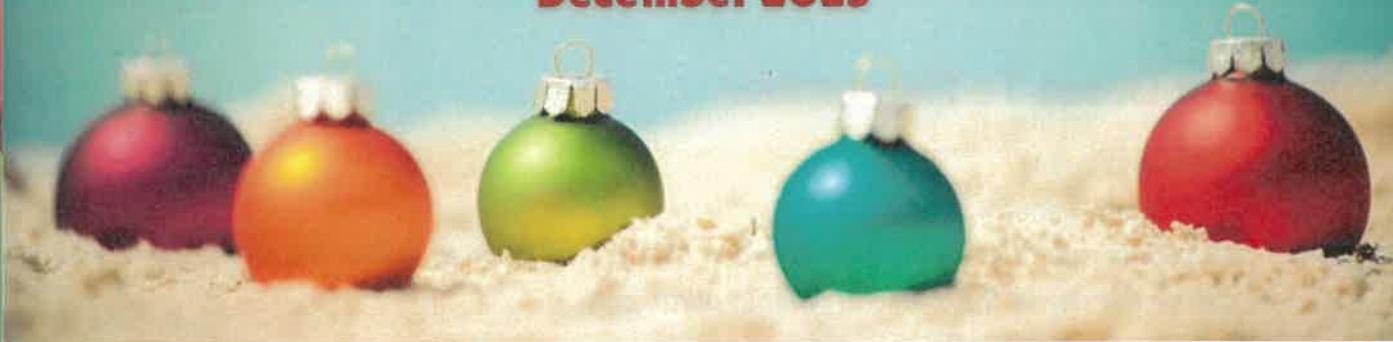


# Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

**December 2025**



## **From the Principal**

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

As we move into the month of December and approach winter break, I want to take a moment to share my appreciation for your continued partnership and support. This time of year is always busy and exciting, and our students have been working hard across all of their classes. Their growth—both academically and socially—has been evident, and we are proud of the progress they are making.

Over the next few weeks, students will be taking their second round of MAP benchmark assessments in both reading and math. These assessments provide valuable data that help us understand each student's academic growth, identify areas of strength, and determine where additional support may be needed. This information plays an important role in guiding instruction, adjusting interventions, and ensuring we are meeting the needs of every learner. We appreciate your help in encouraging students to do their best and to take their time on these important measures.

Our first dance is this Friday from 6:00-8:00. Students in grades 7-8 who have maintained at least 90% attendance over the past month are welcome to attend. This event is a formal dance, and we

phones upon arrival and may pick them up at the end of the dance. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the evening. We look forward to providing a fun and safe celebration for our students!

As winter break approaches, I hope this upcoming time away from school provides your family with rest, connection, and joy. We look forward to welcoming students back, refreshed and ready for the new year.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students, staff, and school community. Wishing you and your family a wonderful December and a warm, restful winter break.

Warm regards,

Lori Dilbeck  
Principal, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

## Important Dates To Remember

- DEC 3: PBIS Assembly
- DEC 5: 7/8 Grade Dance\*

*\*Students must have 90% attendance or higher & must be at school the entire school day on the day of the dance in order to participate.*

DEC 22-JAN 2: Winter Break

### *Important Dates to Come....*

- Jan 5: Professional Development - **No School**
- Jan 6: School Resumes
- Jan 19: MLK Jr. Day - **No School**
- Jan 23: End of Trimester 2 Progress Period

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

### Going To Miss School?

Chronic absence is defined as 9 days a year— even if those absences are excused!

If your student is going to be out for all or part of the day, please let the front office know! You can email us at [msattendance@nknisd.org](mailto:msattendance@nknisd.org). Please include the following:



- Date or time they will return from absence

We are not always by our phone, so by emailing us it will help keep your student's attendance up to date!

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### Schedule Changes/Bus Notes

**If your student needs to ride a different bus, be picked up, or have any other transportation changes, please let the office know no later than 3:15 p.m.** We cannot guarantee enough time to inform students if we are notified past this time. ☺



## Inclement Weather

### For Emergency and Weather Alerts from the District

Flash Alert is one of the systems that the district uses to communicate with staff and families in the event of a school delay or closure. If you sign up, you will receive notifications of such events. Just click on the button below and follow the steps to sign up. If you've already signed up, log in and click "Managing Subscriptions" to update for this year and test the email they have on file for you.

### Flash Alert



**Inclement Weather English.pdf**

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**Inclement Weather Spanish.pdf**

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# NKNMS Cell Phone Policy

## Student Expectations

Students are responsible for bringing their Yondr pouches to and from school each day. If a student forgets their Yondr pouch, they are to turn their phone/smartwatch into the front office for the school day.

