



NEAH-KAH-NIE HIGH NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Parents and Patrons of Neah-Kah-Nie High School:

After an unexpected three days out of school, we are thankful to have students and staff back in the building and that there have been no reports of injury or illness related to the weather and road closures!! If you or someone you know is experiencing a hardship following the flooding, please let us know — we can help with clothes, sundries, school supplies, Free & Reduced Lunch Program and referral to other agencies if we don't have what is needed.

As we prepared for our Thanksgiving break, here is what some staff members shared:

- * Mitch Staehle—Math Teacher: "I am thankful for having a job in an awesome district with amazing students!"
- * Steve Albrechtsen—Art Teacher: "I am thankful for our school's class sizes. We are able to give students a better education because we can personalize instruction more and have more instruction time with each student."
- * Rachell Spink—Secretary: "I am thankful for my family and finding a home here at Neah-Kah-Nie High School which already is starting to feel like family, too."
- * Kathryn Harmon—Librarian: "I am thankful that I have such a wonderful group of people to work with here at NKN High School. The students are a fantastic group of people and the staff is hardworking and dedicated. I am thankful for my Library TA Emily Huffield and TA in training, Dylan Mitchell, as well as my community volunteers Jamie Taylor and Dale Elizabeth Schlotzhauer."
- * Jenna Archibald—Language Arts: "I am thankful for my friends and family and the happy staff I get to work with every day!"

I am thankful to have the opportunity to work with your students every day!

Heidi Buckmaster
Principal



MISSION STATEMENT: Neah-Kah-Nie commits to providing a learning community focused on improvement, persistence and integrity.

END OF TRIMESTER 1:

Students participated in Final Exams and completed projects last week culminating in our trimester awards assembly. Throughout the trimester staff members worked to support students learning rigorous, meaningful, standards based content designed to prepare students for both college and career. This year we have school wide goals of improving student achievement in two important areas, writing and mathematics. All students participate in formative testing in both of these subject areas to prepare them for success with graduation requirements that include the State Smarter Balanced Assessments. For important information and frequently asked questions about the Smarter Balanced Assessments please see our district's website <http://www.nknsd.org/sample-page/education-services/smarter-balanced/>

Extra Help Available!

To support students in all classes, we offer two study halls per week in addition to study skills classes and advisory classes. As you review student report cards, we hope you will have conversations with your students about taking advantage of opportunities to improve their success or involvement here at school and develop their skills in alignment with their post high school goals.

Tutoring is offered every Tuesday after school by Mr. Staehle and every Wednesday morning from 9-10 in The Galley. Mrs. Thayer teaches a class called On Course designed to support students in individual areas of need or with general organization and study skills. To augment class offerings here at school there are several online class options available to our students. Contact Esther Troyer in the counseling office for more information on special interest classes available.

PIRATES RECYCLE & WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Neah-Kah-Nie High School is collecting plastic bags in partnership with Tillamook County Waste Management. Besides minimizing the impact of plastic film in our landfill facilities and the environment, Pirates want to help our community by exchanging garbage plastic film for functional, beneficial recycled plastic lumber which will be used to support a community garden bed.

After all your grocery shopping, and possibly your Black Friday activities, bring your plastic bags to NKN and help us reach our goal of 15,000 bags. We need your help to reach our goal of 15,000 bags. As we are having a contest between Advisory classes to see who can collect the most bags, you can donate your bags to a specific Advisory group or you can donate to the general cause!!

This project is more than helping the environment and earning a garden bed for

the community. Our pride and reputation is at stake as we are also competing against the middle school! Currently Ms. Smith and Mr. Gienger's Advisories are neck and neck with 110 and 109 bags respectively; Mr. Douma's 83 bags is being closely challenged by Ms. Archibald's 82 bags. Ms. Paulissen's class has collected 49 and Ms. Jackson's 16. Additional bags have been donated by community members and the staff.

Sooooooooooooo, please help us and bring your bags to the high school office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or you can send your bags to school with your son or daughter! Dig deep, cull your recycling—get your family and friends involved — **MORE PLASTIC IS NEEDED!!!!**

In addition to the plastic bag challenge, the high school will be hosting an **E-Waste Collection on January 9th** between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. by the baseball field. Bring your old TV's, VCR's, computers, keyboards, etc. This event is a fundraiser for the NKN track team.....please help us and help the environment by recycling your old electronics!



