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# Pirate Newsletter

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## HAPPENINGS AT NKN!!

**Notification of school delays or cancellation:** Brrrrr!! Winter has certainly started with a bang in Oregon!!! Parents, as we have already experienced weather related school delays, a school closure and activity cancellations or rescheduling, it is very important parents' most current contact information is on file—both preferred phone contact information and, if you have internet, your e-mail address. Anytime there is a delay or closure, that information will be provided to the local Portland television stations and KTIL radio station, posted on the district's website ([www.nknsd.org](http://www.nknsd.org)) and the district's Facebook page. SchoolMessenger will be activated, providing an automated call notifying you of any changes. Occasionally, an e-mail announcement will be activated from the schools if there is a change or special announcement during the school day. Parents can also signup for FlashAlert which will automatically send out text messages and/or e-mail messages. To signup for FlashAlert, please visit the district website; select the Parents tab; click on School Closure and then select **FlashAlert Signup**. If you have questions about any of these notification options, please contact the high school office at 503-355-2272.

**Free or Reduce Lunch Program:** If your son and/or daughter was on the free or reduced lunch program last school year, did you complete an application to renew the program for the current school year? Has there been a change in employment resulted in a reduction of family income (i.e. work hours reduced)? "Neah-Kah-Nie School District encourages families to complete a National School Lunch Program Free of Reduced Meal application if they believe they meet the income guidelines". An application may be submitted by going to [www.mymealtime.com](http://www.mymealtime.com) or by visiting the district's website. On the Parents tab you will find a section on Food Service. Near the mid-section of this page you will access to the Mealtime Login, a downloadable paper application and current breakfast and lunch menus. You may also signup in the school office.

**Informational Inserts with this Newsletter:** Included with this newsletter is a letter from Tillamook County Community Health Centers with steps to protect you and your family during the influenza season. If you have any questions pertaining to your child's symptoms, you should contact your family medical provider or the health department.

Parents/Guardians of freshmen, sophomores and juniors are receiving information pertaining to the Expanded Options Program, a way for your son or daughter to earn college credit while in high school. Please review this information with your child and, if interested, complete the Notice & Assurances Form and return to the high school not later than April 28, 2017. Any questions should be directed to Esther Troyer, Guidance Counselor, at [esthert@nknsd.org](mailto:esthert@nknsd.org) of 503-355-3588.

**Sports Schedules:** Winter sports schedules can be accessed via the high school page on the district website or at [www.osaa.org](http://www.osaa.org) Paper copies of the schedules are available in the high school office. Come on out, brave the cold and cheer for the Pirates!!

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Neah-Kah-Nie commits to providing a learning community focused on improvement, persistence and integrity.



## **“Oregon State Seal of Biliteracy”:**

Neah-Kah-Nie High School plans to offer a special “Oregon State Seal of Biliteracy” to qualifying students.

The State Seal of Biliteracy is established to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in reading, writing, listening and speaking in one or more World Languages in addition to English.

Among other reasons, the purpose of offering this new seal is to: encourage the study of languages, provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills, to provide post-secondary institutions with a method to recognize and give academic credit to students, to prepare students to be college and career ready, and most importantly to strengthen relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and languages in our community.

We want families to know about this new opportunity and students that are interested in earning it should come sign up in the office, call 503-355-2272 or email [heidib@nknsd.org](mailto:heidib@nknsd.org). Once we have students expressing an interest in the program, we will schedule an informational meeting for them and their family to share the criteria and process.

### **Both native English and native Spanish speaking students are encouraged to participate!**

La Escuela Preparatoria Neah-Kah-Nie planea ofrecer un reconocimiento especial, "Sello Estatal de Bili-teracidad", a aquellos estudiantes que califiquen.

El sello estatal de la bilingüedad se establece para reconocer a los graduados de preparatoria que han alcanzado un alto nivel de habilidad en la lectura, escritura, escucha y hablante en uno o más idiomas del mundo, aparte del Inglés.

Entre otras razones, el propósito de ofrecer este nuevo sello es: fomentar el estudio de las lenguas, proporcionar a los empresarios un método para identificar a las personas con habilidades lingüísticas y de alfabetización, proporcionar a las instituciones postsecundarias un método para reconocer y dar crédito académico a estudiantes, para preparar a los estudiantes a prepararse para la universidad y la carrera, y aún más importante para fortalecer las relaciones, afirmar el valor de la diversidad y honrar las múltiples culturas e idiomas en nuestra comunidad.

Queremos que las familias sepan acerca de esta nueva oportunidad y los estudiantes que estén interesados en ganarlo deben venir a registrarse en la oficina, llamen al 503-355-2272 o envíen un correo electrónico a [heidib@nknsd.org](mailto:heidib@nknsd.org). Una vez que tengamos estudiantes interesados en el programa, programaremos una reunión informativa para ellos y su familia para compartir los criterios y el proceso.

Tanto los estudiantes nativos de inglés como los nativos de habla hispana son invitados a participar!

## **ASPIRE:**

Please consider joining the new ASPIRE (Access to Student assistance Programs In Reach of Everyone) Team here at Neah-Kah-Nie as a mentor volunteer. Volunteer ASPIRE mentors are assigned to work one-on-one with students, guiding them through important steps toward postsecondary education. The ASPIRE mentor position attracts a broad spectrum of adult volunteers. Many are parents/guardians of students at the ASPIRE school, professionals, some of whom are the first in their family to attend college, or retired community members. Volunteers do not have to have attended college themselves to be effective ASPIRE mentors. ASPIRE is for all students. It is an all-comer's program and serves the entire student body. Any student who believes they can benefit from an ASPIRE mentor is welcomed and encouraged to participate. By being inclusive, ASPIRE ensures that all of Oregon's students have many options for a fulfilling future beyond high school.

We are happy to report we have had a positive response from students about the ASPIRE program with 34 students currently signed up. With almost half of the student matched with mentors, we are still looking for more individuals that would be interested in getting involved with this program and our students. If you have questions or would like to sign up to be a mentor, please contact Margaret Whiting, ASPIRE Coordinator, at her e-mail: [margaretw@nknsd.org](mailto:margaretw@nknsd.org) or by phone, 503-355-3554.