**If a student has lost or broken their Yondr pouch, there is a \$25.50 replacement fee. Please call the front office if your student needs a new pouch.**



As students enter school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr Pouch.



Students close and secure their Pouch, keeping it on them throughout the day.



When leaving school, students tap their Pouch on a Base to retrieve their phone.

## NKN District Cell Phone Policy

## 7/8 School Dance

# Winter Formal Dance

Date: December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Theme: Northern Lights

Cost: \$5.00 or 15 Sand Dollars

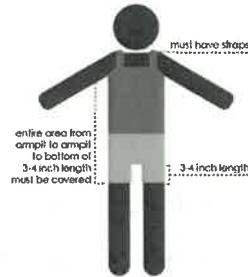
\*\*Snacks and drinks available for purchase\*\*

## **Attendance Policy**

*\*Students must have 90% attendance or higher for the 30 days leading up to the dance. Students must also be at school the entire school day of the dance in order to attend.*

## **Dress Code Policy**

Clothing must cover the back and the front of the student, exposed undergarments are not acceptable.



# **Student Writing & Art Contest**

## **2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous**

Open to grades 7-12. Contest submissions accepted December 1 2025 - February 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.



2025 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous,  
STUDENT Writing Contest \$5 CASH PRIZES \$5  
Information - Please read carefully!

Open to grades 7-12, residing within in Monmouth County.

Contest submissions accepted beginning  
December 1, 2025 - February 15, 2026, at 5 pm

Author may submit single submission with or out of the complete fiction.

L. Levy, E. Miller, S. McElroy, A. Simeone, A. Stein, Lytle

Open to students age 13 and will submit in categories, development, value, and themes to the

Monmouth County Board of Education.

See RWR Website for submission information: <http://www.rwrwriters.com>

Submission Guidelines:

1. Maximum 1,000 words

2. Submissions must be original documents submitted

3. Prints: One copy of PDF document showing your original writing.

STUDENT PRIZES - \$500 PRIZE awarded in three areas: Published in RWR Anthology

Prize: \$100.00, Print: \$50.00

Monmouth students may be selected in the category of RWR prizes. No cash awards.

ACM Board members, invited judges, and administration may not submit in areas.

2025 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous, April 24, 25, and 26.



2025 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous

Student & Open Class Art Contest

Information & Rules - Please read carefully!

Submission period December 1, 2025 - February 25, 2026, at 5 pm

Individuals may submit up to 5 prints or images of original art work(s) you created, such as:

• Images of drawings

• Images of original artwork

• Images of photographs

• Images of sculptures or other three-dimensional art

• Images of ceramics

• Images of textile art

• Images of interior design

• Images of original creative

• Images of other types of art

• Images of artwork to be known that are predictable in the

artistic field

You may only submit one (1) work per category.

Our panel will evaluate your work with attention to the quality of the work, including Creativity & Originality, Technical Skill, Creativity, Composition, Color, and Overall Impression.

See RWR Website for submission information: <http://www.rwrwriters.com>

Author PR - \$100.00 of prizes.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, Honorable Mention, and Honorable Mention.

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## Writing Contest

## Art Contest

# Athletics

## Addresses for MS Sports

### Coming Soon....

**Girls Basketball** - Signups are happening now in the front office. Practices will start after Winter Break.

**Wrestling** - Practices will start after Winter Break; more information to come.

### Students Attending Games/Events

**A reminder that all middle school students attending home athletic games or events need to be accompanied by an adult.**

# On the Menu

A reminder that breakfast happens before school, from 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast is free for all students.

### Mealtimes Account

Click the link below to access your mealtimes account.

## Mealtime Online

Click this link to add money to your students' Mealtime account.

# Community Service/Honor Roll

Each Trimester, students have the goal to hit 7 hours of community service in honor to make honor roll.

**Community service** refers to voluntary work that individuals perform for the benefit of their community or society. It can include: volunteering at a local food bank, participating in neighborhood cleanups, assisting at a senior center, tutoring younger students, volunteering at school event, participating in beach cleanup, organizing donation drives, helping at a community garden, helping neighbors with activities they cannot do for themselves, etc.



### Documentation of service:

Please share the following information with your teachers advisor to document their service:

- Student's Name and Contact Information
- Description of Service: What the student did and how it helped the community.
- Organization/Recipient Information: The name and details of the organization or person benefiting from the service.
- Total Hours Completed
- Supervisor's Signature and Date: Confirmation that the student performed the service.

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# Volunteer Opportunity- IPM

### International Police Museum

The International Police Museum in Rockaway Beach is looking for dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers.

Volunteering opportunities may include: doing research, help create displays, learn about inventory procedures, merchandising, record keeping, writing thank you letters and other correspondence, making and recording gift shop sales, merchandise displays, and other possibilities.

