

The Howler



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Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Message from the Principal

School is off to a wonderful start! Students and staff are settling in to the classrooms and routines of the school.

All students will be using Chromebooks again and it is important that we have their Internet Permission Form back on file ASAP. This is important for all families since a lot of our educational programs have online components to them. Once again our students in 3rd-5th grades will be taking the Smarter Balanced State Assessment in reading and math. These tests are tied to our national Common Core State Standards and what they are learning in the classroom. It tests students' ability to think critically as well as being able to compose and explain their thinking while typing their thoughts on the computer. Our 5th graders will be taking the OAKS Assessment in the area of Science. This is the same as it has been in the past years.

Please make sure to talk with your child about what they are learning about in school as well as what they are currently reading. The more time we can spend talking about what they are learning and having them explain it, the more prepared they will be. Thanks for all that you do and helping all students be safe, respectful and responsible at school. Parents are always welcome at the school. If you are coming in, stop by and sign in at the office and we can get you taken care of. I look forward to seeing you at Open House on September 19th, at 5:30 p.m. in the gym.

Your principal,

Janmarie Nugent



Late start Mondays

Doors open at 8:45 am

Class starts at 9:20 am

Every Monday starting September 9th

Calendar of Events



September

Monday, 9th

- NKN School Board Meeting; 6:30 pm at District Office

Tuesday, 10th

- Site Council Meeting; 2:50 pm

Saturday, 21st

Mudd Nick Foundation Annual Auction and Dinner 6:00 pm at NCRD

Thursday, 19th

- Open House; GGS; 5:30-6:30 pm

Thursday, 26th

- Life Touch Fall Photos; Wolf Den

October Friday, 4th

- All School Assembly; 2:10 pm

Mark your calendars

Conferences will be in
October – 17th and 18th

Thursday 12:00 to 8:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm



Thursday, September 19th

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Open House is an informal time to meet your child's teacher and other staff members and see the school. Please meet in the gym @ 5:30. Hope to see you there!

PE days are on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays**

Please help your child remember to wear tight fitting tennis shoes on those days. This helps to prevent injuries from slipping and falling along with help with better movement while participating in good physical education. Thank you.



Lifetouch photographers will be here on Thursday September 26th. Order forms will be coming home soon. All students are photographed; although no package can be purchased unless order form and money are in hand on photo day. Retakes will be on November 8th for another chance for purchases. If you have any questions, contact the office at 503-322-0311. You can also visit MyLifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, online payment details and more.



Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI):

Neah-Kah-Nie elementary schools are RTI schools in the area of reading. An RTI school has two purposes:

1. To identify children needing help in reading and prevent the development of serious learning problems; and
2. To identify children who, even when they get extra help, make very limited progress. Research has shown that these children sometimes have learning disabilities.

As a school, we give all of our students K-5 a diagnostic screening test to see how they perform in the area of reading. Teachers look at that data and make decisions based on what the data tells them.

MEALTIME LUNCH PROGRAM

If you feel you would qualify for free or reduced lunches and have not applied you can do that online on the NKN website. Call school office for student ID number.

If your child was on the free/reduced lunch program last year – you **NEED TO REAPPLY** each year.

Please call the office if you have any questions regarding the lunch program at 503-322-0311.

*****Meal Prices** – Breakfast for students - \$FREE, Visiting adult breakfast - \$2.55

Reduced lunch - \$FREE, Milk w/ home lunch \$.50, Student lunch - \$2.90, Adult lunch - \$4.70



Reminders ...

Arrival time is 7:30 am; free breakfast is served for all students and the tardy bell rings at 8:05 am. **Monday** arrival time is 8:45 am and tardy bell rings at 9:20 am.

When visiting the school, ALWAYS check in at the office, wear a visitor badge or volunteer name tag at all times.

Parents, please contact the office with any daily changes to your child's regular routine, contacting us before 1:00 pm. Dismissal time is a very busy time and it is our priority to dismiss students on time and safely.

Buses depart the school at 2:35 pm, all "walkers and pick up" students will be at the **flagpole area** with a staff member supervising. Please do not go on the sidewalk by the buses to retrieve your child. We want to know who is picking up your child, meeting at the flagpole area provides that safety for the students. Please notice the "No Parking" signs at the front entrance, there is no parking in that designated area at posted times.

Parents please help students to keep toys, fidgets and Pokeman cards, etc. at home. They are not allowed at school. **This includes personal electronic devices and smart phone watches. These policies are in the Student/Parent Handbook. If you have any questions, please call the office.**

Always feel free to contact the office with any questions.



We are always looking for volunteers, if you are interested just ask for a volunteer application, to participate in volunteering, going on **field trips** and helping in the classroom, etc. it is district policy to have an approved volunteer application on file. Volunteer applications stay on file for three years. If you are not sure if you are still current in the system, feel free to call the school. Applications are available in the office.