

HOME OF THE

NEAH-KAH-NIE HIGH

Pirate Newsletter

August 22, 2016—Volume 4, Issue 1

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL:

Welcome back to school Pirates, families and friends! We are projecting a student population of about 230 students this year, slightly larger than last year with a great new freshmen class coming in! As nearly every year, there are several changes which we hope will be perceived as improvements that will impact how each school day is organized. We will continue with the 75-minute late start every Wednesday. The daily schedule has changed to accommodate high school students having breakfast after first period. We noticed last year too few students were eating the most important meal of the day. We hope this change will encourage more students to eat a healthy breakfast. Advisory has changed in two ways. Students will be assigned to Advisories based on their grade. During the now 30-minute Advisory period, grade level curriculum that will lead to a career learning credit will be delivered. Students will still have designated “study hall” time during Advisory and we will still use Advisory to prepare for informative and comprehensive student led conferences. The new bell schedule has been included in the newsletter, in student handbooks provided to each student, and in the beginning of the year packets of information sent home with each student.

I am excited to welcome three new teachers and two returning staff members who have different roles: Mr. Billstine - English and Assistant Football; Ms. Scott - Social Studies and Speech; and, Ms. Meeks - Math. Mr. Douma is our new Athletic Director and Ms. Gienger is returning to teach Math! We are still in the process of hiring two new Instructional Assistants, one that will work with Mrs. Thayer in our Learning Center, and another that will work with Mrs. Troyer and Mrs. Harmon. I know all of these talented professionals look forward to meeting you and working to give our students the best learning and activity experiences possible!

On a personal note, I love being the principal of this small quality school and value the opportunities I have to connect with students, parents, and community members. If there is something that I can help you with, please feel free to contact me via email, phone or drop by the school office. For important, more lengthy, or confidential conversations, I am happy to schedule an appointment. My contact information follows:

Direct phone line 503-355-3551. E-mail heidib@nknsd.org

I am looking forward to another successful year of learning and growth!

Dr. Heidi Buckmaster

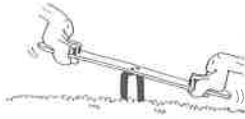
MISSION STATEMENT: Neah-Kah-Nie commits to providing a learning community focused on improvement, persistence and integrity.



Home & School CONNECTION[®]

Working Together for School Success

Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56
Dr. Heidi Buckmaster



SHORT NOTES

Excellent attendance

Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If he asks to stay home "just because," remind him of what he'll miss, such as his reading group or PE class. Explain that he can be absent only if he's sick or if there's a family emergency.

DID YOU KNOW?

Children who regularly eat meals with their families tend to do better in school and avoid risky behavior. Eating dinner together is great, but other meals count, too. If you work at night, maybe you could make time for a family breakfast. Or on a weekend, try a picnic lunch!

Celebrate progress

Suggest that your youngster create a fun reminder of all the things she has accomplished. Let her cover a container with construction paper and label it "I did it!" Then, she can write each success ("I learned to add fractions") on a slip of paper and put it in the container. If she's feeling discouraged, have her read the slips.

Worth quoting

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up!"
Mark Twain

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?

A: Of course. The Empire State Building can't jump!



Conversations about school

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in classrooms? That's one way to help—but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Here are four conversations that will help you stay involved.



"Let's see what you brought home."

Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well she's doing. You could comment on her social studies report or pottery project, for instance. ("You know a lot about our state's history!") Also, respond to notes from her teacher, and sign her weekly folder or daily planner if required.

"Show me what you have for homework."

It's your child's job to do her homework, but you play a role, too. Make sure she knows what she's supposed to do by having her explain the assignments to you. After she finishes her homework, glance over the work to see that it's complete.

"Describe a book you enjoyed today."

This gives you an idea of what your youngster prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what she'd like to read tonight. Encourage her reading and listening skills by reading aloud to her and letting her read to you.

"Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about."

