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# The Pirate Press

November 6, 2025

AMERICAN INDIAN & ALASKA NATIVE  
HERITAGE MONTH  
NOVEMBER 2025

## Upcoming Dates

- 11/7: 9 Week Progress Grades
- 11/8: XC State Championships
- 11/11: No School Veterans Day
- 11/12: Parent Advisory Council Meeting, Fall Sports Banquet

- 11/14:
- 11/15:
- 11/17: 1st day of practice for winter sports
- 11/19: Winter Sports Parent Night
- 11/20: Picture retakes
- 11/21 and 11/24: Finals for Trimester 1



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*Thank you to our Veterans, Zaugg and Overstreet!*





**FALL**

**SPORTS BANQUET**

**6:00pm:**

- All Fall Sports- Desserts Provided
  - Recognition of Boy's XC- League Champs and State Results
  - Presentation of All-League/All-State Awards

**6:15pm:**

- Breakout for sports
  - Football- Cafeteria
  - Volleyball- Galley
  - Cross Country- Billstine's room

**NOVEMBER 12 AT 6:00 PM**

**CAFETERIA**

The poster is a vertical rectangle with a dark background. It features a red header section with the title "FALL SPORTS BANQUET" in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below the title is a grey horizontal bar. The main body of the poster is red and contains two sections of text. The first section is titled "6:00pm:" and lists a bullet point "All Fall Sports- Desserts Provided" followed by two sub-bullets: "Recognition of Boy's XC- League Champs and State Results" and "Presentation of All-League/All-State Awards". The second section is titled "6:15pm:" and lists a bullet point "Breakout for sports" followed by three sub-bullets: "Football- Cafeteria", "Volleyball- Galley", and "Cross Country- Billstine's room". To the right of the 6:15pm section is a small logo featuring a skull with a pirate hat and the letters "N", "K", and "N" arranged around it. At the bottom of the poster is a grey horizontal bar with the text "NOVEMBER 12 AT 6:00 PM" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this is a yellow horizontal bar with the text "CAFETERIA" in black, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The poster is decorated with white line drawings of a volleyball in the top right, a basketball in the middle left, and a sneaker in the bottom right.

## *Lunch Menu*



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <div>Waffles <sup>3</sup></div> <div>Lasagna Soup &amp; Garlic Bread</div>	 <div>Banana Bread <sup>4</sup></div> <div>Nachos</div>	 <div>Yogurt Parfaits <sup>5</sup></div> <div>Chicken Alfredo</div>	 <div>Biscuits &amp; Sausage <sup>6</sup></div> <div>Cheese Burgers</div>	 <div>Oatmeal Rounds <sup>7</sup></div> <div>Crispy Drumsticks</div>
<div>Breakfast Bar <sup>10</sup></div> <div>Hot Dogs</div>	<div><sup>11</sup></div> <div>VETERAN'S DAY</div> <div>NO SCHOOL</div>	<div>Cream Cheese Bage. <sup>12</sup></div> <div>Tater Tot Casserole</div>	<div>Breakfast Pizza <sup>13</sup></div> <div>Chicken Burger</div>	<div>Blueberry Muffins <sup>14</sup></div> <div>Pepperoni Calzones</div>
<div>French Toast <sup>17</sup></div> <div>Cheesy Breadsticks &amp; Marinara</div>	<div>Pumpkin Bread <sup>18</sup></div> <div>Enchiladas</div>	<div>Pancake on a Stick <sup>19</sup></div> <div>Spaghetti</div>	<div>Breakfast Sandwich <sup>20</sup></div> <div>Chicken Strips &amp; Fries</div>	<div>Cinnamon Rolls <sup>21</sup></div> <div>Peppy Chicken Rotini</div>
<div>Pancakes <sup>24</sup></div> <div>Corn Dogs &amp; Tots</div>	<div><sup>25</sup></div> <div>GRADE DAY</div> <div>NO SCHOOL</div>	<div><sup>26</sup></div> <div></div>	<div><sup>27</sup></div> <div>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!</div>	<div><sup>28</sup></div> <div></div>

A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are available daily on our offering bar. All of our breads and pastas are whole wheat or whole grain. GF options are available. Fat free and 1% milks are offered daily. Whole grain cereals are an option for breakfast.  
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## Student Life

Neah Kah Nie High School Student Council attended the 2 day OASC Fall Leadership conference in Seaside, Oregon. Students engaged in workshops and networking activities with other councils from all over the state. Our media team (Brady Douma, Ruby Hucek Marteeny, and Ansel Albrechtsen) were invited to present to other students about their new media project- the 'Neah Kah Nie News'. We are very grateful to the Mudd Nick Foundation for funding this experience for our student leaders!





