



# Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

March 2026



## Last Newsletter Using Smore!

Next newsletter will come via ParentSquare. See more info below.



ParentSquare

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## From the Principal

### Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into March, there are many exciting things happening at our middle school!

Our **Raiders Store** is open and ready to help your family show your Raider pride. Families can purchase Raider swag in a variety of colors to represent our school spirit. It's always great to see our students and families proudly supporting our school community!

We are currently benchmark assessing students in math using **MAP Growth**, and will soon begin Reading assessments. These assessments are important because they provide valuable information about your child's academic growth over time. The data helps us identify strengths,

determine areas where additional support may be needed, and ensure we are meeting each student's individual learning needs. Thank you for encouraging your child to do their best and come to school well-rested during this assessment window.

We're also looking forward to the 7th/8th Grade Dance on March 13! This is always a fun and memorable evening for our students. We have volunteer opportunities available and would love your support. Please call the office for more details on how you can help make this event a success.

As we approach the end of the second trimester, please remind your child to submit all community service hours to their advisory teacher. At the middle school, it is our goal to promote a spirit of service and encourage students to give back to their community by donating their time. We would love to see every student complete seven hours of community service each trimester.

On May 15, we will practice what we preach during our annual Community Service Day. On this special day, every staff member and every student goes out into the community to give back. Past projects have included painting bathrooms at local parks, pulling weeds, laying bark or gravel for community partners, and washing fire trucks for our local fire department. It is a powerful day that reflects our shared commitment to service and community.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are building not only strong learners, but strong citizens.

Warm regards,

Lori Dilbeck  
Principal, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

## Raiders Store

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### Important Dates To Remember

- Mar 3: MS Band/Choir Concert
  - Starts at 6:30 p.m. @ High School Upper Gym
- Mar 5: End of Trimester 2
- Mar 6: Grade Day - **No School**
- Mar 10: 8th Grade Field Trip to George Fox University
- Mar 11: 7th Grade Field Trip to George Fox University
- Mar 13: 7/8 Grade Dance
  - **\*Students must have 90% attendance or better for the duration of the school year or the 30 school days leading up to the dance.**
- Mar 23-27: Spring Break

*Important Dates to Come....*

- *Apr 3: 8th Grade Field Trip to Sky Zone*

- Apr 6-10: Staff Appreciation Week
- Apr 10: Field Trip to Hopscotch (8th graders in 7th period Art or Healthy Lifestyles)
- Apr 23: 8th Grade Parent Night
- Apr 27-30: SBAC Testing - Science
- May 5-8: SBAC Testing- Math
- May 11-14: SBAC Testing - ELA
- May 15: Day of Service

## MS District Calendar

# ParentSquare



### Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

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**Subject:** Neah-Kah-Nie School District is introducing a new way to stay connected

Dear middle school families,

We're excited to share that we've adopted a new communication platform called **ParentSquare** to help us keep you better informed and more connected with your school community.

With ParentSquare, you'll receive all school and classroom messages in one place and translated into your preferred language—whether by email, text, app, or web. You'll also be able to:

- Stay up to date on news and events
- Send and receive messages with teachers and staff
- Fill out forms and permission slips
- Sign up for conferences and volunteer opportunities
- View calendar items and photos from your school

All school, grade-level, and classroom communications will now come through ParentSquare.

To get the most out of ParentSquare, we encourage you to download the free mobile app, available for iOS and Android. You can also access ParentSquare from your web browser at [www.parentsquare.com](http://www.parentsquare.com).

We'll be sharing more information soon, including how to set up your account and customize your notification preferences.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your student's success.

Sincerely,

Lori Dilbeck, Principal  
Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

Safe

Responsible

Respectful

# Attendance Matters!

## Going To Miss School?

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

Good attendance is closely linked to doing well in school. When students are in school every day, they have more opportunities to learn and grow. On the flip side, if students are absent often, it's harder for them to stay on track. **By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs a student may drop out of high school.**



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@nknsd.org](mailto:msattendance@nknsd.org). Please include the following:

- Students First and Last name
- Reason for the absence
- 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.