Use her interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. If she likes geometry, you might do tangrams

together. If she's fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, take her to the library to research the subject or to the zoo to see live animals.♥

After-school questions

Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your youngster's day:

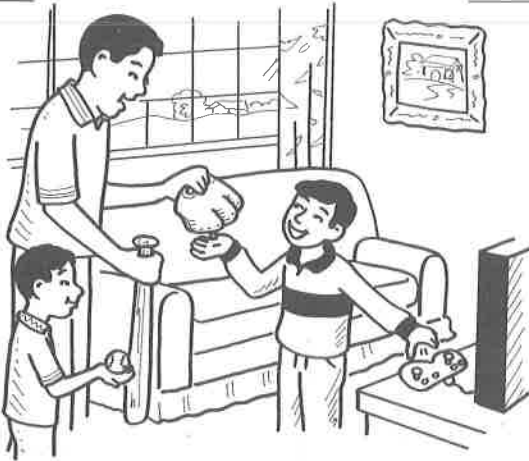
- "What's the coolest thing that happened? What wasn't so cool?"
- "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?"
- "What made you laugh?"
- "What was the most creative thing you did?"
- "How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?" ♥



What does respect look like?

Your child's daily dealings with adults and kids alike will be more pleasant if he speaks and acts respectfully. Try these tips for helping him learn respect.

Respectful replies. Think about something that you and your youngster disagree on (say, whether his video game time should be limited). Model having a respectful discussion about it. You might say that his brain and body are growing and that he needs to run and play to stay healthy. Then, suggest a respectful response, such



as, "I want to be healthy, but I love video games." Have him brainstorm other situations where people have different opinions but still speak to each other with respect.

Everyday acts. When you mow the lawn or clean up after your dog, you can teach your youngster about respect for neighbors. Explain that keeping your neighborhood clean and neat makes it nice for everyone. Ask him to think of other respectful things neighbors should do. If you share an apartment laundry room, he might say that you respect neighbors' time by removing your clothes when they're done so others get to use the washers and dryers.♥

A reading challenge

By reading more complex books, your child can learn new words, facts, and ideas. He'll also be exposed to more complicated plots and will grow as a reader. Share these suggestions:

- Knowing something about the topic or setting will make a tougher book easier to comprehend. If your youngster is reading a novel set in China, he could talk to someone who has been there or look up the country online (try a children's site like *kids.nationalgeographic.com*).



- Encourage your child to look at a simpler book on the same subject. A picture-book biography about Harriet Tubman may help your youngster better understand a textbook chapter on the civil rights movement, for instance.

- Suggest that your child read complicated material with pencil and paper in hand. He can jot down questions, words to look up, or facts he wants to learn more about.♥



Strong study habits

Q: My third grader has to spend more time studying this year. How can I make sure she studies effectively?

A: Set your daughter up for success by helping her find a distraction-free study spot. Also, have her come up with a study routine. For instance, she could reserve time each evening to review her textbook and notes in the days leading up to a test or quiz. Also, many students find it helpful to jot down a purpose each time they study. Your child might write: "I will learn the definitions of all the boldfaced words in chapter 7, section 1."

Finally, encourage her to experiment with study strategies to find what works best. She could close his eyes and imagine how a word is spelled or draw a grid with 9 squares to solve 3 x 3. Or she might find it easier to spell or recite math facts aloud in rhythm or to a familiar tune.♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Talking to kids about money

My children were always asking to buy things like dress-up shoes or new games. They didn't seem to understand that these items weren't in our budget.

I wanted them to learn about how we spend our money—and that it is limited. So I got a spiral notebook and labeled it "Family Spending Journal." I explained that for two weeks, everyone would keep a record of what they spent money on. I listed items like my

subway fare, the electric bill, and food at the grocery store. The children wrote down expenses such as school lunch, soccer cleats, and field trip fees.

After a few days, they were surprised by how many things we needed money for. Our kids had no idea, for example, that we paid for taxes on our income, several types of insurance, and membership in our homeowners' association. Sometimes they still ask to buy too many things at the store, but when I say no, at least they understand why.♥



OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

Resources for Educators,
a division of CCH Incorporated
128 N. Royal Avenue • Front Royal, VA 22630
540-636-4280 • rfeustomer@wolterskluwer.com
www.rfeonline.com
ISSN 1540-5621



Last year Neah-Kah-Nie School District implemented **LATE START WEDNESDAYS**. We will again have late start on Wednesdays this school year. Buses will arrive at approximately 9:35 a.m. and breakfast will be offered in the cafeteria from 9:35—9:55 a.m. As the school year gets underway, tutoring will be available for students Wednesday mornings in The Galley. As

OTHER NEW YEAR CHANGES AND REMINDERS.....