# From the Nurse

## School Immunizations

**Oregon Exclusion date for all students is Feb 25th 2026.**

Hi families!

Now is a great time to review vaccine records and make sure your student's vaccines are up to date. You may receive a notice from the school if our records indicate missing vaccinations.

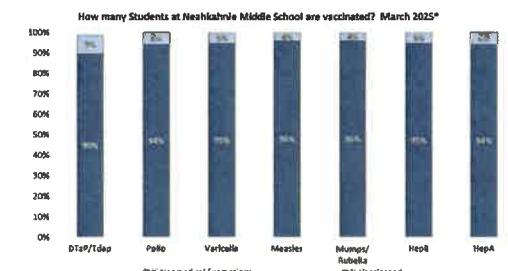


The state of Oregon does allow medical and non-medical exemptions with the correct forms and educational viewings. Visit [Oregon Immunizations](#) for more information.

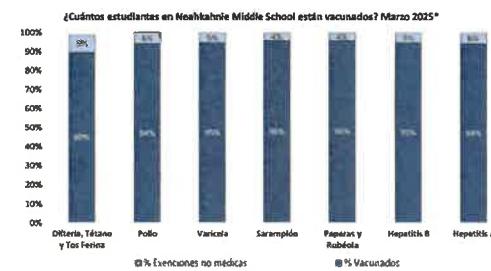
With the rise of communicable diseases such as whooping cough and measles, it is important to note that if your child is exempt from vaccines (unvaccinated) and active cases of communicable diseases occur in school, local public health authorities may temporarily exclude exposed unvaccinated students from school during active outbreaks. Keeping students in school is a priority for all of us. Speak to your healthcare provider about the best options for your student regarding vaccinations.

If your student is due for an immunization, you will receive a letter in the mail stating what vaccine is due.

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Number of children at the school\*\*: 135  
Percent of children with an immunization or exemption record: 96%  
Percent of children with a medical exemption for one or more vaccines: 8%  
\* Not all immunizations are required for all grades. These numbers may not total 100% if some children have medical exemptions, or are incomplete or in process with immunizations but do not need an exemption because they are on schedule.  
\*\*There is/are also 0 children enrolled for whom immunizations are not required to be reported because their records are tracked by another site or they attend fewer than 5 days per year.



Número de niños en la escuela\*\*: 135  
Porcentaje de niños sin immunizaciones o exenciones : 96%  
Porcentaje de niños con una exención médica para una o más vacunas: 8%  
\* No todas las vacunas son necesarias para todos los grados. Esos números no totalizan al 100% si algunos niños tienen exenciones médicas, o están incompletas, o si están en proceso de vacunación pero no necesitan una exención porque están dentro del horario.  
\*\*Hay también 0 niños matriculados a los que no se les exige que reporten vacunas debido a que sus registros están siendo seguidos por otro sitio, o asisten menos de 5 días al año.

ParentVUE is an app that offers real-time access to grades, attendance data, teacher contact, assignments and more. You have the option to select how and when you are notified regarding your child's grades, behavior, health, and assignment scores. If you do not have a ParentVUE account, you can create one by clicking the link below.

**Parent** Edit

Parent Name
ParentVUE
Parent Contact
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[Open ParentVUE as Parent](#) [Open OLR as Parent](#)

**Activation Key Management**

Activation Key	Key Valid Until
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[Create Activation Key](#)  [Print Activation Key](#)  [Create and Email Activation Key](#)

[Activated via Online Registration](#)

**ParentVUE ID**

User ID
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Password	Confirm Password
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[Force Password Reset](#)  
 [Exempt From LDAP](#)

**Notify Options**

Attendance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Push Note
Discipline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Class Grade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assignment Score	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grade Book Summary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Class Grade Options**

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**Assignment Score Options**

Only when score is below

**Grade Book Summary Options**

Send on  %

## ParentVUE

# Coastal Pantry Project



## Counselor's Corner

Supporting Kids in a World of Vaping & Nicotine: A Free Resource for Families

The American Lung Association offers a *free*, one-hour interactive online course called "**Talking to Your Child About Vaping: A Guide for Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers**." This resource is

The course is ideal for anyone caring for children ages **8–20**, including families of students who may have already experimented with tobacco or nicotine products.

Participants will learn how to:

- **Recognize signs** that a child may be using tobacco or nicotine products
- **Communicate effectively** to prevent use or respond with support
- **Access helpful tools and resources** for prevention, intervention, and quitting



We encourage families to explore this valuable resource to help keep our students healthy, informed, and supported. [Click this link to access this course.](#)

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## Parent Survey



**Marie Giani/Emily Massey**  
Head Secretary/Assistant Secretary