

# Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School



**March 2025**

## ***From the Principal***

### **Dear Parents and Guardians,**

As we enter the **final trimester of the school year**, we want to keep you informed about important upcoming events.

With the inclement weather days at the beginning of February, we have adjusted our schedule a bit. The end of the second trimester prior to these days was on March 6. Now, the end of the second trimester is March 14. Teachers will have grades completed by the end of the day, and report cards will be sent out the following week. More information below on schedule changes due to inclement weather days.

One of the most significant is **state testing**, which will take place from the **last week of April through the third week of May**. These assessments help measure student progress and ensure we are providing the best possible education for all learners.

### **How Parents Can Support Student Success**

Your involvement plays a crucial role in helping your child feel prepared and confident. Here are some ways you can support them:

- ✓ **Encourage Restful Sleep** – A good night's sleep helps students stay focused and do their best.
- ✓ **Provide a Healthy Breakfast or Encourage your Child to take Advantage of our Free School Breakfast** – Nutritious meals fuel concentration and energy.
- ✓ **Promote a Positive Mindset** – Encourage your child to do their best and remind them that effort matters.
- ✓ **Avoid Scheduling Conflicts** – Please try to schedule appointments outside of testing times, so your child can participate fully.

✓ **Stay Informed** – Reach out to your child’s teacher if you have any questions about testing or how to best support your child.

The testing schedule is as follows:

**April 28–May 2:** Students in 8th grade will take the Science Test in their Science classroom.

**May 6–May 9:** Students in grades 6-8 will take the Math Test in their Math Classroom.

**May 12–May 14, and May 19–May 21:** Students in grades 6-8 will take the English Language Arts test in the ELA classrooms.

Thank you for your partnership in helping our students succeed! If you have any concerns or need further information, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,

Lori Dilbeck

Principal, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

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## ***Important Dates To Remember***

**Mar 4:** MS/HS Band and Choir concert - 6:30 p.m.

**Mar 9:** Daylight Savings Time begins (spring forward)

**Mar 14:** End of Trimester 2

**Mar 17:** St. Patrick's Day

**Mar 24-28:** Spring Break - **No School**

*Important Dates to Come...*

**April 28–May 2:** Students in 8th grade will take the Science Test in their Science classroom. test in the ELA classrooms.

**April 17-18:** Parent/Teacher Conferences - **No School**

**May 5:** Professional Development - **No School**

**May 6–May 9:** Students in grades 6-8 will take the Math Test in their Math Classroom.

**May 12–May 14, and May 19–May 21:** Students in grades 6-8 will take the English Language Arts

**May 16:** Day of Service

**May 26:** Memorial Day - **No School**

**May 29:** Senior Parade

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## ***IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE***

**Please note:** March 7th was previously listed as a no school day. Due to the inclement weather we experienced at the beginning of February, March 7 is now a regular school day. The new last day for students is June 12th.



# MAKE UP WEATHER DAYS

- **March 7th – Regular School Day**
- **June 10th**
- **June 11th**
- **June 12th – New Last Day for Students (half day)**



# DÍAS DE RECUPERACIÓN DEL CLIMA

- 7 de marzo – Día escolar regular
- 10 de junio
- 11 de junio
- 12 de junio – Nuevo último día para estudiantes (medio día)