- ◆ **Closed Campus:** NKN is a closed campus for Freshmen for the entire school year. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors must earn their off campus privileges by being in good standing academically (checked every three weeks after progress reports) and maintaining acceptable behavior (no office referrals). The complete details can be found in the Student Handbook under the “C”s. At any time, parents may request we limit off campus privileges for their student even if they meet criteria. Our desire is to maintain a safe, responsible, and respectful learning environment both in school and in the community.
- ◆ **Parking Permits:** In order to park on school property, student drivers **MUST** register with the office, provide proof of driver’s license AND insurance. The signed parking permission form will remain on file with the school office and the student’s parking sticker **MUST** be displayed in the driver’s side, rear window of the vehicle. **IF YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER CURRENTLY HAVE A PARKING PERMIT ON FILE, PLEASE PROVIDE PROOF OF INSURANCE AND VERIFY WE HAVE THE CORRECT VEHICLE REGISTERED.** For families that share multiple vehicles, we are happy to issue multiple parking permits.
- ◆ **Truancy Information:** Consistent school attendance is essential and will be strictly enforced. Please see student handbook information under the Attendance section. All attendance calls are to be directed to Rachell Spink in the high school office. Rachell may be reached by phone at 503-355-2272 or by e-mail at rachells@nknsd.org
- ◆ **School Supplies:** We have had a number of inquiries about a school supplies list. Because of the number of varied classes and specific requirements for some classes, we do not publish a school supplies list. It is recommended your student arrive the first day of school with paper, pencils, pens, a spiral notebook or two—basic school supplies. If your student has a teacher with specific class requirements/needs, they will be given that information the first day of classes.
- ◆ **New Students:** If you know of a new family with school-aged children that has moved into the district and has not yet registered their students, please refer them to the appropriate school (i.e. Garibaldi or Nehalem elementary schools grades K-5, the middle school grades 6-8 or high school). If at all possible, we would like to have all high school aged students registered and scheduled into classes prior to the first day of school on September 6th. Please note, students attending Neah-Kah-Nie School District last year do not need to re-enroll. However, if you have moved since last spring and have a new address or phone number, please contact Delpha in the high school office at 503-355-2258 or delphac@nknsd.org with any needed changes or for any additional information pertaining to high school registration.
- ◆ **ParentVUE AND StudentVUE:** If you current do not have access to ParentVUE or StudentVUE, we would encourage you to contact the office for an activation key and login information. You can view grades, schedule, assignment information, contact and immunization information and much more. The URL addresses for those already with access are as follows: <https://parent-neahkahnie.cascadetech.org> and <https://student-neahkahnie.cascadetech.org>
- ◆ **Booster Club:** The supporters of NKN student activities are working hard to revitalize and support our programs under the leadership of Secretary Christine Calkins, Treasurer Amber Stein and President Kristine Hayes. If you are interested in participating or becoming a member of the Booster Club, please contact Kristine at saidesign@hotmail.com

OTHER NEW YEAR CHANGES AND REMINDERS.....CONTINUED

- ◆ **Payment of Fees:** Students can pay student body and locker fees and other fees such as pay-to-play in the main high school office. To insure students a safe place for personal items, textbooks, etc., all students will be assigned a locker.
- ◆ **MealTime Lunch Program:** Parents can complete the Free & Reduced Lunch Application or make deposits to student lunch accounts by accessing MealTime Online at the district's website: www.nknsd.org. If you do not have a computer available to you at home, we can assist you by providing computer access in the high school office. **Please remember, if your child is currently on the Free & Reduced Lunch Program, your application MUST BE renewed PRIOR to mid-October or your child's account will return to paid status. A lunch application will be included in students' first day packets.**
- ◆ All students will be given a first day packet which will contain a great deal of information and a number of forms needing your review, signature and return to the high school office. If your son or daughter does not bring home a first day packet, **PLEASE CONTACT THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE.**

IMPORTANT information from the Counseling Center.....

