

THE HOWLER

Garibaldi Grade School | Newsletter



February 2024

GGS will have a free **FAMILY MATH NIGHT on Feb. 15th!** Please come to learn how to help support your child in math and learn some games! All families will be able to take home fun games and supplies to play at home. We will have a corn dog dinner starting at 5:30pm, followed by a quick presentation at 5:50pm by Ms. Miller and games to follow!

We look forward to seeing you at Math Night!

Important No School Days and Reminders

February 5th, Monday | **No School** - Professional Development

February 12th, Monday | School Board Meeting, 6:30pm

February 15th, Thursday | Math Family Night, 5:30-6:30pm

February 19th, Monday | **No School** - President's Day Holiday

February 21st, Wednesday | 4th Grade NAEP testing



February's Characteristic is Kindness

Each month, GGS focuses on a personal characteristic and teaches it to our students. Our focus for the month of February is being kind. Students who are kind show respect to others and themselves. They offer help to those who need it, forgives others, and respects others' differences.

At the end of the month we will be handing out three awards in each class, two for students who were demonstrating being kind and one Pride of the Pack award

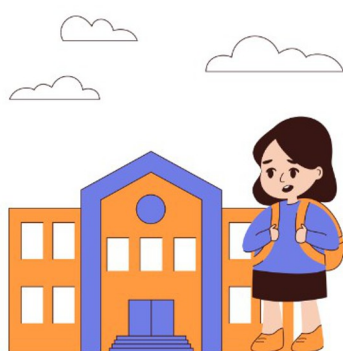
focused on perseverance. Please talk with your child(ren) around the conversations they are having at school on being kind.

2023-24 Statewide Assessments, 3rd-5th Grades

Every year we need to notify families of the Statewide Assessments that will be happening. Oregon law permits parents to annually opt-out of Oregon's statewide assessments in English Language Arts and/or Mathematics by submitting an annual form to the school the student attends. Please view the notice at this link: [OSAS Opt Out Form English](#) or ask for a paper form in the school office.

Oregon Department of Education SEED Survey Grades 3rd-11th

ELEVATING STUDENT VOICE: The Oregon Department of Education is deeply committed to helping each and every student learn, grow, and thrive. ODE is also committed to providing opportunities for feedback and input to continuously improve education experiences for all students in Oregon. The Student Educational Equity Development (SEED) Survey will help ODE gather information about the educational experiences of students in Oregon. This information will help ODE to develop appropriate resources and supports for districts in Oregon, and better target those resources where they are most needed. SEED Survey data may also help districts develop a fuller picture of their local contexts and make strategic modifications to curriculum, instruction, and related academic supports that they offer students. More information can be found on the ODE website through the following links, (if reading online): [ODE SEED Survey](#) or [Annual Notice of SEED Survey](#).



Every Day Matters and GGS is Here to Help!

Much of your child's learning today is built upon what they learned the day before! So when students miss school for any reason, excused or unexcused, this creates a gap and impacts their ability to participate in learning. This learning gap becomes significant when a student misses 10% or more of school. Though these absences may be excused, the student would still be considered chronically absent, and the school would likely be concerned for your student's academic success.

GGS wants your child to succeed and is focused on helping smooth the way to regular attendance. Share your challenges so the staff can help. We have many resources and staff to assist you, from our counselors, community resource coordinators, district nurse, you are not alone!

Students who are present for 90% or more in the month of February will get to have lunch and cookies with the Principal!

Ms. H's Counseling Corner

January was a month of review, and we have covered a lot of information from the start of our school year. The students did a fantastic job remembering how their brain works, and how we use this information to manage our emotions with our Tools. We practiced using our Quiet Safe Place Tool to be able to take a mini vacation in our mind when our emotional elevator starts to rise. We also discovered why it is often hard to use our Patience Tool, and how we need to pair it with other Tools to help us wait. Practice makes progress, so if your child is facing an emotional challenge ask them “Which three tools could you try?”



The students were able to use their Tools as we learned about personal safety. We discussed using our Personal Space Tool and our Words Tool when handling situations where there is safe touch, unsafe touch and unwanted touch. We reviewed how to identify the size of our problem, and when it is important to report it to an adult.



The character trait for February is Kindness and it will also be the focus of my classroom lessons. As we spread kindness during this month, we will focus on using our Empathy Tool. This Tool will help us to see things from another person’s perspective and figure out what would be the kind thing to do. We will also be having a Kindness Spirit Week, February 13-17th. If you would like more ideas on how to keep kindness going at home, check out this website: www.randomactsofkindness.org. They have lots of free activities available to spread kindness. Let’s make kindness the norm!

Kindness Spirit Week February 12- 16th, 2024

Monday 2/12	Tuesday 2/13	Wednesday 2/14	Thursday 2/15	Friday 2/16
Team Kindness!	Free to Be Me!	We LOVE Kindness!	Double the Kindness!	Kind Garibaldi Wolves are our Kind of Wolves!
				
