



October 13, 2016

Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

School District #56



PROGRESS

We're already halfway through the first trimester of the school year. Please take some time to review the content of this newsletter. Information on upcoming events, items of interest to both parents and students, ideas for increasing academic success, and how to reach staff for further support are included.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES COMING SOON!

Thursday, October 20th
(times are prescheduled)

Communication about conference scheduling will be sent home with students. If you have not already requested your conference time, please contact your student's Advisor as soon as possible.

Parents/guardians are scheduled to attend the conference with their students. The purpose of the October conference is to set goals for the school year. Your child's progress report will be provided during the conference.

Se habla español aquí. Si usted necesita un intérprete para las reuniones con el maestro de su hijo o simplemente tiene preguntas o preocupaciones, por favor llame a Karen en la oficina, 503.355.2990.

Reminder for Late Start Wednesdays....students should not arrive at the school prior to 9:30am

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Important Dates to Remember:

- **October 10th**—School Board Meeting - Nehalem Elementary School 6:30 pm
- **October 11th**- Parent Club Meeting 6pm @ MS Library (11 de octubre- reunión del club de padres a las 6pm en la biblioteca)
- **October 10th - October 13th**—6th Grade Outdoor School (Escuela al aire libre)
- **October 14th** - In-Service Day - No School (14 de octubre - No hay clases)
- **October 17th** - Picture Retake Day (17 de octubre - Día de retomar fotos)
- **October 20th** - Student Led Conferences (20 de octubre - Conferencias dirigidas por los estudiantes)
- **October 21st** - Staff Development - No School (21 de octubre - Desarrollo del Personal - No hay clases)
- **October 24th**—28th—Red Ribbon Week
- **November 11th** - Veterans' Day - No School (11 de noviembre - Día de los Veteranos - No hay clases)
- **November 23rd - 25th** (el 23 -25 de noviembre - No hay clases)Thanksgiving holiday/ Día de Acción de Gracias

Student Profiles:

We have enclosed a copy of your student's profile. Please read it to ensure we have accurate information. Please notify the office immediately of any corrections that need to be made.

Invoices:

If an invoice is enclosed for money due for your child's MealTime, library fines or mandatory fees still due, please pay them promptly.

Letter from the Principal

Dear NKN Middle School Community Members,

The first six weeks are in the books and the 2016-17 school year is off to a great start. We have a productive mix of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders this year who are working hard at meeting social and academic expectations. This year at registration we had over 75 6th grade students enrolled. I am pretty sure that was a record. We also have decent sized population of 'new-to-the-area' students who are learning what it means to be a Raider. Overall, we are happy with the direction we are headed.

It seems that every year we prove we are an academic institution and this year is no different. We were recently recognized in the Oregonian as being the 5th highest scoring middle school in the state in 8th grade math based on 2015 results. When prospective parents ask me about the academic culture here I always state, "Your child will learn math, reading, science and social studies." I couldn't be more proud of the work our teachers put in to prepare your children for life after middle school, and even more proud of the commitment our students make to believing what we are providing them will be useful in their high school futures and beyond.

We maintain a positive attitude here and are proud to share that students are engaged with their teachers and peers and making lifelong connections to learning and friends. Our football team is having success on the gridiron, our volleyball team is once again competing with the best of them, and our cross country team hasn't ever had this many participants. Add our great band program, robotics club in the library, and honor society activities and we can proudly say there is a place for everyone.

And there is a place for parents as well. I encourage you to contact raiderparents@gmail.com or hildyhyde@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities coming up. I also encourage you to sign up as a classroom volunteer if your schedule allows. Most, if not all middle school students have no desire to have their mom or dad here at school, but we can find you a place to help that limits your exposure to those OMG MOM! moments every middle schooler dreads.

Now more than ever we are in this thing together. Be well, and I wish health to you and yours.

Until next time,

Leo Lawyer

Principal



Contact Information

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

Mr. Albrechtsen - stevea@nknsd.org

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Mrs. Degandi- pattyd@nknsd.org

Mrs. Grelck - cynthiag@nknsd.org

Mr. Herder - robh@nknsd.org

Mr. Kelley- gregk@nknsd.org

Mr. Lawyer - leol@nknsd.org

Mrs. Roddy - carlottar@nknsd.org

Mr. Shipman - jakes@nknsd.org

Mr. Zaugg - russellz@nknsd.org

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.



Reminders

We have just a few items we would like to remind students and parents about. They are...

*As winter approaches, we may face school closures due to inclement weather. In addition to FlashAlert and the district web page, you may call the middle school office at 503-355-2990 for closure updates. When possible the district will initiate calls to all families via the automated call system.

*When providing permission for bus passes, please remember to include city, bus number, and bus stop location.

*Please be sure to call the office (503-355-2990 or 866-966-2990) prior to 8:45 a.m if your student is going to be absent. We have a 24-hour phone message line and an automated call system.

*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.

*Unless specifically stated, the standard dress code applies to all school events and activities.

*Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:15 am and 9:30 am on late start Wednesdays. Students not involved in extra curricular activities are not allowed to remain on campus after the end of the school day.

*The handbook provides clear guidelines for electronics. Students may not use cell phones while at school.

Daily announcements are available on our web site! Go to ...
www.nknsd.org

Check it out!

If you prefer to receive daily announcements via e-mail, please contact Karen Snider at the middle school office.

Sports

Football, Volleyball, and Cross Country seasons are wrapping up. Schedules of remaining games are listed below. Come check out some of the remaining events and support your RAIDERS!

2016 Football Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>
10/11 Tu	Knappa/Knappa
10/18 Tu	Vernonia/Vernonia
10/25 Tu	Ilwaco/NKN
10/27 Th	Jewell/Jewell



2016 Volleyball Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>
10/10 Mon	Knappa/Knappa
10/12 We	Vernonia/NKN
10/17 Mon	Jewell/Jewell
10/19 We	Warrenton/Warrenton

2016 Cross Country Schedule



<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>
10/8 Sat	Rainier Invitational/Rainier HS
10/11 Tu	Bigfoot Classic/Twin Rocks Friends Camp
10/19 We	NW MS District Meet/Hydrangea Ranch
10/23 Sun	PDXC State Middle School Championship/Monmouth



Flu Shots

Flu shots are now available through the Health Department. The schedule of countywide flu clinics can be found on the county website at tillamookchc.org (go to "Resource" tab, drop down to "Flu Clinics") or call 503-842-3900 or 1-800-528-2938 for an appointment.

Congratulations to the September Students of the Month!

6th grade: Izabella Hamman and Eduardo Loza

7th grade: Tyler Motsinger and Tonanzy Mendoza

8th grade: Kyla Clark and Gabriel Pozos



Parent Group

NKN Middle School Parent Group meets the second Tuesday of every month, **at 5:30p** in the library. Come join us as we plan this year's events and fundraisers. We will be starting our first fundraiser of the school year soon. We will be selling chocolate in time for the holidays. Look for information coming home with your student soon. For further information, please contact Amy Hyde at hildyhyde@gmail.com

News from the Library

The Neah-Kah-Nie Institute (Thursday after school Technology Club) is looking for parent volunteers! Our program is growing by leaps and bounds, last week we had 29 students participate. With 38 students in total signed up, we need your help! If you are interested, please contact Kathryn Harmon at kathrynh@nknsd.org.



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.