*****Attention*** Seniors planning to attend a 4-year college or university and needing to take the SAT or ACT:**

Testing & Registration Deadlines:

SAT—Testing October 1st @ 7:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: September 2nd.

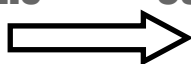
Register at: www.collegeboard.org

ACT — Testing October 22nd @ 7:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: September 16th

Register at: www.act.org

Fee waivers for students on Free & Reduced Lunch Program available from the counselor.



Student Schedules CHANGED

Class schedules are available on both ParentVUE and StudentVUE. **PLEASE NOTE** your schedule may have changed since last spring. Login to your ParentVUE or StudentVUE account and review your schedule. Parents, you can access your account via the district website, click on the parents' tab and then the Synergy login tab. Students, to login to your account you should use: <https://student-neahkahnie.cascadetech.org> If you have schedule questions or want to discuss possible changes, please e-mail Esther Troyer, Guidance Counselor, at your earliest convenience. Ms. Troyer's e-mail is: esthert@nknsd.org.

Hopefully, you will have an opportunity between now and the start of school to review your schedule. Printed copies will be available for all students on the first day of school.

ParentVUE and Student VUE

If you are not yet using ParentVUE or StudentVUE, we hope you will try it this fall! ParentVUE allows parents to review information pertain-

College Credit: Neah-Kah-Nie students can earn college credit through Willamette Promise or our continued partnership with TBCC. For more information on these programs, available classes and placement and fee requirements, see Esther Troyer in the Counseling Center.

Introducing ASPIRE! ASPIRE is a mentoring program that matches trained and supportive adult volunteer mentors with middle and high school students to develop a plan to help them meet their educational goals beyond high school. ASPIRE volunteers assist students in exploring college and career options, admissions processes and financial aid through completion of the FAFSA and scholarship opportunities.

STUDENTS who would like to have a mentor to guide them through this process complete an application and are then matched with an appropriate mentor. More information will be coming out in Advisory for students interested in this opportunity.

ADULTS who would like to help support and encourage our students can get a volunteer application

From the Athletic Director:

Fall sports programs have begun. We have dedicated coaches and hardworking kids getting right after it. Jenna Betts-Archibald is continuing her role as head volleyball coach with Garibaldi Grade School teacher, Ashley Patterson, assisting with the JV program. Our football program is now led by Neah-Kah-Nie alum, Chris Bennett. Chris brings a renewed excitement to the program as he has both a love of football and our community. NKN's new Language Arts Teacher, James Billstein, is another great addition to the program, as Chris's assistant coach. Brett Duer continues to coach our cross country team and Sharon Finlay continues with the cheer team. Speech will get underway with the start of school. If your son or daughter is interested in competing with the speech team, please have them see Coach Rhonda Scott, NKN's new Social Studies Teacher, when school starts. The speech team's fall organizational meeting and practice will be announced in the daily announcements. Parents have access to the daily announcements on the school district's website, www.nknsd.org, under recent posts on the opening page. If your student is not currently participating in at least one of these programs, please encourage him or her to do so. Higher participation rates create stronger athletic programs, a better school climate, and more successful students.

The district is again providing activity busses to transport middle and high school students after practices. Activity busses will begin September 6, 2016 and will depart the school at approximately 6:15 p.m. In the first day packet is an activity bus form for your completion.

If you, your family or business would be interested in becoming a Pirate Sponsor, please check out the sponsorship letter in your student's first day packet. If you have any further questions, please contact Athletic Director Corey Douma or Athletic Secretary Rachell Spink at the high school office. All sponsorship donations are used to directly support Neah-Kah-Nie Pirate Athletics in the form of program and facility improvements. If you currently are not a Pirate Sponsor, we hope you will consider becoming part of the "Pirate Nation"!! To those of you who have been a sponsor in the past.....**THANK YOU!!!!!!** We hope you will

School Improvement Goals:

We want all of our students to continue to increase their achievement in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. In order to meet our improvement goals we will continue to have a school wide focus on reading comprehension and writing well, which includes multiple opportunities to read and write in every subject area, and three benchmark assessments per year that will enable students to demonstrate essential skills in reading, writing and math which are required for graduation.

