

The Nehalem Nugget
News bits for Nehalem Families



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

September 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Important Dates

- Monday 9/9/19
First Day for Kindergarten Students
School Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm—DO
- Tuesday, 9/10/19
Parent Council meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, 9/21/19
Mudd-Nick Foundation Annual Auction and Dinner 6:00 pm NCRD
- Wednesday, 9/18/19
Picture Day (starts at 8:10 am)
- Thursday, 9/19/19
Open House, 5:30-6:30 pm
- Monday, 9/23/19
First Swim Verhulst and Honts
- Tuesday, 9/24/19
First Swim, Clifton, Burdick, Thysell, Felley, Duer, Williams and Henderson

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.

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 always keep getting better. For NES that means lots of high quality staff development to continually improve staff knowledge around instruction and content so students can increase their learning each year. Last week during Inservice Week teachers and instructional assistants got a refresher on the reading assessments we do for all K-5 students, received introductory training on two new writing curriculums we are piloting this school year, learned about our newest update for our Ready Math curriculum and spent time learning about supporting students socially and emotionally. It was a full week, and we’re excited to start the 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!

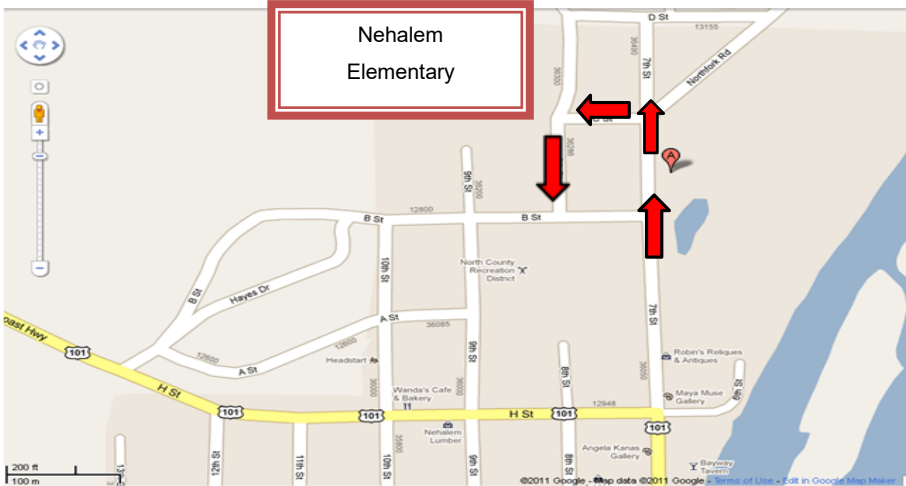
Happy back to school! Let the fun begin! -Kristi Woika
Please welcome our new seagull staff:
Salena Clifton—new 4th/5th grade Teacher
Alison Williams— new 4th/5th grade Teacher
Billie Jo Calnan-New Office Assistant
To be Determined— new Instructional Assistant

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

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.

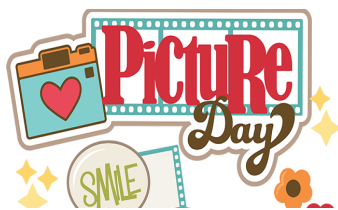


STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURE:

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.

Table with 3 columns: BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE. Rows contain specific instructions for each category, such as 'Student safety is #1', 'One drop off at a time', and 'Follow map'.



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY 9-18-19

Mark your calendar! Picture Day is coming on **WEDNESDAY, 9/18/19** 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 and/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-\$2.90 (student), \$4.70 (Adult); Breakfast-\$2.55 (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 9-19-19



Open House will be held on Thursday, Sept. 19th, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Families can visit classrooms and have an opportunity to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences held on Thursday, 10/17-12:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, 10/18-8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Please visit the cafeteria to get information about community programs for families that support students.

A NOTE FROM YOUR NES ATTENDANCE DEPARTMENT

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



NEW THIS YEAR (NOT needed for Ms. Felley or Mrs. Thysell)

Dear Parents,

The NKN school district asks that parents provide headphones/earbuds for their child. (We can't provide them for +800 kids.) To keep your children healthy and engaged while using technology in the classroom, we would like each student to bring in their own headphones as soon as possible. The children will be reminded not to share or loan their headphones to others. The headphones or ear buds should be brought to school in a zip-lock bag and the child's name should be on the bag and headphones in permanent marker. This is very important because many of our programs and activities involve sound and video and require the students to follow audio directions. We wouldn't want any of the children to miss out on these video learning experiences.

The lightweight headphones with a 3.5 mm plug, 1/8-inch stereo mini plug or USB connection are your choices.



If you opt for ear buds, please make sure they are "Kid size" because the adult sets don't always fit in their little ears and are very uncomfortable for the students.

