

The Howler

Garibaldi Grade School | Newsletter



February 2021

February has brought changes to class schedules in order to expand our Limited In-Person Instruction. To make this happen smoothly, we needed to adjust our Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) instruction and shift it to the a.m. for all students to allow for teachers to work with kids in the afternoon without having to teach online at the same time.

Your email inboxes are probably full with new schedules and updates specific to your child's grade and/or decision to continue on-line or join in with Limited In-Person.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Limited In-Person (LIP) Family Update

Important Information for Students Coming Back to GGS!

Below is a copy of information that has been sent out to families for students coming back in person to GGS. The purpose of this update is to let families know how we are keeping everyone safe and we need your help to make this happen! Included is information to review with your student including videos of protocols, helpful reminders, and general information.



GGG Family Update LIP 2_2021.pdf

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NKN February School Board Meeting

Zoom Meeting | February 8th, 6:30pm

This is a monthly meeting of our School Board. As we get closer, the Virtual Meeting ID will be sent out as well as you can access on our district website (www.nknsd.org) under "School Board" and then "Board Meetings".

Attendance Matters!

As we are well on into the new year, we want to remind families of the importance of attendance and the strong correlation with achievement. Your student's attendance for Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) involves being on-time, interacting and participating in class.

Each day students should be participating in class activities and interacting with your child's teacher or instructional assistant. Logging on and participating in class is of extreme importance because that is the time that the teacher is explaining, teaching and giving feedback on student learning.

If your student is unable to be present during on-line class times (sickness, appointment, etc.) or having difficulty with technology, please let your teacher and/or school office know.



GGS would like to thank Joe Gierga for his donation of the metal wolf spinner! We are excited for families and students to see this wonderful addition to our school!



State Testing Information

Under the *Student Assessment Bill of Rights*, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Oregon's school districts must provide families with a "Notice of Statewide Tests and Opt-out Form" 30 days before the start of statewide testing.

This year, school has been significantly disrupted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and other factors. In response, ODE plans to ask the United States Dept. of Education for a temporary pause (also known as a "waiver") in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math testing. A pause is also being requested for science testing, but science testing is not subject to this opt-out rule.

We will let you know as soon as ODE updates our district with news about the waiver.



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KEEP INFORMED!

► School Messenger System

School Messenger is an automated calling system that the District uses for attendance calls, to notify parent of special events, but most importantly to notify parents of an unexpected, weather related, school closure. The system will call the phone numbers that are in your child's student record. Please review and update your child's parent contact information at the beginning of the year and any time during the year that contact information changes.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that our schools have the most current parent contact information.

► FlashAlert System

FlashAlert is the service we use to provide notice of emergency closures to the Portland television and radio stations. The system will send you a text and/or email message. You may log in and request a test message to revalidate your account.

To subscribe to this service, you can go to the District website @ nknsd.org and go to the Parent link and click on the FlashAlert Signup. You also can download the iOS/Android app FlashAlert Messenger to your phones and link it to your account, <http://flashalert.net/news.html?id=1123>



Substitute Employment

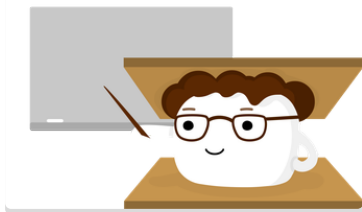
Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, Neah-Kah-Nie School District has contracted with ESS for our substitute services. To become a substitute for the District please go to ESS.com, click on the Job Seeker tab and type in Neah-Kah-Nie School District to begin the application process.

If you have questions about the application process, or becoming a substitute, please contact ABrueske@ess.com or our Human Resources office at 503-355-3506.

FEBRUARY 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 NKN School Board Mtg 6:30pm Zoom	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents' Day No School	16	17	18	19	20
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Upcoming Dates:


- NKN School Board Meeting, Zoom, March 8th, 6:30pm
- School Board's tentative plan for K-5 to go back fully on-site, M-Th., starting March 15th
- Spring Break, March 22nd-26th, No School





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