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Ms. Wortel's photography students presenting at CAFE Summit in Hillsboro last Friday about their Portrait Project. Their presentation shared narratives about what equity and inclusion truly mean in our small, rural Oregon town. They spoke candidly about the challenges of limited resources, feeling isolated due to our unique backgrounds, and the moments when a teacher's simple act of acknowledgment made them feel seen. Great job to Starla Rootlieb, Ellie Conner, Acacia Christenson, and Maleena Anderson for representing us well!



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*Cross Country is headed to State Saturday!*





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*Rotary Student of the Month- Karsten Johansen*



Congratulations to Karsten Johansen for being recognized as Neah-Kah-Nie High School's Rotary Student of the Month! Karsten's Service Above Self shines through his dedication to supporting fellow students on the NKN Robotics Team, embodying the spirit of mentorship and helpfulness. Karsten is a central figure whose commitment reflects the very best of our Robotics team and the Rotary core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. Congratulations Karsten and Go Pirates!

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## *In Honor of Native American/Alaska Native Indigenous People's Month*

### **The Meaning Behind "Memaloose"**

If you've spent time along Tillamook Bay, you may recognize the name *Memaloose* — as in the Memaloose Boat Launch on the way toward Cape Meares. The word *memaloose* comes from the Chinook Wawa (Chinook trade language) term *memalust*, meaning "to die." This name appears





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traditional burial places.

Along our coast, this word reflects a deep cultural landscape shaped by generations of Indigenous peoples. The Cape Meares area, for instance, sits within the ancestral homelands of the Tillamook people, the southernmost Salish-speaking peoples whose descendants are part of the Clatsop tribe and the

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Salish peoples, including the Tillamook, are known to have practiced tree burials — placing canoes containing the bodies and belongings of loved ones in specially prepared trees, high above the ground.

One such tree, often called the “Octopus Tree,” is a large, multi-limbed Sitka spruce estimated to be 200–300 years old. While it’s unclear whether this specific tree was used for burials, it stands near areas known to have been part of these sacred practices.

Today, names like *Memaloose* remind us that our landscapes hold layers of meaning — histories of care, ceremony, and connection that long predate modern markers. These places are not mysteries; they are monuments.

At Neah-Kah-Nie High School, we honor the history of the land we currently occupy and recognize those who came before us. Happy Indigenous People's Month.

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*Our community offers many programs to support families in need. Please take a moment to review this resource guide to learn about local services available to you and your loved ones. Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3XfwOlh>*



# TILLAMOOK COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE



Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3XfwOlh>  
to see all the community resources available in  
Tillamook County.

Shelter, Housing, Food Assistance, Utility Assistance, & More



SIGN UP IN THE LIBRARY BEFORE DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>!

**This is for students interested in exploring many of the fiction genres in the library!**



Genres students can read in to qualify for the challenge: Classics, Historical Fiction, Romance, Realistic Fiction, Novels in Verse, Horror, Mystery, Humor, Sports, Adventure, Science Fiction, Dystopia, Supernatural, Animal Fiction, Fantasy, and Graphic Novels.

**This challenge is also for students who like non-fiction!**



There are four specific non-fiction genres that also qualify for this challenge: 001-499- Social Science and Languages, 500-699- Sciences, 700-899- Arts and Literature, and 900-999 - History.

### Timeline for the Challenge

Sign up in the library today!

Read 8 books in different genres by March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Go on the field trip to Powell's on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Read 4 books in different genres by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Read 10 books in different genres by April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sign up in the library today!



**Focus on books in our school library!**



The majority (at least 6) of the books should be checked out from our library so that Ms. Harmon and Ms. Fowler can view your reading history.

**Series books only count for one genre...**



While we love that you are reading a series! Good for you! We really want you to read lots of different books - so all the books in a series count for one of your genre reads.

**You don't need to read every single genre.**



There are many genres to choose from - you will only need to read from 10 of the 20 genre options in our library.





