

The Nehalem Nugget

DECEMBER 2022

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



Important Dates and Reminders

- **NO School** - Friday, December 2, 2022 - Grade Day
- **Winter Concert** - Tuesday, December 6, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.
Please have your child/children to their classroom by 6:15 and parents go to the gym.
- **Picture Retake Day** - Wednesday, December 7, 2022
- **Board Meeting** - Monday, December 12, 2022 - 6:30 p.m. at the District Office
- **Report cards** - will come home with your child on Thursday, December 8th.
- **NO School** - Winter Break - December 17, 2022 - January 2, 2023 - **School Resumes Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

From the Office

Attendance - If you send an email regarding your child's attendance for the day, please email Amy and Shannon in the event that one of us is out. amyc@nknsd.org shannonam@nknsd.org

Schedule Change - If you need to change your child's schedule, please call before 2:00 p.m. We try to get bus notes to the classrooms by 2:15 p.m.

Thank you!!

STATE TESTING INFORMATION

Required state testing for grades 3-5 will be this spring. Specific dates will be in the newsletter when testing gets closer so that parents know the actual dates their children will test. State law requires parents be notified of their right to opt-out their child from state testing, even though NES, the Neah-Kah-Nie School District and the Oregon Department of Education recommends that all students test. Click on the red button below to access the Opt Out Form.

Oregon State Testing Opt Out Form - English

Oregon State Testing Opt Out Form - Spanish

From Mrs. Mills

Hello parents!

NES and GGS teachers have been piloting a new Social Studies curriculum for our district. We are interested in adopting Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's *Into Social Studies* curriculum for both our schools. Teachers have taught lessons from the unit booklets this fall and have found it to be easy to use, cover the state standards, and enjoyed by students. Board policy IIA requires a new curriculum to be made available to parents to review. If you would like to review the curriculum, please contact your school principal. Families can also review and get information about this curriculum online at [THIS LINK.](#)

Picture Retakes

Picture Retakes will be on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Here's another chance if students were absent, didn't order a packet or if they enrolled after the first picture day. For retakes -- be sure to return the student's original portrait packet. To purchase new portraits, the office will send an order envelope home with those who were absent on 10/26/22 or if they enrolled after the first photo day. Extra envelopes are in the office.

Grade Day

Grade Day will be on Friday, 12/2/2022. Report cards will be sent home with children in their backpacks on Thursday, December 8th. 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.

Lost and Found

December 16th is the last day to claim any lost and found items. It will all be donated, so please come and have a look!

Please click on the link below to review the District's Delayed Start Plan

[NKN Delayed Start Plan](#)

Please sign up through the link below to receive Flash Alert messages when we have a school delay or closure.

[Flash Alert Sign Up](#)



MISS JENNIFER

Happy December!

In November we continued to work on skills for learning: focused attention, listening, following directions, being assertive, empathy and more. Additionally, we continued developing using our 'tools' (Breathing, Listening & Words - so far) to help in solving problems and staying in the green zone.

In December we will continue focusing on skills needed for learning.: Listening, focus, respect, empathy, positive self talk to name a few. Specifically we will review our 'Words Tool' one of the innate tools we have within ourselves to help us with emotional regulation, skills for learning, social responsibility and problem solving, "Using our words tool" reminds us to use our words in the right, way at the right time, for the right reason, to others AND yourself. Remembering to use our words in a way that will be helpful instead of hurtful aids in the ability to problem solve with others when there is a conflict. It is also a great reminder to speak to ourselves (self talk) in a way that we would speak to a friend - with kindness and empathy.

Mindfulness will continue to be incorporated into our SEL lessons this year. Practicing mindfulness is a great way to train our brains to regain focus and calm... I encourage you to practice this with your students at home. The more they practice, the more automatic a mindfulness response becomes. [MindYeti](#) is a great resource for PreK - 3rd grade. It was created by the Committee for Children who is the creator of Second Step, the SEL curriculum used at NES. [Waterford.org](#) is another great resource for kids and mindfulness as well.

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.