F.B.L.A. UPDATE.....

F.B.L.A. students had a successful fundraiser selling Christmas wreaths. The group was able to sell 205 wreaths, earning an \$1,800 net provide in a week-long sales effort. Additionally, we are starting to gear up for our State Competition in Portland Oregon, taking place April 7th through 9th, 2016. Members are being encouraged to start preparing their competition materials now, versus waiting until next year. If you would like more information on how you can assist F.B.L.A., please e-mail Stevie Jackson at steviej@nknisd.org



Student Council & Leo's Club Host Events to Help the Community:

Student Council has organized and is hosting a CANNED FOOD DRIVE through December 18th. This is a class v. class competition — please donate shelf-stable food items such as peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, soup, pasta, canned fruit, tuna fish, canned meats, etc.

The Leo's Club is having a sock drive through December 17th. Students may drop off new socks in Mr. Lorincz or Mr. Staehle's room. Socks may also be dropped off at the high school office or Beauty at the Beach in Rockaway. All socks collected will be given to Rockaway Beach Lions and/or The Secret Angels for holiday baskets.

If you have questions pertaining to either of these events, please contact the high school office.



CESAR CHAVEZ LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

For over twenty five years, Latino students from throughout Oregon have come together for this annual event in honor of César E. Chávez. The conference began in 1990 with a small group of Portland Public School students. This year there will be over 65 different high schools represented and over fifteen hundred student participants, it the largest Latino Student Leadership Conference in the Pacific Northwest. The CECLC is a one-day conference which will be held Friday, March 4th, 2016, at Western Oregon University. There will be workshops, lectures and a job/college fair to:

- ♦ Develop leadership skills.
- ♦ Motivate students to complete and continue their education.
- ♦ Strengthen self-confidence and pride.
- ♦ Create opportunities for Latino students to build relationships and networks.
- ♦ Be respectful and inclusive of all people and races.

This is a great event that has a lasting impact on the students that attend.

The registration fee is \$35 which includes materials. In conjunction with the conference there are Art, Poetry and Video Contests and scholarship opportunities. For more information about the upcoming 26th Annual Cesar E. Chavez leadership Conference, please checkout the website at www.cecleadershipconference.org



FROM THE COUNSELING CENTER:



COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK: NOV 9-13

Seniors have just completed a week focused on applying for colleges and getting acquainted with the OSAC Application. And they're not done! Applications are still being completed (watch those deadlines!) and students are already gearing up for the "Cash for College" event coming up in January. There are some important tasks that students and parents should both be looking into.

College applications in by deadlines: <http://oregongoestocollege.org/caw/students> is a great website to link to colleges and their applications.

Students and parents need to apply for an FSA ID. This replaces the pin that we used to use for the FAFSA. There is a link at the top of page on the FAFSA website at <http://fafsa.ed.gov>. Please note: you are not yet applying for the FAFSA – just the FSA ID! One for the student...and one for the parent...

OSAC Application: This is one of the main scholarship applications we ask students to submit. There is a lot of information regarding financial aid on this site as well! Spend some time at <http://oregonstudentaid.gov>.

Students who are planning to attend an Oregon community college should also submit the Oregon Promise Application. This can also be found at <http://oregonstudentaid.gov>

Last but not least, be planning ahead for the FAFSA application. Students and parents will want to file by the end of January (even if you have to estimate!). Plan to attend the financial aid night here at the high school in December to get a head start!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, Dec 17th – Financial Aid Night in the High School Library for seniors and their parents, 7:00—8:00 p.m. A financial aid professional here to lead you through the financial aid process and answer any questions you may have about the FAFSA. Be ready for FAFSA race in January! **If you were unable to attend this event and have questions, please contact Esther Troyer, Counselor, at 503-355-3588.**

Competition stress DEADLINES
College
Admission career
resume Potential Application
Qualifications Help!