Extra support with reading, writing and mathematics is available during school hours. In addition to the advisory class, students may take the elective class called "On Course", on late start Wednesday mornings a staffed study hall is open in the Galley, and we have after school tutoring opportunities.

Every year we assess the effectiveness and efficiency of our operations. Feedback from our stakeholders is critical to this work. Please take time to complete our school improvement survey on line. If you do not have access to a computer, we have one set up for you to use in the school office at your convenience.

Parents please use: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/2639407>

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.

Celebrations:

- ◆ Last year our students showed significant improvement in the quality of their writing as assessed through local measures and by the 11th grade state test. We attribute this to the hard work and focus of the teaching staff and the writing grant we received which supported our extended efforts. In fact we exceeded last year’s results by more than 10% in both writing and math. We look forward to continuing this positive trend and hope that families will support the importance of continuing practice by reading students’ written work and supporting the revision process to insure every piece of writing is technically correct, organized and properly cited.
 - ◆ Neah-Kah-Nie High School is fully accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Committee.
-

Looking Forward:

- ◆ Our second annual “Celebrate NKN” event was even better than the first...we inducted two new Hall of Fame members, Mr. Steve VanDerhoef and Mr. Ray Downs. We are planning the third annual event this year! If you know of a graduate of NKN that has gone on to do great things please nominate them! Nomination forms are available online through the district’s website www.nknsd.org or you can pick up a form at the school office.
- ◆ Facilities improvements: Beginning in May 2017, an extensive renovation of the Track and Field area will



2016-2017 STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

<p><u>Student Body Officers</u> Matthew Grimes, President Alec Winder, Vice President Samantha Noregaard, Secretary Nula Reid, Treasurer Kindness Hyde, Manager SeOnna Moreland, Historian Hunter Cram, Upper Tech Advisor Josh Hamilton, Lower Tech Advisor Roan Childress, Advisory Rep Ecca Fry, Communications Rep Isis Breazile, Board Rep</p>	<p>2016-2017 Student Council met last spring to begin planning</p>	<p><u>Class Officers</u> Greg Elligsen, Sr. President Tyler Kirkpatrick, Sr. Class Rep Gabe Calkins, Jr. Class President Lacoya Reny-Hamer, Jr. Class Rep Shayla Wacker, Soph. Class President Dixi Esplin, Soph. Class Rep Animesh Patel, Frosh President</p>
---	--	--



Recommended Reading List:

Want to get a head start on your reading assignments or broaden your horizons beyond the classroom expectations? Or parents, want to revisit high school reading? Well, here are the books that students will be reading this year plus some classics that come highly recommended:

1. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.
2. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.
3. *Night* by Elie Wiesel. *
4. *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding.
5. *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad.
6. *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger.
7. *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck. **
8. *Nineteen Eighty-Four* by George Orwell. **
9. *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut.
10. *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley.
11. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe.
12. *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. *
13. *Waiting for Godot* by Samuel Beckett.
14. *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf.
15. *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley.
16. *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner.
17. *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller.
18. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey. **
19. *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath.
20. *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller. **
21. *Beowulf* by Anonymous. **
22. *Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka.
23. *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. **
24. *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare. *
25. *Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry. **
26. *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. **
27. *Dante's Inferno* by Dante Alighieri. **