### Tillamook County Services



Oregon Food Bank  
Tillamook County Services  
Warehouse: 1760 Wilson River Loop,  
Tillamook, OR 97141  
Mailing: PO Box 1344, Tillamook, OR 97141  
[oregonfoodbank.org](http://oregonfoodbank.org)  
503-842-3154

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### Community Services

36050 10th Street  
Nehalem, OR 97131  
503-368-5612

Every Monday, Friday, Saturday  
10AM - 2PM

Every Wednesday: 2PM - 6PM

### North County Food Bank

278 Rowe Street  
Wheeler, OR 97147  
503-368-7724

Every Tuesday: 12PM - 3PM

### God's Lighthouse

103 Eighth Street  
Garibaldi, OR 97118  
503-322-3501

Two Fridays Per Month  
Call For Dates: 10AM - 12PM

### Seventh Day Adventist Community Services

2710 First Street  
Tillamook, OR 97141  
503-842-4794

Every Tuesday and Thursday  
10AM - 2PM

3808 12th Street  
Tillamook, OR 97141  
503-815-3880

Every Monday: 2PM - 6PM

### Nestucca Pass It On Ministries

24425 Bunn Creek Road  
Beaver, OR 97108  
503-398-5508

Every Tuesday: 10AM - 12PM

Every Thursday: 4PM - 6PM

### Hebo Food Pantry

31350 Highway 101 S.  
Hebo, OR 97122  
503-392-3585

Last Saturday Of Month  
12PM - 2PM

### South County Food Pantry

35305 Brooten Road  
Pacific City, OR 97135  
503-392-3972

Every Other Tuesday  
Call For Dates: 12:30PM - 6PM

### Senior Lunches

36050 10th Street  
Nehalem, OR 97131  
503-368-5612

Every Tuesday and Thursday  
11:30AM - 12:30PM

### Meals for Seniors, Inc

275 S. Pacific St.  
Rockaway, OR 97136  
503-317-8967

Every Monday, Wednesday,  
and Friday: Arrive by 11:30AM

### First Christian Church The Dining Room

2203 Fourth Street  
Tillamook, OR 97141  
503-842-6213

Every Tuesday and Thursday  
4PM - 5PM

### Come to the Table

2610 First Street  
Tillamook, OR 97141

Every Wednesday  
4:30PM - 5:30PM

## DESPENSAS DE ALIMENTOS

### Nehalem Bay Community Services

36050 10th Street  
Nehalem, OR 97131  
503-368-5612

Todos los lunes, viernes, sábado  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cada miércoles: 2 - 6 p.m.

### North County Food Bank

278 Rowe Street  
Wheeler, OR 97147  
503-368-7724

Cada martes: 12 - 3 p.m.

### God's Lighthouse

103 Eighth Street  
Garibaldi, OR 97118  
503-322-3501

Dos viernes al mes.  
Llame para saber las fechas:  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### Seventh Day Adventist Community Services

2710 First Street  
Tillamook, OR 97141  
503-842-4794

Todos los martes y jueves de  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Despensa de alimentos de Tillamook

3808 12th Street  
Tillamook, OR 97141  
503-815-3880

Cada lunes: 2 - 6 p.m.

### Nestucca Pass It On Ministries

24425 Bunn Creek Road  
Beaver, OR 97108  
503-398-5508

Todos los martes: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Todos los jueves: 4 - 6 p.m.

### Despensa de alimentos Hebo

31350 Highway 101 S.  
Hebo, OR 97122  
503-392-3585

Último sábado del mes  
12 - 2 p.m.

### Despensa de alimentos del sur del condado

35305 Brooten Road  
Pacific City, OR 97135  
503-392-3972

Cada tercer martes  
Llame para saber las fechas:  
12:30 - 6 p.m.

### SITIOS DE COMIDA PREPARADA

### Nehalem Senior Lunches (Almuerzos para personas mayores de Nehalem)

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Nehalem, OR 97131  
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4 p.m. a 5 p.m.

### Venga a la mesa

2610 First Street  
Tillamook, OR 97141

Todos los miércoles de  
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

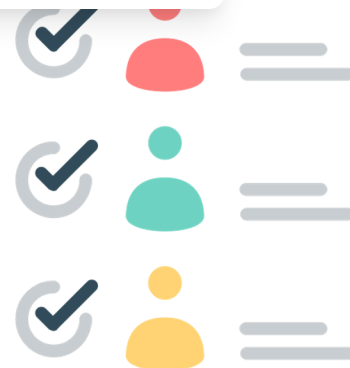
*Attendance Matters!*

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Every month, the PHS will be recognizing the class with the highest rate of Regular Attenders. Regular attenders are the students who have a 90% or above attendance rate. **Congratulations to the Sophomore class for winning the month of October with a 75% of students attending 90% or more of the time.**


- Freshman: 67% (down by 8% from September)
- Sophomores: 75% (down by 2% from September)
- Juniors: 73% (down by 8% from September)
- Seniors: 68% (stable)