Ms. Jennifer

503-355-3657

jenniferh@nknsd.org

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend, I can't believe its almost December already! While we had high hopes of having the holiday shoppe returning, unfortunately the company wasn't able to fulfill our order this year. The parent council will be selling raffle tickets for some gift baskets at the Winter Concert, we'll send a flier out with more information early next week. We appreciate all of your support! Our next meeting will be Tuesday December 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Larisa
PTC president

NCRD Performing Arts Center

Three NES students will appear in 'It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play' by Joe Landry at the NCRD Performing Arts Center. 4th graders Colbie Conner and Oliver Arnold, along with 5th grader Chloe Ward will take the stage on December 9th, 10th, and 11th in Riverbend Players' production of the classic holiday story. Play director, Frank Squillo, said he wanted this year's production to be "more authentic" and was excited to have such talented young performers be a part of an already superb cast. This year's production also includes a very special appearance by the Neah-Kah-Nie High School choir.

Tickets are on sale now for 3 shows only. For tickets or more information go to Riverbendplayers.org



A flyer for the NKN Student Health & Wellness Center. The background is light blue with various medical icons like a stethoscope, syringe, bandage, and pills. The NKN logo is at the top center, featuring a stylized bird or wave with a cross. Below the logo, the text reads: "The NKN Student Health & Wellness Center provides services to all students regardless of the student's ability to pay. Located at the Neah-Kah-Nie High School. Center opens Tuesday, August 9th for medical services (including sports physicals). Health & Wellness Center Hours Tuesday: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm) Wednesday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm (closed 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm) Thursday: Starting September 6th (Counseling appointments only) 8:30 am - 12:00pm 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm (Closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm) (503) 355-3500 Visit the website for available services and resources: nknhealth.org *Parents have the right to opt out of services."/>

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Click on the link below to see when and how long to keep students at home if they are ill.

[Symptom Checker](#)



ROCKAWAY LIONS TAKING WINTER BREAK FOOD BASKET APPLICATIONS

Each year the Rockaway Lions Club provides Winter Break 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 the office 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 4th or returned to the school office by Friday, December 2nd**. 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.

NCRD Youth Center

Are you ready for the holiday season? What's the one thing you look forward to more than anything else? What's that special thing your kids look forward to the most? Here at NCRD youth, we are growing flowers and making art. If you are in need youth care, please reach out to the welcome center. On school days we pick up your students at Nehalem Elementary at the end of each school day and are open until 5pm. Cost is \$6 a day per child and includes a nutritious snack and a host of enrichment activities (outdoor play/walks, gym time, crafts, music, science, and etc.) If interested please reach out to Angie or Kiley at NCRD by phone, email, or just stop in. We are not currently accepting drop-ins. However, we do have full day childcare available on a first come, first serve basis for no school days. We are closed for all national holidays and on days observing the holiday, December 26th and Jan. 2nd . Full days are \$20 per student and registration and prepayment is required, please visit NCRD.org or the welcome center. This month's full days are December 2nd , 19th - 23rd , and 27th - 30th . We are hopeful and plan to be open all of the dates listed above, however due to staffing shortages closures may happen. Please keep an eye on the website and Facebook pages for updates, weather, and staff closures.

If you know of anyone looking for a part-time after school position, please apply at NCRD. We are in need of youth assistance approximately 3 - 30 hours a week.

Scholarship applications are available upon request. Scholarships for students are funded through the Friends of NCRD, who support families in need through various fundraisers throughout the year. Please let any youth center staff or the welcome center know if this is a need, and we will get you the form.

Youth Sports

Futsal in underway and only has 3 more Fridays to go, it is from 4-5pm in the gyms at NCRD (younger kids) or NES (older kids). The next sport will be basketball, we are looking at a mid-January start date. If you have any interest in coaching please reach out, no experience is needed. Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. angiet@ncrdnehallem.org
kileyk@ncrdnehallem.org

NCRD Pool

DECEMBER WEDNESDAY WATER PLAY

December 7th, & December 14th

Time 2:45---4:00 (drop off & pick up @ pool)

\$2 per swimmer

Friday Night Family Swim December

December 2nd & December 16th

Time: 6:00pm---7:30pm

\$2 students \$6 Adult

December 9th No Friday Night Swim....Pool Closed....

Holiday Pool Closure Dates:

December 19-----January 2, 2023

POOL OPENS: January 3, 2023 (Tuesday)

NKN District Job Openings

Click button to access and apply for open positions. The school district is also in need of qualified substitutes in all areas. See below for ESS link to become a substitute.

**SUPPORT OUR
SCHOOLS!**
Become an ESS
Substitute



**SCAN
ME TO
GET
STARTED!**