* 9th Grade Reading

2016 Pirate Volleyball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME*
Aug 26th	Jamboree	Knappa HS	6:00 pm
Aug 27th	Warrenton Tournament**	Warrenton HS	9:00 am
Sept 1st	Toledo	Toledo HS	5:30 pm
Sept 3rd	NKN Invitational**	NKN HS	8:00 pm
Sept 6th	Knappa	Knappa HS	5:30 pm
Sept 8th	Faith Bible	Forest Hills Lutheran/Cornelius	5:30 pm
Sept 13th	Delphian	NKN HS	5:30 pm
Sept 15th	Columbia Christian**	Columbia Christian Schools	7:00 pm
Sept 20th	Gaston	NKN HS	5:30 pm
Sept 22nd	Nestucca	Nestucca HS	5:30 pm
Sept 27th	Faith Bible	NKN HS	5:30 pm
Sept 29th	Nestucca	NKN HS	5:30 pm
Oct 1st	Clatskanie Tournament***	Clatskanie MS/HS	9:00 am
Oct 6th	City Christian	NKN HS	5:30 pm
Oct 8th	Delphian	Delphian Schools	1:00 pm
Oct 11th	Portland Christian	NKN HS	5:30 pm
Oct 13th	Vernonia	NKN HS	5:30 pm
Oct 15th	Gaston	Gaston HS	1:00 pm
Oct 18th	League Playoff Game	TBD	TBD
Oct 21st and 22nd	District Playoffs	Vernonia HS	TBD
Oct 29th	1st Round State Playoffs	TBD	TBD
Nov 4th and 5th	State Championships	Ridgeview HS, Redmond, OR	TBD

* JV Games start at 5:30 pm; Varsity Games follow at approximately 7:00 pm

** Varsity ONLY

*** JV ONLY

PLEASE NOTE — SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

2016 Pirate Football Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Aug 26th	Jamboree	Knappa HS	6:00 pm
Sept 2nd	Portland Christian	NKN HS	7:00 pm
Sept 16th	Warrenton	NKN HS	7:00 pm
Sept 24th	Clatskanie	Clatskanie MS/HS	7:00 pm
Sept 30th	Nestucca	Nestucca HS	7:00 pm
Oct 7th	Monroe	NKN HS	7:00 pm
Oct 14th	Knappa	Knappa HS	7:00 pm
Oct 21st	Gaston	Gaston HS	7:00 pm
Oct 28th	Vernonia	NKN HS	7:00 pm
Nov 4th and 5th	1st Round State Playoffs	TBD	TBD
Nov 11th and 12th	State Quarterfinals	TBD	TBD
Nov 18th and 19th	State Semifinals	TBD	TBD
Nov 26th	State Finals	TBD	TBD

2016 Pirate Cross County Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Aug 26th	Jamboree	Knappa HS	6:30 pm
Sept 3rd	Ultimook Race	Hydrangea Ranch, Tillamook	9:30 am
Sept 17th	3-Course Challenge	Camp Rilea, Warrenton	9:15 am
Sept 24th	NIKE Portland XC	Portland Meadows	9:15 am
Oct 4th	Warrenton Wreck Race	Ft Stevens State Park	4:30 pm
Oct 11th	NKN Big Foot Classic	Twin Rocks Friends Camp	3:00 pm
Oct 20th	Pre-District Challenge	Bush Park, Salem	4:00 pm
Oct 27th	District 3 Championships	Bush Park, Salem	3:40 pm
Nov 5th	State Championships	Lane Comm College, Eugene	TBD

PLEASE NOTE — SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mudd Nick Foundation – In Partnership with District 56 Schools

By Monica Isbell, President, Mudd Nick Foundation

What is the Mudd Nick Foundation? Since 1993, the Mudd Nick Foundation (MNF) has been funding a wide range of extracurricular Learning Experience activities for children in North Tillamook County that supplement District curriculum. In 2006, the MNF was formed as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and a board of nine directors was selected. The theme and goal became “Changing Children’s Lives Today and Tomorrow.” Over the last ten years, in excess of \$1,100,000 has been raised to support approximately 50 Learning Experiences annually.

The MNF is guided by the following Purpose, Mission and Vision:

PURPOSE: The purpose of MNF is to provide learning experiences that stimulate children to aspire to their greatest potential and to pursue their dreams.

MISSION: Our mission is to broaden the horizons of all children in North Tillamook County through programs in collaboration with our community partners.

EXTERNAL VISION: Our vision is that the children in our community become life-long stellar citizens who expand their life experiences, minds and curiosities; accept responsibility for their actions; treat themselves and others with respect; maintain high personal integrity; exhibit socially-accepted behavior; and have fun.

Supplementing Academics. The MNF volunteer Board and two part-time staff have collaborative partnerships with the superintendent of Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56 and principals and teachers in the two grade schools, one middle school and one high school. MNF supplements the hard work of teachers and reinforces their work products through its funding. Teachers request grants for specific Learning Experiences and the Foundation’s Board selects those to fund that are in keeping with MNF’s Purpose, Mission, and Vision. Also supported are Learning Experiences that cover multiple schools, North County Recreation District, and children with special needs. The Foundation does not fund any tax funded programs or existing programs or events.