**Overall Regular Attender Rate: 71% (down by 4%)**

## *Finals Schedule- Trimester 1*

### Friday, November 21 (Periods 1, 3, and 5)

Time	Minutes	What
8:45-9:45	60 min	Time & Opportunity/Finals Make-ups
9:45-10:00	15 min	Breakfast
10:00- 11:20	80 min	1st Period Final
11:30-12:50	80 min	3rd Period Final
12:50-1:20	30 min	Lunch
1:25- 2:40	75 min	5th Period Final
2:45- 3:45	60 min	Opera to Go in Lower Gym- students go to Advisory 

### Monday, November 24 (Periods 4 and 6)

Time	Minutes	What
8:45-9:45	60 min	Time & Opportunity/Finals Make-ups
9:45-10:00	15 min	Breakfast
10:00- 11:20	80 min	4th Period Final
11:30-12:50	80 min	6th Period Final
12:50-1:30	40 min	Lunch
1:35- 4:00	145 min	Time & Opportunity/Finals Make-ups

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

- Bus runs will remain unchanged: one run in the AM and one in the PM
- No students leave class early; TAs stay in class
- If a student finishes early, they will need to stay in class until the bell rings.
- Those who ride a bus will need to go into a teacher's classroom until the buses arrive.

## *Tutoring Information*

Mr. Lehr offers after school tutoring every Thursday from 4-6. Signups are in the main office!

## *Community Events and Resources*







## 2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous

### OPEN Class Writing Contest

Contest open to post high school adults, and 7-12th grade students not entering the Tillamook County Student contest.

Submission period: December 1, 2025 - February 15, 2026 at 5 pm

Individual authors may submit a single unpublished work in ONE of the categories below:

1. Poetry, 2. Fiction, 3. Non-Fiction, 4. Journalism, 5. Music Lyrics, 6. *Art Submission*

Our judges will evaluate your work with attention to organization, development, voice, and the conventions and craft of writing.

See RWR Website for submission Information: [www.rbwriters.com](http://www.rbwriters.com)

#### Document details:

- Maximum 1,500 words
- Poetry: Please submit additional PDF document showing your desired formatting.

Please Note: NCAM board members, contest judges, and immediate family are not eligible to enter.

ENTRY FEE - \$20 (non-refundable) Payments may be made through our website, which also accepts your credit card.

PRIZES – Reading at RWR event; Published in RWR Anthology; RWR website, etc. Honorable mentions may be selected at the discretion of the judges. No cash awards. Finalists will be notified by March 31, 2025.

Awards announced at the RWR event. Winners will be invited to read their winning works. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL winning entries may be published in the RWR Anthology and RWR website, social media sites and other partners websites and social media.**



2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous, April 24, 25, and 26.



### All Ages Walk-in Vaccine Clinic

OCTOBER 13, 2025 - NOVEMBER 24, 2025

Mondays 10:00am - 6:00pm  
Wednesdays 9:00am - 4:00pm

TCCHC Main Street Clinic  
800 Main Ave, Suite A, Tillamook, OR

Se habla español

No appointment required

ORR: Every health plan covers the cost of vaccines. If you are uninsured, a sliding scale fee is available. We make it easy for the family to pay.

Vaccines for parents, kids, aunts, uncles, siblings, friends, caregivers - anyone!

\*Eligibility for vaccines varies by age.

COVID-19  
Flu  
Pneumonia



### Clínica de vacunación sin cita para todas las edades

OCTOBER 13, 2025 - NOVEMBER 24, 2025

Lunes 10:00pm - 6:00pm  
Miércoles 9:00am - 4:00pm

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No se requieren citas.

ORR: Every health plan covers the cost of vaccines. If you are uninsured, a sliding scale fee is available. We make it easy for the family to pay.

Vacunas para padres, hijos, tíos, tías, hermanas, amigos, cuidadores - cualquier persona

\*La elegibilidad para las vacunas varía según la edad.