Thank you very much for your kind assistance!

WHAT IS A FAMILY MEDIA USE PLAN?

A Family Media Use Plan helps parents balance their children's online and off-line lives. Because every family is different, the American Academy of Pediatrics has a new tool to help you create a personalized plan that works within your family's values and busy lifestyles.



Younger Than 1½ to 2 Years
Avoid media use (except video chatting).

Preschoolers
No more than 1 hour per day of high-quality programming

Grade-schoolers & Teens
Don't let media displace other important activities.
☺ 1 hour of exercise daily ☺ Family meals
☺ A full night's sleep ☺ "Unplugged" downtime

All Ages
Co-view media with your kids (enjoy it with them) to help them learn from what they are doing, seeing, and saying online.
Be their media mentor!

Create your family's plan at HealthyChildren.org/MediaUsePlan.

By creating a Family Media Use Plan, parents can help children and teens balance their media use with other healthy activities.



Learn more and create a personalized Family Media Use Plan at HealthyChildren.org/MediaUsePlan.
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COMMUNITY NEWS

"Good News Club" will begin on October 3, 2019. This is a release time Christian Education program for grade schoolers serving the children of Nehalem Elementary for twenty years. Classes are held at the North County Recreation District where students are escorted to and from the grade school.

Sessions are held each Thursday from 1:25-2:25. Children in grades one through five are welcomed. Classes include bible lessons, music and treats. Required permission forms are available in the school office or at the upcoming open house on September 19, 2019. Stop by and visit with staff.

Additional information is available from Associate Pastor Ryan Holloway at 503-368-5202 or Denny Jones 503-440-1987.

NEHALEM POOL

Swimming starts on Monday, **9/23/19 for Mrs. Verhulst and Mrs. Honts** and Tuesday, **9/24/19 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 27, 2019

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

SWIM TEAM IS BACK!! Starting date.....September 30th, Monday.

Open to 1st thru 5th grade students.

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

*****practice 2x a week (Monday & Thursday)*****

******Sept. 30th & Oct. 3rd are trial days to come and check it out(no fee)******

Price is \$25 per swimmer per month, \$15 for siblings.

Questions: call NCRD/Nehalem Pool#1-855-444-6273 ext#3 or

Rolly & Penny Boggs(coaches)#(503)339-6819

LOOK FOR SWIM TEAM FLYER COMING SOON.

NCRD/Nehalem Pool CLOSED for maintenance September 2nd thru September 22nd.....OPEN...September 23, 2019.

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

NCRD Sports: Register now for Fall Soccer, registration ends September 13, 2019. Soccer starts the week of September 23, 2019. NCRD has partnered with Oregon Coast Futbol Club and we now have a high school Soccer Club Team.

NCRD Playcare: Thank you to all of the kids who had fun Traveling the World with us this summer! We enjoyed all of our time on Field Trips, at the Pool, and playing outside with you. After school care runs from 2:30PM-5:00PM and the cost is \$5/day. Keep in mind: If your child is signed up for any after school activities, either at NCRD or the School, we will walk your child to their activity.



Nehalem
Elementary
Parent
Council

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2019



COME JOIN US!

TUES., SEPT 10TH

6:30pm - 7:30pm

NES Cafeteria



**ICE
Cream
Social**

**FRIDAY Sept 6th
5pm - 6pm**

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

**OUR FALL FUNDRAISING
IS COMING SOON...**

S'KOOL SMARTZ, INC.



OCT 2nd

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 2020-2021! Each student will be sent home with a S'kool Smartz catalog and packet, we hope to have a great turn out this year and beat last year's number.



**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 \$3,715.



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 **#IL364**.

Sign up online at:

www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards

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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!



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Online Verification For 2019-2020 School Year

Available August 12, 2019

Access ParentVUE for Real-time Information

ParentVUE not only allows parents/guardians to complete online verification, but also provides valuable information throughout the school year. Parents/Guardians can access real-time information such as attendance and calendars. Parents of middle and high school students can also access schedules, grade book information, course history, report cards and more.

Step 1 ✓ **Have an activated ParentVUE account**

If you have not created your ParentVUE account yet, contact your child's school to obtain your activation key code.

<https://parent-neahkahnie.cascadetech.org/neahkahnie/>

Step 2 ✓ **Begin the online verification process**

On the NKNSD Parent page, you can access valuable information to complete this required, annual process under the enrollment tab.

<https://nknsd.org/parents>

Step 3 ✓ **Verify your child's information**

A student's information need only be verified by one custodial parent/guardian, but is not limited to only one. A parent/guardian with custody rights can verify and change student enrollment information from the parent's/guardian's



Neah-Kah-Nie
School District

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.