

NEAH-KAH-NIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

HOME OF THE RAIDERS: NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear NKN Middle School students and families,

The year is coming to an end in a little over 6 weeks! In those 6 weeks, we have packed in some old traditional activities, and added some new things.

The Haiku Death Match is back! This event has been a middle school tradition since the middle school opened in 2006. I am sure all of you are asking, What is a Haiku Death Match? The answer is:

Stage One: All students, in grades 6-8, learn about, and practice writing Haiku poems in their English Language Arts Classes. A traditional Japanese Haiku consists of three lines that contain a 5, 7, 5 syllable pattern. The first line has words that consist of a total of 5 syllables, the second line has words that contain a total of 7 syllables, and the final line contains words that contain a total of 5 syllables. The topic of the traditional Haiku is nature.

Stage Two: Students practice how to perform their Haiku's in front of an audience. This might start with practicing with a partner, and move to a small group, then practicing in front of their class, and final to practicing in front of their grade level.

Stage Three: Grade Level Haiku Death Match. Each grade level will participate in their own Haiku Death Match. Two students at a time will stand in front of the students in their grade level. One student will perform their Haiku, then the other student will perform their Haiku, and the three judges will vote on the best. There is a double elimination process to find out the top 8 students who will move onto the all school Haiku Death Match.

Stage Four: All School Haiku Death Match. Eight students from each grade level will compete to be deemed the Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Death Match winner. This is a huge honor!

Grade level Haiku Death matches are taking place the week of May 23-27, and the grand finale, the All School Haiku Death Match is on June 9. This is an amazing tradition that was put on


hold because of Covid, and we are super excited to have it back.

Below is a list of other traditional activities that will fill our next 6 weeks. These include a Talented and Gifted field trip to OMSI, an Honor Roll field trip to High Life Adventures in Warrenton, 5th grade visitation to our school. We do have a new tradition beginning this year. On June 10, all 8th grade students will spend the day at Twin Rocks Friends Camp. This will be a day for our students to have fun celebrating their middle school years, and celebrate their promotion.

Sincerely,

Lori Dilbeck

STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

An infographic for the NKN Student Health & Wellness Center. It features a light blue background with various medical icons like a stethoscope, syringe, pill bottle, bandage, and heart. The center text is enclosed in a white box with a dashed border. The logo at the top shows a black silhouette of a ship with a blue cross on its sail, next to the text 'NKN' in large blue letters and 'STUDENT HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER' in smaller black letters below it.

The Student Health & Wellness Center provides services to all students regardless of the student's ability to pay.

Located at the Neah-Kah-Nie High School.

Health & Wellness Center Hours

Tuesdays:
8:30 am – 12:00 pm
1:00 pm – 5:30 pm (closed 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

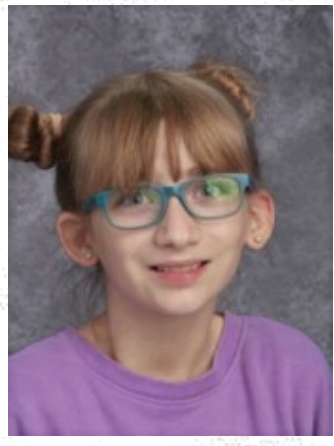
Wednesdays:
8:30 am – 12:30 pm
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm (closed 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm)

(503) 355-3500

Visit the website for available services and resources: nknhealth.org

**Parents have the right to opt out of services.*

APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



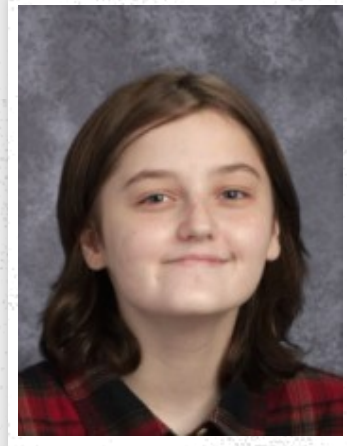
KELCY WOODKE

6th Grade



PARKER ENGEL

6th Grade



JASMINE JONES

7th Grade



CARTER WOIKA

7th Grade



**MASON
HACKMAN**

8th Grade



**EMILY
INGLEDUE**

8th Grade

NEXT YEAR'S FRESHMEN STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to the 8th grade winners elected for next year's NKN High School Freshmen Student Council! Winners are:

Brady Douma, Yukon Norris Rivera, Cleo Friginal, Clara Kronoff, Ansel Albrechtsen and Mason Hackman

EQUITY LENS AND STATEMENT

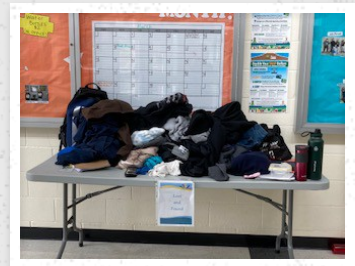
Neah-Kah-Nie School District has adopted its new equity lens and statement that will result in an improved and more inclusive culture within the district for students and staff alike. Please click on the following link for more information that is included on the NKN website.

MEALS NEXT YEAR

The meals at no cost will expire June 30, 2022. Parents are encouraged to fill out new mealtime applications before the end of this school year if they wish to apply for free/reduced meals for their student to start out in September. Parents will also be able to fill out applications in August if preferred. Forms will be emailed out this week and are also available in the office.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found table is constantly full! Please be sure to check regularly for lost items. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



WATER BOTTLES

We have water bottles for sale in the office for students to purchase! They are \$2.00 each, or can be purchased with 5 Sand Dollars. This also helps us reduce the use of plastic cups!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 3 - Home Track Meet at NKN
- May 14 - Districts Track Meet at Scappoose (TBD)
- May 19 - Dental Sealants
- May 20 - 5th Grade Visitation 9:00-10:10
- May 23 - End of State Testing!
- May 25 - 8th Grade Haiku Death Match
- May 26 - 7th Grade Haiku Death Match
- May 27 - 6th Grade Haiku Death Match
- May 30 - No School
- May 31 - 5th Grade Parent Night
- June 3 - TAG Field Trip to OMSI
- June 7 - Portland Cookshop and BG's Food Cartel Field Trip with Mrs. Clifton
- June 10 - 8th Grade End of the Year Celebration
- June 13 - Honor Roll Field Trip
- June 13 - NO LATE START - classes will begin at 8:45 on this Monday
- June 14 - Last Day of School! Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm

June 15 - Sleep in, play, be safe, healthy and happy and have a GREAT summer!

MESSAGE FROM CYNTHIA GRELCK - ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

If parents would like to help out at the Home Middle School Track Meet on Tuesday, May 3rd, please email Cynthia Grelck at: cynthiag@nknsd.org

Or call the Middle School office at 503-355-2990

Thank you!

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