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From the Health Room

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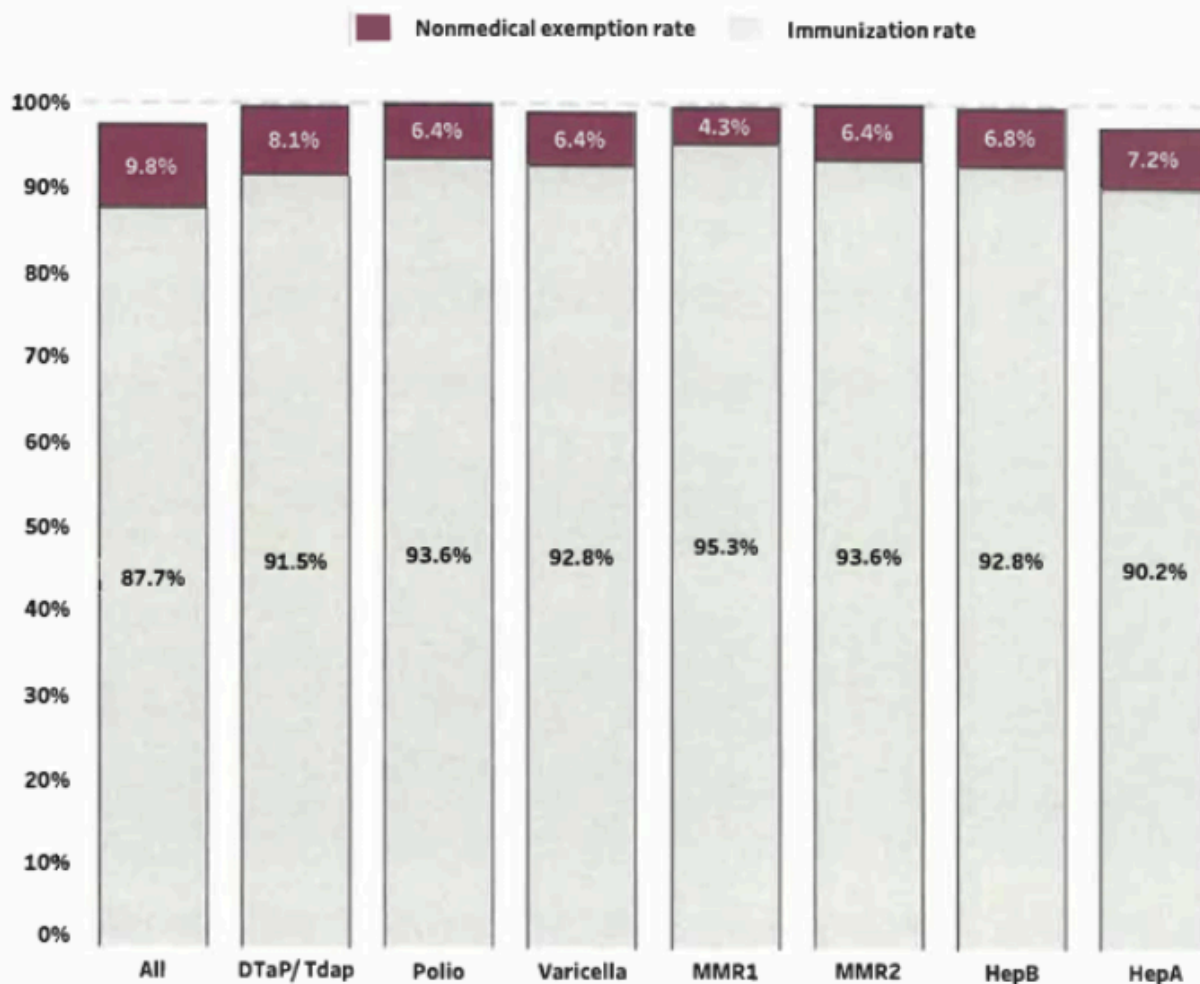
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**date.** You may receive a notice from the school if our records indicate missing vaccinations.

The state of Oregon does allow medical and non-medical exemptions with the correct forms and educational viewings. Visit [Oregon Immunizations](#) for more information.

With the rise of communicable diseases such as whooping cough and measles, it is important to note that if your child is exempt from vaccines (unvaccinated) and active cases of communicable diseases occur in school, local public health authorities may temporarily exclude exposed unvaccinated students from school during active outbreaks. Keeping students in school is a priority for all of us. Speak to your healthcare provider about the best options for your student regarding vaccinations.

### Neahkahnie High School Tillamook County



*Land Acknowledgement*

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their lands to the US Government. Some moved to nearby Indian Reservations becoming a part of those communities and many never moved from their homelands. Today, citizens and descendants of each of these groups continue to live and thrive in the area.

We honor the leadership and resilience of the Indigenous Tillamook peoples, including **Chief Ilga Adams, Chief Kilchis, Clara Pearson, and from more contemporary times, Joe Scoville**, who have shaped and strengthened their communities through generations.

There is much to learn from their enduring Indigenous wisdom about living in good relations with the land and with one another. We must never forget the history of the land we inhabit, the stories of its first peoples, and the profound contributions of the original inhabitants of Tillamook Bay.

**Christy Hartford**

Principal | Neah-Kah-Nie High School

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