Annual Charity Dinner, Auction and Golf Tournament. One of MNF’s major fundraising activities is the annual charity dinner, auction and golf tournament. Please consider attending, volunteering, and making a donation. Go to www.muddnickfoundation.com to register or donate. You can also contact Monica Isbell for more information: (503) 310-7781 or monica@muddnickfoundation.org. Deadline for registering is September 9.

Fundraising Event Date: September 17, 2016

Golf Venue: Manzanita Golf Course

Starting Tee off Time: 7:30 am

Dinner and Charity Auction Venue: North County Recreation District

Dinner and Charity Auction Time: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

[Fees :](#)

18 Hole Golf, Friday Night, and Saturday Night Dinner - \$150

9 Hole Golf, Friday Night, and Saturday Night Dinner - \$125

Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56

North Third Avenue • PO Box 28, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136
(503) 355-2222 • Fax (503) 355-3434

Friday, August 12, 2016

Dear Neah-Kah-Nie School District Families:

I am excited to welcome you back to the 2016-17 school year. Our custodians and maintenance staff (Bob Horton, Luke Nugent, Darren Hastings, Karla Watkins, John Wheeler, Jeff Short, and Paul Short) worked hard to prepare schools for the return of your children. I want to thank our SUPER custodians for their strong work ethic and eye for detail. Levi Nugent, District Technology Director, worked to enhance the district's robust technology infrastructure and added additional security cameras throughout the district. Without Levi's expertise, the district would not have such strong technology rich classrooms. The district office staff (Carol Richmond, Ashley Arthur, Mark Sybouts, Kathie Sellers, and Steve Baertlein) worked during the summer to ensure successful openings of all schools in the fall.

I am sure all of you are enthusiastic for school to begin Tuesday, September 6. Parents of pre-school and kindergarten students have been notified of alternate start dates for these programs.

I would like to share with you some of the exciting changes this year at Neah-Kah-Nie School District:

- ◆ Neah-Kah-Nie School District welcomes our new teachers: Melinda Rumage, Kimberly Baertlein, Glenn Stelson, Jenna Angelini, Kate Romanov, Ashley Verhulst, Brianna Moses, James Billstine, Jenna Meeks, Beth Gienger (HS Math), and Rhonda Scott. We are also excited to welcome all our new classified staff. Our new educators will complement the climate and culture of the entire school district. Soon it will be apparent to all new staff, the main focus of the school district is people: students, staff, volunteers, parents, and our community partners.
- ◆ A ninth teacher and an additional instructional assistant were hired at Nehalem Elementary. Now, Nehalem Elementary and Garibaldi Grade School each have nine classroom teachers. Class sizes are approximately twenty-one students with instructional assistant support in each classroom.
- ◆ Selected elementary teachers will pilot *I Ready*, a new math curriculum.
- ◆ Elementary schools will be in the third year of Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI) in order to increase student achievement for all students and to provide a systematic framework for identifying students with specific learning disabilities.
- ◆ A life skills program is being implemented at the middle and high schools.

- ◆ Stacey Dills, long time Nehalem Elementary Special Education teacher, was hired as the school district's Special Education/Student Services Director. Stacey will be responsible for Special Education and Title programs.
- ◆ High school students will have new Spanish language and science curriculums.
- ◆ In the spring, the \$1.7 million dollar community track and field renovation project will begin.
- ◆ The Neah-Kah-Nie School District's long range plan will be updated. This long range plan, when updated, will provide the necessary guidance to focus on strategic initiatives. We are excited to partner with community partners to build this roadmap.
- ◆ If you have not visited the Neah-Kah-Nie School District's website, please do so at nknsd.org
- ◆ Middle school students enrolled in physical education classes will wear physical education uniforms.
- ◆ The NKN District Technology Committee created a new technology plan.
- ◆ An employee staff recognition program will begin in the fall.
- ◆ The Nehalem Elementary gym was painted and adjustable basketball hoops installed.
- ◆ A \$45,000 fuel tank will be installed at Garibaldi replacing the old tank installed when the school was built.
- ◆ Five elementary classrooms were painted this summer.
- ◆ Ten part time instructional assistant positions were combined into five full time positions.
- ◆ One full time classified staff was hired at the middle and high school to assist with state testing, mentor coordinating through the Aspire Program, and media services.
- ◆ The district office parking area has been expanded and a sidewalk added for safety and comfort for our visitors.
- ◆ The Garibaldi Elementary softball/soccer/football field will have the grass & weeds removed, soil tilled, compost added, and the field leveled & reseeded.