**ACTUALIZAR**

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***On The Menu***



# MARCH 2025

## NEAH-KAH-NIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

A variety of sandwiches are Available daily as an Option for lunch

| Monday                                       | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| Pumpkin Bread <b>3</b><br>Cheesy Breadsticks | Breakfast Sandwich <b>4</b><br>Chicken Fajitas                                      | Strawberry/Cr. Cheese Bagel <b>5</b><br>Mac & Cheese | Yogurt & Grahams <b>6</b><br>Rib-A-Que                     | Biscuits & Gravy <b>7</b><br>Chicken Alfredo    |
| French Toast <b>10</b><br>Corn Dogs & Fries  | Pancake on a Stick <b>11</b><br>Enchiladas  | Breakfast Bar <b>12</b><br>Orange Chicken Over Rice  | Cherry Strudel <b>13</b><br>Tillamook Cheeseburger & Fries | Breakfast Burrito <b>14</b><br>Pizza Sticks     |
| Waffles <b>17</b><br>Lucky Chicken Nuggets   | Sausage & Biscuit <b>18</b><br>Nachos   | Banana Bread <b>19</b><br>Spaghetti                  | Pancakes <b>20</b><br>Sloppy Joe's                         | Oatmeal Rounds <b>21</b><br>Breakfast For Lunch |
| <b>24</b><br>HAVE                            | <b>25</b><br>A SAFE,  | <b>26</b><br>RELAXING                                | <b>27</b><br>SPRING  | <b>28</b><br>BREAK!!!                           |
| Lemon Bread <b>31</b><br>Peppy Rotini        |  |  |  |   |

A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are available daily on our offering bar. All of our bread and pasta items are whole grain or whole wheat. GF options are available. Fat-free and 1% Milks are offered daily. Whole grain cereals are an option at breakfast.  
"This institute is an equal opportunity provider"

## Manage Mealtime Account

Breakfast and lunch are free for all students. Seconds do cost money. Manage your students mealtime account here.

## Winter Formal Dance





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## ***Athletics***

### **Track & Field 2025 Season**

The 2025 Track and Field season starts officially Monday, March 31st. Signups are available in the MS front office. Practices will be from 4-6 every day.

Optional pre-season practices will be held Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. starting on March 1st in the MPR.

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## ***PBIS Rotation***

Our next PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) rotation is coming up after spring break. During these rotations, we cover:

- Technology Use
- Classroom Rules and Routines
- Cell Phone Policy
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Stairway Policy
- Cafeteria Etiquette

Due to an increase in student accidents and cell phone usage during school, we ask that you please aid us by reminding and reinforcing these behaviors at home.

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# Reminders

## How to make Honor Roll

Students who earn a 3.5 G.P.A. or better, complete 7 hours of community service/volunteer hours, have good behavior, and good attendance for the trimester will be awarded the status of Honor Roll.



In order to make honor roll, students must complete a minimum of 7 hours of community service per trimester. For each activity, the student will need a signature and the contact information from the supervising adult. Once this is completed, send in your letter to your student's advisor or the middle school office. [Learn more here.](#)

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## No Glass Containers

This is a friendly reminder that glass containers are not allowed at school, as they can easily break. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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## Attendance

If your child is going to be absent for all or part of the day, such as for morning appointments, email us at [msattendance@nknsd.org](mailto:msattendance@nknsd.org).

**Please include the following:**

- Students First and Last name
- Reason for the absence
- Date or time they will return from absence



If you are planning a vacation or know your student will be out of town, please have them pick up a pre-arranged absence form from the front office.

**If your student needs to ride a different bus, be picked up, or have any other transportation changes, please let the office know no later than 3:30 p.m.** We cannot guarantee enough time to inform students if we are notified past this time.

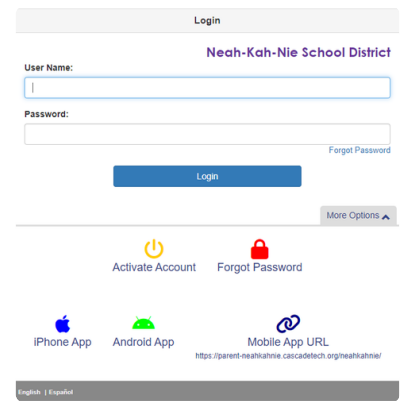
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## ParentVUE

*Grades, Attendance, Class Schedule and more!*



ParentVUE is a web portal that allows parents to access real-time information related to their student's education progress. Parents can view their student's attendance, grades, assignments, and more. If you are a new user, contact the Middle School for your activation code and get signed in!