VISION STATEMENT

Full engagement in rigorous academics and healthy activities will produce graduates able to apply the literacy, problem solving, creativity and technology skills needed for success in college and the work force.

The Importance of Regular Attendance:

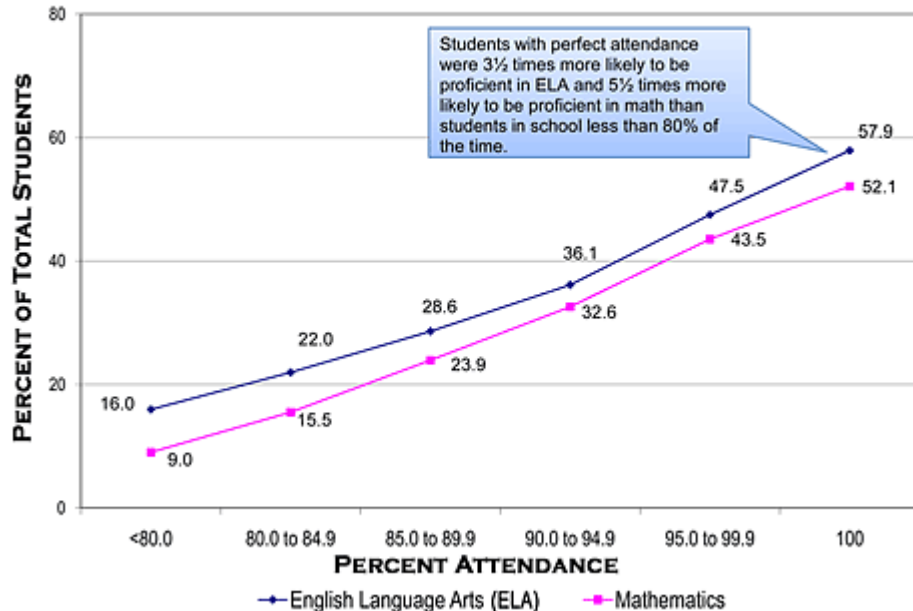
Regular attendance and punctuality is essential to the academic success of students. Neah-Kah-Nie's goal is a 90% attendance rate! With this achievement comes academic rewards as suggested in the article below.

"Evaluating the Relationship Between Student Attendance and Achievement in Urban Elementary and Middle Schools: An Instrumental Variables Approach"

Gottfried, Michael. *American Educational Research Journal*, Vol 47 (2), June 2010, 434-465.

Past research—and conventional wisdom—has suggested a link between school attendance and academic achievement. But does good attendance cause kids to do well in school, or are high-achievers just more likely to have high attendance? This study analyzed data from all elementary and middle schools in the Philadelphia School District, covering more than 200 schools and roughly 86,000 students. It found that students with better attendance have higher GPAs and standardized test scores, and this is true even from the early years in a child's education. What's more, it uncovered evidence suggesting that **high attendance actually causes kids to do well in school**, at both the elementary and middle school levels, rather than high achievement simply predicting good attendance. —Jason Marsh

HIGHER ATTENDANCE EQUALS HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT



Please note, by Oregon law, students are considered having irregular attendance (ORS 339.065) when the student meets any of the following: Eight (8) unexcused one half days absences in any four week period; Five (5) absences (excused OR unexcused) in three (3) months; Ten (10) absences (excused OR unexcused) in six (6) months.

When your child's absences exceed these amounts, the school district will notify you of your child's irregular attendance. The school may contact our truancy officer to assist families and students with chronic irregular attendance.

If you have any questions pertaining to attendance policies and requirements, please contact Rachell Spink, Attendance Secretary, at 503-355-2272.

