

The Nehalem Nugget

DECEMBER 2020

Be Safe . . . Be Respectful . . . Be Responsible



Important Dates

- **NO School** - Friday, December 4, 2020 - Grade Day
- Report cards will come home in your child's bag/folder on their exchange day.
- **NO School** - Winter Break - December 19, 2020 - January 3, 2021
- ****NO School** - Staff In-service Week - tentatively January 4th - 8th, 2021
- ****School Resumes tentative date, January 11, 2021**
***To be Determined at the December 14th School Board Meeting.*

December Spirit Week

DECEMBER 14TH - 18TH

Students and Staff are encouraged to show Winter Spirit and dress up as much as they would like to!

Monday : Grinch Day (wear green)

Tuesday : Candy Cane Day (wear red/white/green)

Wednesday : Dress up like a present (bows and ribbons)

Thursday : Going on a Winter Holiday (wear tropical shirts, leis, sunglasses, hats, flip flops)

Friday : Silent Night (wear pajamas or comfy clothes)



FROM MRS. WOIKA

Hi families!

Here's an update on where we are in our planning for January 11th. We have surveyed 100% of our families, including those who decided to not do CDL and unenrolled this fall. We plan on offering two programs in January. One will be online only with some live and some independent work. The other program will be on-site. Both programs will be Monday through Thursday. The times of the online program are not determined yet, but the onsite program will probably be 8AM to 2:30PM each day. We

do not need to do a staggered arrival and dismissal for our onsite program because so many families were willing and able to transport so thank you for that! That's huge!

We are in the process of determining which staff will be assigned to each program, and then we'll need to finalize schedules for both. We will work on new class lists the week before break and hope to share those with families right after winter break around January 5th.

Thank you for your support for school staff and your child, your trust in us, and your continued partnership in designing what is best for students, families and our school system. I'll continue to communicate as we have more to share. Again, please know that all these changes are dependent on current metrics and guidance from our NKN School Board at the December board meeting, so stay tuned! :)

Happy holidays! Kristi Woika

GRADE DAY

Grade Day will be on Friday, 12/4/2020. Report cards will be sent home in exchange bags next week, starting on 12/9/2020. We encourage families to review the report cards with their child(ren). Families are encouraged to contact their student's teacher if they have any questions regarding the report card.



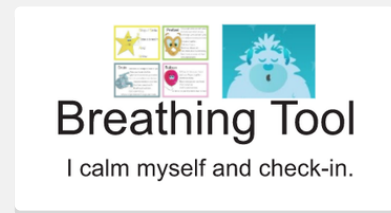
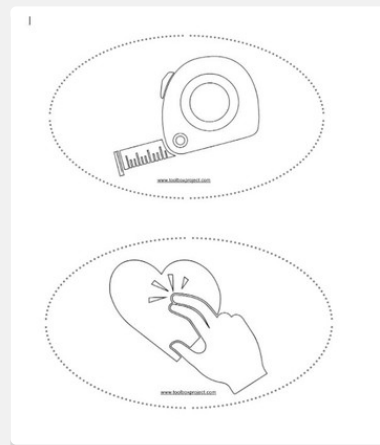
MISS JENNIFER

Greetings NES Families,

I hope you all had a restful Thanksgiving! December we will continue to work on recognizing our emotions and emotional regulation. You have probably noticed 'tools' arriving in the red bags for students. So far, students have been introduced to the breathing tool and the listening tool. These are tools that all students carry within themselves to help them manage their own social, emotional and academic success and are concrete symbols for abstract concepts. I encourage you to talk with your students about the tools introduced so far.

We will continue to work on mindfulness and will be introducing another mindful strategy in December. I hope you will continue to practice mindful breathing techniques with your child.

If you have any questions or concerns about your student feel free to contact me. You can also fill out a [counseling form](#) / [espanol](#) to request a meeting.



From the Library

Thank you all for helping make a wonderful Virtual Book Fair. Your support made it a unique and wonderful experience. It made me so happy to see the kids so excited about books and using their new skills to explore inside the fair. It was rewarding to be able to bring this unique opportunity to this unique school year. Someday we will get to host a walk in Book Fair like before, but for now, I'm glad we could put a new spin on an old tradition.

Sincerely,
Ms. Kathy

IDENTIFYING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Districts are responsible to locate, evaluate, and serve children with special needs including-

- *Children with disabilities (birth to 21): Special Education Director, Stacey Dills @ 503-355-3556.
- *Children who speak a second language or those who live in a home where a second language is spoken. (kindergarten to 12th grade)
ELL Coordinator, Janice Scudder, @503-355-3658.
- *Children who are talented and gifted. (kindergarten to 12th grade)

If you know any child who may need special services (this includes private and home school children), or if you have questions about what services can be provided, please contact the school office.



ROCKAWAY LIONS TAKING WINTER BREAK FOOD BASKET APPLICATIONS

Each year the Rockaway Lions Club provides Thanksgiving food baskets for families in our community who are in need of holiday assistance. Requests to receive a food basket are available in the school office. Stop by for one or call and ask that one be sent home with your child. The completed request needs to be **mailed** and received (in Rockaway) no later than **SUNDAY, December 6th**. The Lions will deny your request if you are already scheduled to receive Thanksgiving assistance through another organization. If you have any questions, call Ron with the Lions Club @ 503-355-2778 or 208-305-8886.

