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Dear Pirate Students, Staff, Families, and Community Members;

Every student belongs at Neah-Kah-Nie High School.

Congratulations to the NKN Band- who competed at state today. Track and Field is at District this weekend, Softball and Baseball will be participating in league play offs next week! Stay tuned for results!

We have only 5 weeks left of this school year. Last week we sent out progress reports to update students and families about current grades. Letters went out reminding seniors about final graduation requirements, and we provided a teaser of summer academic opportunities.

This week I will be sending individual letters to families of students that need to attend summer school in order to be on track for graduation. Summer classes and other opportunities will be open to anyone interested in attending.

The Neah-Kah-Nie School district prioritizes equity in participation and has removed as many barriers as we can to make it possible for all students to benefit from our extra opportunities this summer. We will be providing food, transportation and funding the cost of participation.

Thanks to the generous bequest of former district employee Ann Parks, one summer camp for volleyball or girls basketball is available to athletes for free. We also have free camp opportunities available for boys basketball, wrestling, track and field, football, and soccer. NKN HS students interested in participating need to contact your coach or the office for paperwork.

From time to time, the school receives [School Health Advisories](#). We feel it is very important to pass these along to our students and families so that you have the information and resources you need to make important health decisions.

This week there are two important advisories that have come in:

1. Regarding Covid, we have received guidance to help us maintain [continuity of in person instruction](#). This advisory recommends layered mitigation safety protocols in times of increased spread. Students that are experiencing covid like symptoms should stay home and test. We recommend anyone with symptoms mask up to protect others in public settings. We have and will continue Covid-19 testing programs in school. We have at home tests available for all students and staff members that need them. Anyone that tests positive for Covid will need to quarantine at home for 5 days. With significant reduction of symptoms after the 5 day quarantine period, people may return to work or school. Please wear a mask for 5 days upon returning to protect others from infection.
2. [Guidance](#) for parents and schools regarding the risk of fentanyl overdose deaths in school aged youth. According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) 40% of all counterfeit pills in circulation contain fatal amounts of fentanyl.

On a much lighter note, next week at Neah-Kah-Nie High School we will kick off our Pirate Palooza Spirit week culminating in Prom on Saturday night.

Pirate Palooza will feature dress up opportunities each day and assemblies during advisory. Pirates - plan your school appropriate costumes for the week:

Monday- anything but a back pack!

Tuesday- Mathlete VS Athlete

Wednesday- Opposite Day

Thursday- Dress your Type

Friday- Dress your age group (Sr. Citizen, Adult, Teenager, Baby)

Go Pirates!

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful.

Sincerely,

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