2015-2016 Girls & Boys Pirate Basketball Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>START TIME</u>
12/15/2015	GASTON	JVG; JVB; VG; VB	HOME	4:30 P.M.
12/17/2015	TOLEDO	JVG; VG	TOLEDO	6:00 P.M.
12/19/2015	VERNONIA	JVG; JVB; VG; VB	VERNONIA	1:00 P.M.
12/21/2015	WALDPORT	JVG; JVB; VG; VB	HOME	1:00 P.M.
12/22/2015	RIVERDALE	JVB; VG; VB	HOME	4:30 P.M.
12/28/2015	DRIFTWOOD CLASSIC	VG; VB	HOME	10:00 A.M.
12/29/2015	DRIFTWOOD CLASSIC	VG; VB	HOME	10:00 A.M.
1/2/2016	CITY CHRISTIAN	JVG; JVB; VG; VB	HOME	1:00 P.M.
1/5/2016	KNAPPA	JVG; JVB; VG; VB	HOME	4:30 P.M.
1/8/2016	CITY CHRISTIAN	JVG; JVB; VG; VB	CITY CHRISTIAN	3:00 P.M.
1/12/2016	FAITH BIBLE	JVB; VG; VB	FAITH BIBLE @ FOREST HILLS	5:00 P.M.
1/14/2016	SANTIAM	JVG; JVB; VG; VB	MILL CITY	4:00 P.M.
1/16/2016	LIFE CHRISTIAN	JVB; VG; VB	LIFE CHRISTIAN	NOON
1/19/2016	NESTUCCA	JVG; JVB; VG; VB	HOME	4:30 P.M.
1/22/2016	GASTON	JVG; JVB; VG; VB	GASTON	3:00 P.M.
1/26/2016	DELPHIAN	JVG; JVB; VB	HOME	4:30 P.M.
1/28/2016	VERNONIA	JVG; JVB; VG; VB	HOME	4:30 PM
2/2/2016	KNAPPA	JVG; JVB; VG; VB	KNAPPA	3:00 PM
2/5/2016	FAITH BIBLE	JVB; VG; VB	HOME	4:30 P.M.
2/11/2016	NESTUCCA	JVG; JVB; VG; VB	NESTUCCA	3:00 P.M.
2/13/2016	LIFE CHRISTIAN	JVB; VG; VB	HOME	1:00 P.M.

Girls' Coaching Staff:

Corey Douma, Head Coach
Jenna Archibald, Asst. Coach
Corky Corwin, Asst. Coach



Boys' Coaching Staff:

Steve Sherren, Head Coach
Tim Gienger, Asst. Coach

Key: JVG = JV Girls; JVB = JV Boys; VG = Varsity Girls; VB = Varsity Boys

Heidi Buckmaster, Principal — Steve Sherren, Athletic Director

2015—2016 Pirate Wrestling Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>START TIME</u>
12/19/2015	WAHKIAKUM DOWN RIVER	CATHLAMET, WA	9:30 A.M.
12/29/2015	CLATSKANIE	CLATSKANIE	10:00 A.M.
1/2/2016	WILLAMINA	WILLAMINA	10:00 A.M.
1/8/2016	PAC RIM TOURNAMENT	SEASIDE	3:30 P.M.
1/9/2016	PAC RIM TOURNAMENT	SEASIDE	10:00 A.M.
1/12/2016	NESTUCCA LEAGUE DUEL	HOME	5:30 P.M.
1/15&16/2016	OREGON WRESTLING CLASSIC	DESCHUTES CTY FAIR-	TBA
1/19/2016	KNAPPA LEAGUE DUEL	KNAPPA	5:30 P.M.
1/23/2016	GERVAIS COUGAR CLASSIC	GERVAIS	10:00 A.M.
1/26/2016	WALDPORT LEAGUE MEET	WALDPORT	TBA
1/30/2016	ILWACO BEACH BRAWL	ILWACO, WA	10:00 A.M.
2/12&13/2016	DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	NESTUCCA	TBA
2/26&27/2016	STATE TOURNAMENT	MEMORIAL COLISEUM	TBA

2016 Pirate Speech Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOURNAMENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>
1/15&16/2016	JEAN WARD INVITATIONAL	LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE, PTLD
1/30/2016	McMINNVILLE H.S. INVITATIONAL	McMINNVILLE H.S., McMINNVILLE
2/13/2016	MHCC SAINTS INVITATIONAL	MT HOOD CC, GRESHAM
4/9/2016	DISTRICT SPEECH TOURNAMENT	FOREST GROVE HS, FOREST GROVE
4/21-23/2016	STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT	WESTERN OREGON UNIV., MONMOUTH



All schedules subject to change.