



THE NEHALEM NUGGET

NEWS BITS FOR NEHALEM FAMILIES



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BE SAFE . . . BE RESPECTFUL . . . BE RESPONSIBLE

APRIL 2018

Important Dates

Monday 4/9/2018

School Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday 4/10/18

Parent Council meeting - 6:30 p.m.

April 9th-20th

English Language Arts State Testing

April 16-20, 2018

National Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 23, 2018

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 5/9/18

Kindergarten Pre-Registration

May 7th-18th

Math State Testing

State Testing Schedule for grades 3-5

Here are the class state testing dates. The dates are a window of dates where all students should begin the first day of testing, but students will finish at different rates. If you have any questions, please contact your student's teacher.

Mrs. Duer & Mrs. Verhulst

ELA: April 11th-13th, and April 17th-19th

Math: May 9th-11th & May 15th-18th

Mr. DeGandi & Virginia Birkby

ELA: April 11-13th and April 18th-20th

Math: May 9th-11th and May 16th-18th

Mrs. Henderson

ELA: April 11-13th and April 18th-20th

Math: May 8th-10th and May 15-16th & 18th



For all 3rd—5th grade parents please see attached Test Taking Tips!



KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Kindergarten pre-registration is for children who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2018. This will be at Nehalem Elementary School starting at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

- ♦ Required: Immunization records and Birth certificate.
- ♦ Children will have an opportunity to meet Kindergarten staff and visit Kindergarten classrooms.
- ♦ Parents will meet with Shannon Mulcahy-Hill (office), Kristi Woika (principal), Linda Hershey (Family Resource Coordinator) and Michelle Aeder (Bus Barn) while children are with the Kindergarten staff.

Please notify Shannon at 503-355-3650 of any child you may know who will be 5 years old by 9/1/18 and will not be attending the pre-registration.

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS!

Individual Student Rewards
-That add up to whole school rewards

WAY TO GO'S # 4,102
FEATHERS # 127
QUIET ZONE # 220

Whole Classroom rewards

FEATHER PARTIES

Felley: Pajama day
Mrs. Verhulst: movie day with
Mrs. Duer's class
Mrs. Honts: treats on 3/16

Whole School Reward
Classroom Movies

Attendance Tracker

Percentage of students at school daily!

(Comparing this year's monthly attendance
with last year's)

2017/2018		2016/2017	
September	96.80%	September	95.50%
October	95.6 %	October	95.50%
November	93.5 %	November	93.80%
December	96.6 %	December	93%
January	91.4 %	January	93.50%
February	92.63 %	February	94%
March	92.9 %	March	91.50%
April		April	93.30%
May		May	92.10%

Thank You!

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

April 15-20, 2018

Our school is very fortunate to have so many volunteers that donate their time and talents to our school. Volunteers truly do make a difference in the lives of others and give the best gift of all . . . themselves. We will be sending our volunteers a thank you card with a token of our appreciation during the Volunteer Appreciation Week.

Talented and Gifted Testing (TAG)

Annual testing for all NKN 2nd grade and 5th grade students will happen in the spring to test for TAG. Parents will be notified if the assessment indicates that their child may qualify for TAG services. If you have any questions, you may contact the school counselor.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS and SUPPORTS

We are working being respectful at school with adults and other students. Our counselor will be teaching lessons about respect. Also we will be reinforcing respectful behavior with respect bucks that students earn from staff.

Also as a reminder, no toys at school including squishy toys unless student has teacher permission.

HOMEMADE TREATS

As a reminder, please NO homemade food for birthday celebrations or class parties. In keeping with health department guidelines, only food prepared in an inspected kitchen may be brought to school.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SPRING WEDNESDAY WATER PLAY IS BACK @ NCRD POOL

***** 6 SESSIONS THIS SPRING*****

BEGINS APRIL 11, 2018

Free choice Water Fun....With Games & POOL Equipment!!

6 Wednesdays: April 11, 18, 25, & May 2, 9, 16

2:35-4:00 (PICK-UP @ POOL)

\$2.00 per session or use your swim pass

Eligible: Students in 1st thru 5th grades. ***Attend 1 to 6 sessions of anything in-between***

Completed & signed permission form mandatory to participate & walk over to pool with NCRD Aquatic Staff.

LOOK FOR: INFORMATION FLYER/

PERMISSION FORMS to come home with students April 2nd thru April 5th.

Additional forms will be available @ Nehalem Elementary, NCRD Pool, & NCRD Main Lobby

**POOL
NEWS!!**

NCRD YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth Program: Looking for part-time year around work? Love working with kids? Apply now to be a youth assistant! Must be 18 years or older and have a valid drivers license. Pick up an application at the NCRD Welcome center or email Susan Scholerman at susans@ncrdnehalem.org

Youth Sports: MLB Pitch, Hit, Run is May 5th

Baseball starts May 14th



PARENTS, KIDS & TESTING

It may be your child taking all the tests, but you're the one who needs to help him or her through it. Here are some test-taking tips to help you get your child ready.

NEHALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SMARTER BALANCED TEST TAKING TIPS

Tip #1: Make attendance a priority, especially on days that you know standardized testing will be administered or there is a test in the classroom. Though it's important for your child to be in school as many days as possible, making sure he's there when the test is taken helps to ensure he won't lose more learning time because he has to make up a test during school.

Tip #2: Make a note of test days on the calendar. That way, both you and your child know what's coming and will be prepared.



Tip #3: Encourage your child. Reduce stress. Being afraid of your reaction can increase anxiety, which makes careless mistakes more likely.

Tip #4: Set a reasonable bedtime and stick to it. Many parents underestimate the importance of a rested mind and body. Tired children have difficulty focusing and are easily flustered by challenges.

Tip #5: Make sure your child has enough time to wake up fully before he has to go to school. Just as rest is important, so is having enough time to get her brain engaged and in gear. If her test is first thing in the morning, she can't afford to spend the first hour of school groggy and unfocused.



Tip #6: Provide a high-protein, healthy, low-sugary breakfast and lunch for your child. Kids learn better on full stomachs, but if their stomachs are full of sugary, heavy foods that will make them sleepy or slightly queasy, it's not much better than an empty stomach (eggs cheese, nuts, whole grains, berries, protein).



Tip #7: Talk to your child about how the test went, what he or she did best, and what he or she might have done differently. Think of it as a mini-debriefing or brainstorming session to prepare for the next day. You can talk about test-taking strategies before, during, and after the testing weeks.

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Taken from About.com <http://childparenting.about.com/>

POOL-A-THON HUGE SUCCESS!!

Bravo Pool-A-Thon Participants and benevolent donors.

The 28th Annual Pool-A-Thon held February 17, 2018 was extremely prosperous. **\$16,100.00** has been raised so far with additional donations still trickling in. 2,303 lengths (32 miles) were swam by 54 enthusiastic swimmers! In addition, there were 16 student participants who were not able to swim, but were kind enough to solicit donations towards our cause.

This event raised funds to help keep the NCRD/ Nehalem Elementary School Swim Program afloat. All proceeds from the Pool-A-Thon go directly towards the School Swim Instruction & Water Safety Awareness Program which impacts the lives of all students, kindergarten through 5th grade, as well as the adaptive swim students of District #56.

Many thanks go to the 70 student participants. Because of their enthusiasm, hard work, and passion for swimming, the event was a SUPREME ACHIEVEMENT!! To the parents & families of these kids, we are truly appreciative for the time and energy you gave to your child throughout the Pool-A-Thon. Thanks for being the backbone of the fundraiser. You all are WONDERFUL!!

An extended thank-you to all the generous donors. By pledging a swimmer, you have validated the importance of this vital program which enhances the lives of over 200 children. We are fortunate to have the support and encouragement of a caring community. The Legacy of the 88 year old Nehalem School Swim Program lives on!!!!

Sue Dindia-Gray, NCRD Aquatics



**Nehalem
Elementary
Parent
Council**

Newsletter

April 2018



COME JOIN US!
APRIL 10TH
6:30pm - 7:30pm
NES Cafeteria

At our April 10th meeting, we will be holding the 2018-2019 election for Parent Council, please be present at the meeting if you would like to run for a position.

Art Moms is looking to work with the Hoffman Clay Studio in May 2018 on a project called "Endangered Animals." The Hoffman Center will volunteer their time as well as glaze and fire the kids' pieces. We are asking for community support for the funds for the materials.

Checks can be written to NES with "ART PROGRAM" in the memo. Please mail to NES at 36300 8th St. Nehalem, OR 97131. Art moms is a group of parents, guest artists and volunteers, committed to keeping Art Alive for our youth! Thanks Art Moms!



PENNY WARS

1 * 2 * 3 * 4
we declare a
PENNY WAR!

APRIL 16TH - APRIL 20TH

Which class will be the winner?
Add coins to your class jar and the class with the highest total **WINS!!**
WINNING CLASS RECEIVES AN EXTRA RECESS
JARS WILL BE IN THE GYM BEFORE SCHOOL

Learning Garden
Check out our Facebook page for up coming work parties

facebook:
Nehalem Elementary School Garden

THANK YOU

Marcy Grimes!
For your time and effort, processing box tops for Nehalem Elementary. We received a check for \$68!

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SPRING CARNIVAL

Come Join The Fun!
SATURDAY, MAY 19TH
12PM - 2PM

GAMES ★ PRIZES ★ FACE PAINTING ★ RAFFLES
CONCESSION STAND ★ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ★
AND MORE
* WEATHER PERMITTING.

\$1 PER TICKET OR \$20 FOR 25 TICKETS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HOW CAN YOU HELP?
COME BE A PART OF THIS FUN GROUP EFFORT!

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