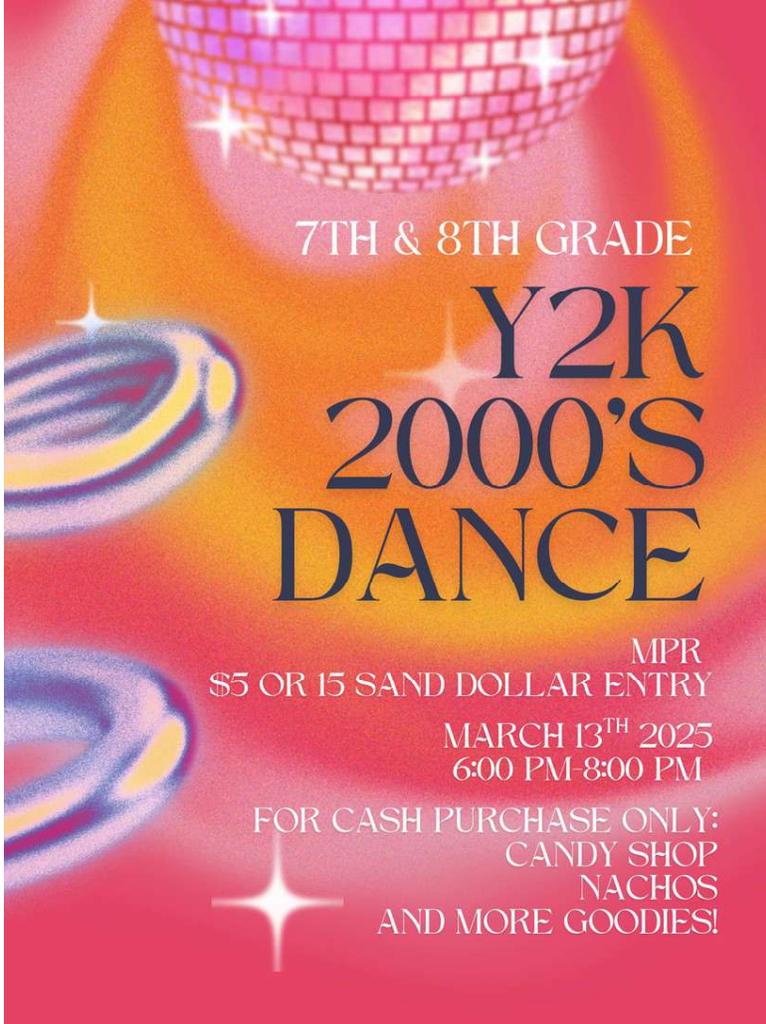
### Schedule Changes/Bus Notes

**📢 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. 📢



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## Winter 7/8 Dance



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### CD Donations Wanted!

Our WEB leaders could use your help! They are looking for donations of any no-longer-used CDs to use as decorations for the dance.

If you have any CDs you would like to donate, please contact our front office at 503-355-2990.



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## Spring Athletics

### Track and Field

Track and Field season will begin the week after Spring Break!  
Signups are now available in the front office.

In order for students to participate, they must have:

- A sports physical on file with the school (good for two years from the date of the exam)



- The [Athletics Permission Form](#) completed (good for all athletics for one school year)

# Coming Soon...

## Dinner Fundraiser at Bunker Grille: March 11

**Support our 8th Graders!** Join us for a delicious evening of community and support as we raise funds for the 8th Grade Promotion Trip!

**When: Wednesday, March 11th**

**Time: 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Where: Bunker Grille & Events Center**

**7300 Alderbrook Rd.**

**Tillamook, OR 97141**



### On the Menu:

Bunker Grille is generously donating a Smoked Pork Shoulder Dinner served with creamy mac and cheese, fresh coleslaw, and a warm dinner roll. A chicken option and a Vegetarian Pasta Primavera option will also be available!

