has been doing a great job at first base. She is also a catcher and hits the ball hard. Taylor Myers, a freshman, has added depth to the line-up as a consistent infielder, base runner, and hitter, as well as our third pitcher. Additional new players this year include senior Mackenzie Huber, sophomore Shelbi Nelson, and freshmen Yaneth Saucedo, Hannah Barlow and Mary Watson.

Student Led Conference follow-up:

Thank you to all 9th -11th grade students and parents who attended our Student Led Conferences! We're really proud of what our students have accomplished this year and the progress they have made towards their high school diplomas. Your partnership with us is so important as we try to create an environment in which students can thrive and achieve their goals.

The input parents gave us on the survey was very helpful in looking to future plans. We will be looking at reformatting the content of what students will share; providing more input from the teachers regarding student work; finding additional ways of maintaining communication for families who find it difficult to attend; and maybe even providing snacks!

As always, know that you are welcome and encouraged to contact us anytime you have questions or concerns. The counselor is more than happy to meet with you to review student goals and plans and make sure everything is in place to support student success. Our district mission is to prepare our students for an ever changing world and we want our students ALL to be ready and able to pursue whatever goals they set for themselves. Thank you for working with us to open doors of opportunity for our students!

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

- ◆ If you or you know of someone that would be a good mentor for the ASPIRE Program, contact Margaret Whiting, Coordinator, at 503-355-2272.
- ◆ Please make sure your student has money in their lunch account.....even if approved for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, if a second entrée serving is taken, the account will be charged. If you have questions about account balances, please contact Delpha Corwin at 503-355-2258.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT/ACTIVITY & SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
05/07/2018	Softball @ home with Nestucca Baseball @ home with Nestucca	4:30 p.m.
05/10/2018	Softball @ Nestucca*	3:00 p.m.
05/10/2018	Baseball @ Nestucca*	
05/11/2018	Band State Championship @ OSU, Corvallis	7:25 a.m.
05/11&12/2018	Track, District Meet @ Portland Christian	TBD
05/16/2018	Softball League Playoffs, TBD Baseball League Playoffs, TBD	5:00 p.m.
05/17&18/2018	Track, 2A State Championship @ U of O, Hayward Field	TBD
05/22/2018	Senior Awards & Scholarship Ceremony	7:00 p.m.
05/24/2018	Spring Choir & Band Concert—Upper Gym	7:00 p.m.
06/01/2018	Graduation—Lower Gym	7:00 p.m.
06/12/2018	Last day of 2017-18 School Year—early dismissal	1:00 p.m.

Ongoing: FBLA Fund Raising for Nationals in Baltimore, MD

Charter Fishing Raffle

Firewood Raffle

50/50 Raffle

For tickets—contact an FBLA member or Stevie Jackson, Advisor

NKN Booster Club:

The Neah-Kah-Nie Booster Club would like to invite you to join us! We are a group that helps to support all of the clubs, sports teams, arts programs, and any extra-curricular activities that our students participate in. We do this by holding several fundraisers throughout the year. All parents, faculty, alumni and community members are welcome to join. Many of our most active members have children graduating this year and do not plan to continue as officers in the club. In order to continue our efforts next year, we really need new members. If you would enjoy helping to support the programs that enrich our children's education, we would love to work with you! We meet once a month in The Galley at the high school The next meeting is at 5:00 pm on Monday, May 7th.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Wacker at lisawacker@centurylink.net.