Wear your favorite team shirt.	Wear your wackiest, tackiest, or mixed up outfit.	Wear Valentines colors, red, white, pink, or hearts.	Dress like a teacher, or twin with a friend.	Wear green, black, white or your Garibaldi Wolves shirts.

Volunteering and Field Trips

Reminder: if you are interested in volunteering in the classroom or join in on a field trip you will need an approved volunteer background check on file. They are good for 3 years. Volunteer applications are available in the school office.

Some field trips there is limited number of spots for volunteers, so please make sure you get the teacher's approval before making plans to attend.

Join the GGS Parent Group!

GGG Parent Group meeting: Tues, February 13th at 6PM on Zoom.

In an effort to boost attendance and better accommodate dinner/bedtime schedules, the monthly Parent Group meeting is online! Find the link on our FaceBook page.

New members are especially welcome!

Follow us on FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/GaribaldiParentGroup>

Email: garibaldiparentgroup@gmail.com



NKN School Board Meetings

Next Meeting is Monday, February 12th, 6:30pm

This is a monthly meeting of our School Board. The meeting takes place at our District Office or through Zoom. You can access this meeting through our district website (www.nknsd.org) under "School Board" and then "Board Meetings".

GGG information online



How to Find School Information Online!

Besides our monthly Howler Newsletter, you can find school information online! Our district has an informative website at www.nknsd.org and Garibaldi Grade School has a page with all sorts of great information for our families. You can find this monthly newsletter, student handbook and even a parent page with information on busing, school lunches, wellness and more!

As we are in the stormy weather months, you can receive FlashAlert messages from NKN School District updating you on any delays or closures. To do this you go to <https://www.flashalert.net/>, *manage your messenger subscription*, and make sure you are signed up for Neah-Kah-Nie School District.



Be a Substitute at Garibaldi Grade School!

Sign up to be an **Instructional Assistant**, **Custodian**, **Food Service** (classified) or **Teacher** (certified) substitute at any of our schools. 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](https://www.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 866-208-7454 x1 or email: applicationswest@ess.com.

Employment Opportunities



AT NEAH-KAH-NIE HIGH SCHOOL







HOURS:

Tuesdays	8:30 am – 12:00 pm / 1:00 – 4:30 pm (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm)
Wednesdays	8:30 am – 12:30 pm / 1:30 – 4:30 pm (Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 pm)
Thursdays <small>Counseling appointments only</small>	8:30 am – 12:00 pm / 1:00 – 4:30 pm (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm)

NKN Student Health & Wellness Center

PLEASE KEEP STUDENTS WITH SYMPTOMS OUT OF SCHOOL

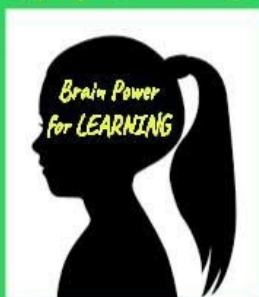
This list is school instructions, not medical advice. Please contact your health care provider with health concerns.

SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	THE STUDENT MAY RETURN AFTER...
	*The list below tells the shortest time to stay home. A student may need to stay home longer for some illnesses.
 Fever: temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or greater	*Fever-free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medicine.
 New cough illness	*Symptoms improving for 24 hours (no cough or cough is well-controlled).
 New difficulty breathing	*Symptoms improving for 24 hours (breathing comfortably). <i>Urgent medical care may be needed.</i>
 Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in a day OR not able to control bowel movements	*Symptom-free for 48 hours OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
 Vomiting: one or more episode that is unexplained	*Symptom-free for 48 hours OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
 Headache with stiff neck and fever	*Symptom-free OR with orders from doctor to school nurse. Follow fever instructions above. <i>Urgent medical care may be needed.</i>
Skin rash or open sores	*Symptom free , which means rash is gone OR sores are dry or can be completely covered by a bandage OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
Red eyes with colored drainage	*Symptom-free , which means redness and drainage are gone OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
Jaundice: new yellow color in eyes or skin	*After the school has orders from doctor or local public health authority to school nurse.
Acting differently without a reason: unusually sleepy, grumpy, or confused.	*Symptom-free , which means return to normal behavior OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
Major health event, like an illness lasting 2 or more weeks OR a hospital stay, OR health condition requires more care than school staff can safely provide.	*After the school has orders from doctor to school nurse AND after measures are in place for the student's safety. Please work with school staff to address special health-care needs so the student may attend safely.



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SCHOOL BREAKFAST IS...





Make sure your kids get a balanced, nutritious breakfast every day. If your morning schedule makes this difficult, or your kids aren't hungry early in the morning, send them to school for breakfast. Many nutritious foods are available every morning in the cafeteria for ALL students. Help your kids to make every morning a success!

Start Your Day with FREE Breakfast!