The screenshot shows the ParentVUE login interface. At the top, it says 'Login' and 'Neah-Kah-Nie School District'. Below this are fields for 'User Name:' and 'Password:'. A 'Login' button is positioned below the password field. To the right of the password field is a link for 'Forgot Password'. Below the login section is a 'More Options' link. Further down, there are links for 'Activate Account' and 'Forgot Password' with corresponding icons. At the bottom, there are links for 'iPhone App', 'Android App', and 'Mobile App URL' with their respective icons. The footer indicates 'English | Español'.

[Click Here To Enroll, Register or Update Information Today!](#)

## ***Robotics Bootcamp***

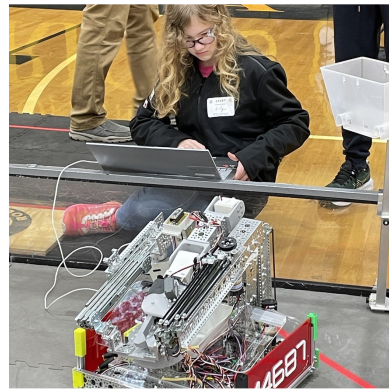
### **Application Deadline: March 12th, 2025**

Robotics bootcamp is coming! Any interested 6th, 7th, or 8th grader is invited to apply. Applications (found in the library or by contacting Ms. Harmon) will be accepted until March 12th - permission forms will then be handed out to students who show that they are excited to participate in Robotics next year. Bootcamp will be after school for four days (3:45-6PM) from Monday the 17th of March to Thursday the 20th.

NKN Robotics attended their final event of the season on Feb. 22nd and 23rd - the SPARK Invitational in Philomath. The students attending showed a great deal of resilience and grit - managing to overcome a large number of mechanical and programming challenges during the weekend. Their performance wasn't strong enough to earn a ticket to the State Championships, but they didn't come home empty handed. The team earned a 2nd place Innovate award for their unique robot design.

This year is the first time that students have earned jackets by participating in two full seasons of Robotics at NKN. The jackets designed by Scovel's Ink have embroidered patches on them for the team sponsors and to identify our team at competition. It is so exciting to have everyone coordinated at competition and it will be wonderful moving forward to have these jackets for all our dedicated participants.





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## Counselor's Corner

### WEB Leaders: Building a Culture Where Everyone Belongs

At Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School, we believe that middle school is more than just academics—it's about **belonging, connection, and support**. That's where our **WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) student leader program** comes in!

WEB is a national program designed to help incoming 6th graders transition smoothly into middle school with the support of trained 8th-grade leaders. Our [Boomerang WEB program](#) goes beyond just orientation—our amazing student leaders **mentor, guide, and encourage** our youngest students throughout the year.

#### What Do WEB Leaders Do?

- **Lead 6th Grade Orientation** – Before the first day of school, our WEB Leaders welcome 6th graders with an interactive, high-energy event to build friendships and confidence.
- **Host Social & Academic Events** – From fun activities to “Middle School Survival” lessons, WEB leaders help 6th graders navigate their new environment.
- **Provide Ongoing Check-Ins** – Throughout the year, leaders connect with their groups, making sure 6th graders feel supported and included.

#### A Shoutout to This Year's WEB Leaders!

We have been **so fortunate** to have an **incredible group of WEB leaders** this year. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and leadership have made a lasting impact on our school community. Whether it was running engaging activities, offering guidance to their 6th-grade groups, or simply being a friendly face in the hallways, they truly embodied what it means to create a school **where everyone belongs**.

#### Looking Ahead: WEB Leaders for 2025-26

In the next couple of months, we will be **selecting our new WEB leaders** for the 2025-26 school year! If you're a **current 7th grader** who enjoys helping others, making a difference, and being a positive role model, we encourage you to apply! Stay tuned for more details on how to become part of this incredible program.

Thank you to our 2024-25 WEB leaders for your hard work and dedication—you've made Neah Kah Nie Middle School a better place!



**Marie Giani/Emily Massey**

Head Secretary/Assistant Secretary