### Tickets:

- Adults: \$18

- Kids: \$10

Each ticket includes one non-alcoholic beverage. Take-out is available if you can't stay!

All proceeds from the dinner tickets and donation jars go directly toward the 8th-grade trip. Come enjoy a meal served by our very own students and families and help us give this class an unbelievable send-off.

Please bring cash if possible to help keep the line moving and the donations flowing! We will also have a Venmo option.

## North Oregon Coast Symphony Concert @ NES: March 14

The North Oregon Coast Symphony will present "Adventures in Sound: A Family Friendly Concert" on March 14th at 3pm at Nehalem Elementary School. This concert will feature the selection of Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev, a classic favorite among youth.

The Mudd Nick Foundation has graciously funded up to 30 adult tickets for for adult family members accompanying youth who live

**NORTH OREGON COAST SYMPHONY**  
CORY PEDERSON • MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR

**Adventures in Sound**  
A Family-Friendly Concert

**PETER AND THE WOLF**  
Prokofiev  
Narrated by Liz Cole

**HALL OF THE MOUNTAIN KING**  
Grieg

**JUPITER FROM THE PLANETS**  
Holst

**RUSSIAN SAILORS' DANCE**  
Glière/Isaac

**Saturday • March 14 • 3:00 pm**  
Nehalem Elementary School Gym  
36300 8th St • Nehalem

**\$10 Admission • 18 and under are free**  
12 and under must be accompanied by an adult

Tickets available at the door  
Cash or personal check only

For more information see our website  
[www.noccsymphony.org](http://www.noccsymphony.org)

The Mudd Nick Foundation ([muddnickfoundation.com](http://muddnickfoundation.com)) has funded up to 30 tickets for adult family members accompanying youth who live in the Nehalem-Kah-Nee School district boundaries. Scan the QR code below to sign up for a free ticket!



in the Neah-Kah-Nie School District boundaries. Youth 18 and under are free. To request the free adult tickets, please scan the QR code on the poster or use the link <https://forms.gle/bMZAHVm8eTHpFbWaA> to complete the google form. On the day of the concert the ticket takers will have a list of everyone who signed up.

Please contact Carlotta Roddy at [carlottar@nknsd.org](mailto:carlottar@nknsd.org) if you have any additional questions.

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## Statewide Assessments: Starting April



This spring, all of our students will participate in statewide assessments for English, Language Arts and Mathematics. 8th grade students will also participate in the Science assessment.

These assessments help schools and districts evaluate their systems of teaching and learning, as well as identify groups of students whose academic needs may not be adequately met.

In addition to regularly scheduled testing, the Oregon Department of Education is requiring the completion of the Student Educational Equity Development Survey for students in testing grades. This survey is designed to help the Oregon Department of Education gather information about the educational experiences of students in Oregon. While we encourage all students to participate, Oregon law (ORS 329.479) permits parents/guardians to annually opt-out of Oregon's statewide summative tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and/or Mathematics by submitting a form to the school the student attends. You can find these forms and additional information about testing and the SEED survey on the [School District website](#).

Please contact our test coordinator, Angie Douma at [angjed@nknsd.org](mailto:angjed@nknsd.org) if you have further questions.

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## 8th Grade Parent Night: April 23

Save the date! Our 8th grade parent night will cover the high school structure, the course selection process, graduation requirements, and more! Happening April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the MS/HS cafeteria.



# On the Menu

First servings of breakfast and lunch are free for all students in the district. For students who are wanting seconds, please ensure there is money on their Mealttime account.

Additionally, a reminder that breakfast happens before school, from 8:30 - 8:45 a.m.