FEBRUARY 2024

GARIBALDI GRADE SCHOOL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Breakfast Sandwich ¹	Breakfast Bar ²
			Tillamook Cheeseburger	Chili & Soft Pretzel
			Deli Sandwich	Deli Sandwich
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NO SCHOOL ⁵	Banana Bread ⁶	Pancake on a Stick ⁷	Blueberry Muffin ⁸	Cinnamon Rolls ⁹
	Pig-In-A-Blanket	Lasagna	Hot Ham & Cheese	Breakfast For Lunch
	Deli Sandwich	Deli Sub	Cheese Quesadilla	
Waffles ¹²	Scrambled Eggs & Eng. Muffin ¹³	Strawberry Sweetheart Smoothie ¹⁴	Breakfast Burrito ¹⁵	Oatmeal Rounds ¹⁶
Cheesy Breadsticks With Marinara	Enchiladas	Spaghetti	Western Cheeseburger	Ravioli
Deli Sandwich	Chef's Salad	Chicken Salad	Deli Sandwich	Peanut Butter & Jelly
PRESIDENT'S DAY NO SCHOOL ¹⁹	Strawberry Cr. Cheese Bagel ²⁰	French Toast ²¹	Breakfast Bar ²²	Banana Bread ²³
	Chicken Quesadilla	Scalloped Potatoes And Ham	Pulled Pork	Mac & Cheese
	Deli Sandwich	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Chef's Salad	Deli Sandwich
Orange/Vanilla Smoothie ²⁶	Pancakes ²⁷	Sausage & Biscuit ²⁸	Ham & Cheese Bagel ²⁹	
Corn Dog & Fries	Bean & Cheese Burrito	Orange Chicken Over Rice	Sloppy Joe's	
Deli Sandwich	Deli Sandwich	Chef's Salad	Chicken Taco Salad	

A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are available daily on our offering bar. All of our bread and pasta items are whole wheat or whole grain. Every day choices of 1% and fat-free milk are offered. Whole grain cereal is an option at breakfast. Menu items are subject to change due to availability.

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VOLUNTEER STEAM COACH TRAINING

TUESDAY, FEB. 13 AT THE BOATHOUSE
1209 Bay Ln, Garibaldi, OR 97118
9am - Noon: Orientation + Lunch Social
Noon - 2pm: Activity Demos (optional)

You don't have to be an expert,
just someone who is passionate
about helping students learn.





Artwork by Maja Sereda

Art Literacy:

Earth Pigments: Creating Paint from Nature

In February Sitka Art Literacy students will explore earth pigments and the process of pigment extraction from rocks and minerals under the expertise and guidance of Washington artist [Maja Sereda](#). Maja is a multidisciplinary artist, teacher and coach. Born in Poland, Maja has dedicated her life to transcribing and sharing her experiences in nature. Working with a variety of media, her work explores the myriad of connections between human beings and the natural world. After studying graphic design at University of Pretoria in South Africa and working as an art director in advertising agencies, both in South Africa and Ireland, Maja became an award-winning book illustrator for more than a decade; she has illustrated more than 20 books.

Now based in Seattle, with a deep passion for nature, drawing and community, Maja is working on a project which aims to save endangered wildlife and protect precarious ecosystems while exploring creative processes and expression. Maja will be joining Sitka in select elementary school classes to share her knowledge and teach student specialized techniques for pigment extraction and watercolor paint creation.

During February lessons students will compare various types of rocks and discuss attributes necessary for easy pigment extraction, grind various materials using a mortar and pestle, and add binding agents such as Gum Arabic to create homemade watercolor paint. Students will study the concept of value and compare the ways that pigments can be altered to shift between tints and shades on a value scale. Following students will use homemade watercolor paint to create paintings that showcase values observed in nature found objects.

The Art Literacy Program is presented by Sitka Center for Art & Ecology, a non-profit organization. Through workshops, residencies and events the Sitka Center provides time and space for place-based reflection, inquiry and creation at the intersection of art and ecology.

Sitka is currently seeking volunteers to help during monthly art literacy lessons within classrooms throughout Tillamook and Lincoln Counties. If you are interested in participating, please contact Leeauna Perry at leeaunaperry@sitkacenter.org.



TILLAMOOK RED FURY SOFTBALL

Sign-Up Information

Open to girls from anywhere in Tillamook County.

Age Groups: 16U, 14U, 12U, 10U

(youngest age: 8 years old – oldest age: must be 16 years or younger on January 1st)

These are travel club teams. (Not associated with YMCA or Little League.)

Tournaments are run through NAFA.

3 or 4 out-of-town tournaments through the season and 1 home tournament.
May have some weeknight games as well.

Registration form is on our Facebook page:

Tillamook Youth Softball – Red Fury*

Registration deadline is: **February 15, 2024**

Evaluations (if necessary) will be set at a later date.

Our teams usually start practicing in April and the season is usually over by mid-July.

Practice days/times along with tournament dates are determined by each individual team.

\$200 Registration Fee per player*.

Registration fees will be due once teams are selected.

The fee pays for jerseys, tournament entry fees, field insurance, umpires, field maintenance, supplies, etc.

For more information, contact Jennifer Simmons (503) 801-2209.

And follow us on Facebook "Tillamook Youth Softball – Red Fury" (*don't forget the Red Fury part*)



*We don't want any player to not be able to play due to lack of funds.
If you have a true financial hardship, contact us and we'll decide on a case-by-case basis.



Garibaldi Grade School

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