Tillamook County Public Health

Hello!

It has been brought to my attention that there is some inaccurate information circulating about children/pediatrics and the spread of COVID19. Tillamook County, like other counties in our state, has had positive cases of COVID19 in our pediatric populations. While children are less likely to develop severe illness, they are still able to transmit the virus to others, including to those who are most vulnerable.

To aid you and your staff and families in decision making, I am providing information from the CDC webpage/site:

“While fewer children have been sick with COVID-19 compared to adults, children can be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, can get sick from COVID-19, and can spread the virus that causes COVID-19 to others.

Children, like adults, who have COVID-19 but have no symptoms (“asymptomatic”) can still spread the virus to others. Most children with COVID-19 have mild symptoms or have no symptoms at all. However, some children can get severely ill from COVID-19...”

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/children/symptoms.html>

If you have any questions, or need clarification on this information or assistance in preparing your reopening plans, please feel free to continue to reach out to our public health nurses. Our nurse information line is: 503.842-3940.

Dr. Melissa Paulissen

Below is guidance for when to keep ill students out of school.



A student may need to stay home longer for some illnesses.pdf

[Download](#)
61.2 KB

Substitute Employment



Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, Neah-Kah-Nie School District has contracted with [ESS](https://www.ess.com) 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 ABrueske@ess.com or our Human Resources office at 503-355-3506.

It's a wonderful life Play!

Come watch a play starring Mrs. Woika and Officer Mike. Both shows are Free! December 12th and 13th

RIVERBEND PLAYERS PRESENTS

A LIVE
VIRTUAL
FUNDRAISER
FOR OUR
COMMUNITY

Sat. 12/12 @ 7PM
Sun. 12/13 @ 7PM

NO ADMISSION CHARGE

Co Sponsored by Fulcrum Community Resources. Voluntary donations will go to Covid-19 North County Business Relief <http://exploremanzanita.com/donate/>

GO TO WWW.RIVERBENDPLAYERS.ORG OR
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR SHOW INVITATIONS

A LIVE RADIOPLAY ADAPTED
BY JOE LANDRY

*It's a
Wonderful
Life*

Directed by:
TOM COCKLIN



NEHALEM POOL

Time to SHINE the LIGHT on the Unique contribution NCRD (swim program) makes to our community!

NCRD is in the process of highlighting our accomplishments throughout the years.

We would like to portray the school swim program featuring our adaptive program.

Most of the community is unaware of the NCRD's dedication and support to our students with disabilities. We have always been all inclusive and welcoming, as we continue to meet the needs of all patrons, including those that may be compromised. 21 years ago, the Adaptive Swim Program was established, thanks to the guidance of Gladys Jacobsen & Kim Coggins (NKN HS Life Skills teacher @ that time).

I'd appreciate your personal story or testimonial regarding your child's (students, if you are teacher/aid) benefits from the swim program & what skills they've learned.....their feeling of inclusion &



safety, whether they were mainstreamed or in an individual program. In the swim program we always meet the needs of each individual at their personal skill level or ability.

I would also like to reach out to the teachers, aids, counselors, & school personnel, without you, none of this magical experience could happen. Your patience, and dedication to the students is integral in our collaboration and success story!

Please ask yourself these questions....How important were these lessons, not only for safety education and swim skills, but for students feeling safe, nurtured, and welcomed in a positive and compassionate environment? How fortunate are we that school swim is free of charge to all students in our community? That is NCRD fulfilling its Mission Statement!!!!

This challenging and unusual time we are going thru, has given me a chance to pause and be proactive in wanting to tell the profoundly positive story of the valuable school swim programs diversity through the testimonials of its beneficiaries!

I have never been one to brag about our achievements, but it has been brought to my attention that the community has taken a sincere interest in our commendable accomplishments! So, with your help and support, I would like to validate those successes with your written word.

I have truly enjoyed experiencing each of your children in the past and present. They are our gems. To the current students, I look forward to having you back in the water & having fun!

I truly appreciate you all taking the time to celebrate this unique & special swim program which continues to educate, inspire, & spread Joy!

Sincerely,

Sue Dindia-Gray NCRD Aquatics Programs Manager/Instructor

Please feel free to call or e-mail me with questions or concerns.

I would greatly appreciate hearing back from you by December 4th.

Your testimonial can be as short or long as you like.

Pool# 1-855-444-6273

Sue's e-mail: suedg@ncrdnehalem.org

NCRD Aquatics P/O Box 207 Nehalem, OR 97131

NCRD

NCRD Youth Center is operating as Emergency Child Care. Our hours are 7:30am-5:30pm, Monday-Friday. While your child is with us we will supervise their CDL, provide healthy morning/afternoon snacks and enrichment activities(outdoor play, gym time, crafts, music, science, etc.)- all while following strict health and safety guidelines.

Questions? Please contact Leslie at lesliev@ncrdnehalem.org.

We will be closed November 11th, 25th, 26th and 27th.

Kristi Woika, Princip

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