## Mealttime Online

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

MARCH 2026 NEAH-KAH-NIE MIDDLE SCHOOL					Sandwiches or Hand-Crafted Salads are available Daily for Lunch!
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Apple Cinn. Texas Toast <sup>2</sup> Hot Dogs	Breakfast Sandwich <sup>3</sup> Nachos	Breakfast Pizza <sup>4</sup> Chicken Cordon Bleu Burger	Pancakes <sup>5</sup> Chicken Alfredo	GRADE DAY NO SCHOOL <sup>6</sup>	
Breakfast Bars <sup>9</sup> Pizza Sticks	Pumpkin Bread <sup>10</sup> Chicken Quesadillas	Pancake on a Stick <sup>11</sup> Mac & Cheese	Bagel & Cream Chees <sup>12</sup> Chicken Burgers	Yogurt Parfait <sup>13</sup> Corn Dogs	
Waffles <sup>16</sup> Cheesy Breadsticks & Marinara	Sausage & Biscuits <sup>17</sup> Lucky Chicken Nuggets <sup>17</sup>	Blueberry Muffins <sup>18</sup> Lasagna	Oatmeal Rounds <sup>19</sup> Rib-B-Que's	Cinnamon Rolls <sup>20</sup> Breakfast For Lunch	
HAVE A <sup>23</sup>	SAFE AND <sup>24</sup>	RELAXING <sup>25</sup>	SPRING <sup>26</sup>	BREAK!!!! <sup>27</sup>	
French Toast <sup>30</sup> Chicken Strips	Banana Bread <sup>31</sup> Enchiladas				

Join us in celebrating National School Breakfast Week March 2-5!!!

A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are available daily on our offering bar. All of our breads and pastas are whole grain or whole wheat. GF options may be available. Fat-Free and 1% milks are offered daily.

"This institute is an equal opportunity provider"

# From the Nurse

Remember to do random head checks on your student to prevent the spreading of lice!

Remind your student to not share hair brushes, combs, hats, or hair ties. See flyer for details on how to check for lice.



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## 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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## 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 Alerts



2025-26 NKN Inclement Weather Plan.pdf

Download  
154.3 KB

## 2026-27 School Calendar

NEAH-KAH-NIE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Annual Calendar  
2026 - 2027

Adopted: February 9, 2026

July						
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July	3	Independence Day Holiday (observed)
August	24-27	Prof. Development/Teacher Workdays No School - Non Contract Day
	28	No School - Non Contract Day
	31	No School - Non Contract Day
September	1	First Day of School K-12
	7	Labor Day Holiday (No School)
	8	First Day of School PK
	28	Professional Development (No School)

January						
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September	1	First Day of School K-12
	7	Labor Day Holiday (No School)
	8	First Day of School PK
	28	Professional Development (No School)
October	26	Professional Development (No School)
November	5-6	PK-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
	11	Veterans Day Holiday (No School)
	25	No School - Non Contract Day
	26	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
	27	No School - Non Contract Day

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December	21-31	Winter Break (No School) Christmas Holiday (No School)
January	1	New Year's Holiday (No School)
	4	Professional Development (No School)
	5	School Resumes
	18	Martin Luther King Day Holiday (No School)
	22	Grade Day PK-12 (Semester 1 = 82 days)(No School)

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February	1	Professional Development (No School)
	15	President's Day Holiday (No School)
March	19	Reserve for Making Up Inclement Weather Days
	22-26	Spring Break (No School)

April						
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April	8-9	PK-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
	30	Reserve for Making Up Inclement Weather Days
May	3	Professional Development (No School)
	28	Reserve for Making Up Inclement Weather Days
	31	Memorial Day Holiday (No School)

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June	5	High School Graduation
	11	District-wide Early Release / 1 and Play for Students
	14	Grade Day PK-12 (Semester 2= 86 days)(No School)
	15-16	Reserve for Making Up Inclement Weather
	18	Juneteenth Holiday (observed)

June						
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Semesters - All Grades	Holidays	8
Semester 82 Days	Instructional Days	168
Semester 86 Days	Conferences	4
	Prof Dev/Teacher Work Days	9
	Grade Days	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>

**Key For Symbols**

- △ Holiday
- ▽ Early Release
- Non-Contract Day
- Grade Day, Prof. Dev./Teacher Work Days
- Reserved days for making up inclement weather days. They will not be used unless necessary.



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