The 2016-17 school year will be my fifth year as Neah-Kah-Nie School District Superintendent. I am honored to serve the many communities throughout the school district with the single purpose of providing the best education system for our students.

Sincerely,

Paul Erlebach, Superintendent

Pirate Athletic Department



Corey Douma
Athletic Director

Neah-Kah-Nie High School

24705 Hwy. 101 N.
Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

Phone: (503) 355-2272
Fax: (503) 355-8200

August 16, 2016

Dear Pirate Sponsor:

Thank you for your support over the past year. I wanted to let you know we are continuing our Pirate Athletics Sponsorship opportunity this season. This program has been very successful raising money to benefit all of our athletic/activity programs. This past season we were able to make upgrades to the gymnasium and help several teams' purchase needed equipment. Please stop by when you can to view these exciting changes as they inspire our athletes. I believe we have the very best facilities in the entire Northwest League, and that is a DIRECT result of your financial support.

For the 2016-2017 school year, we are offering three sponsorship programs:

- 1) ***The Pirate's Club*** is available to sponsors donating a minimum of \$250 and provides the following: One NKN hooded sweatshirt and one NKN lanyard along with all the Captain's Club benefits.
- 2) ***The Captain's Club*** is available to sponsors donating a minimum of \$175 and provides the following: one NKN lanyard, passes for two adults to all **regular** season Pirate home athletic events, your name listed in the program and on the sponsor board in the gym, and your name or business name announced at home athletic events.
- 3) ***The First Mate's Club*** is available to sponsors donating at least \$100 and provides the following: one NKN lanyard, passes for two adults to all **regular** season Pirate home athletic events, and your name listed in the program.

For your convenience, a form to purchase your Pirate sponsorship is on page 13 of this newsletter. You can drop off your completed form in the high school office or return with your son or daughter. For those sponsorships including a sweatshirt, please place your order in the high school office with Rachell. Cross-country, football, and volleyball schedules are also enclosed.

This is an exciting time for me to return to the position of Athletic Director after a hiatus that I took in order to start a family. Now, nine years and two children later, I am thrilled to, once again, be a part of an athletic program that is so well supported by the school district and the community. This year, with that continued support, our athletic program is able to maintain our commitment to recruiting strong coaches, further develop our programs and athletes, especially through the middle school and youth sports feeder programs, and take on a significant track and field renovation. All of these efforts are not only to create stronger athletic programs, but to create a stronger community- a community that I am so grateful to be raising my own children in. Go Pirates!



Corey Douma
Athletic Director

Pirate Athletic Department

Neah-Kah-Nie High School

24705 Hwy. 101 N.
Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

Phone: (503) 355-2272
Fax: (503) 355-8200

Donor Form

(Please indicate business or personal name)

Please choose one of the following:

_____ I would like to join **The Pirate's Club**. Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

_____ I would like to join **The Captain's Club**. Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

_____ I would like to join **The 1st Mate's Club**. Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

_____ I would like to sponsor but have questions. Please call me at _____

Please include your e-mail address so we may send you updates in schedules and important information.

**Please return this donor form to the Neah-Kah-Nie High School office.
Those sponsors needing to order sweatshirts can place order in the office.**



August 25th, 2016 —Freshman Orientation, 5:30—6:30 p.m.
September 8th, 2016 —Junior Orientation, 5:30—6:30 p.m.
Parents AND Students—please meet in the high school library!!

IMPORTANT DATES



**Welcome back to school.....we will see you on
September 6th, 2016!!!!**

Neah-Kah-Nie High School
24705 Hwy 101 N
Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

Pirates!