

NEAH-KAH-NIE MIDDLE SCHOOL



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In addition to your student's report card, you will also find a report card for the school as well as the district. For students needing immunizations, letters and forms have been mailed out separately .

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)
- *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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Monday, December 9th– School Board 6:30pm @ District Office/Lunes el 9 de diciembre reunión de la junta escolar en la oficina del distrito a las 6:30pm**
- **Friday, December 13– Winter Formal 6p-7:45p– 7th and 8th Grade only/ 13 de diciembre- Baile 6p-7:45p**
- **Monday, December 23rd - Winter Break begins/ el 23 de diciembre empieza vacaciones de invierno**
- **Monday, January 6th - School resumes/ el lunes 6 de enero regresar a la escuela**
- **Monday, January 13th– School Board 6:30pm @ District Office/el 13 de enero reunión de la junta escolar en la oficina del distrito a las 6:30pm**
- **Thursday, January 16th NO CLASSES AT MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY; jueves el 16 NO HAY CLASES EN EL MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- **Friday, January 17th District wide in service/no school; Viernes el 17– no hay clases en todo el distrito**
- **Monday, January 20th, Martin Luther King Day Holiday, No School/ el 20 de enero el día de MLK, no hay clases.**

REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

*Please be sure to call the office before 9:00 am (503-355-2990 or 866-966-2990) if your student is going to be absent. We have a 24-hour phone message line.

*Students absent from school due to illness or unexcused absence, are not permitted to attend after-school activities on the day of their absence.

*Middle school students are not allowed to carry medications. (*This includes cough drops, aspirin, vitamins, etc.*) Parents must check all medications in and out at the office.

*Plus, now is a good time to review what you are to have as school supplies. If you need the list, please contact the office.

*Late start Mondays– students should not arrive on school grounds before 9:30am

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear NKN Middle School Community,

As the first trimester comes to an end, it is a time to reflect on all of our accomplishments thus far this school year. It is hard to believe we have been in school for 12 weeks. During this time, we have enjoyed several extracurricular events. Both football and volleyball players and coaches enjoyed a winning season and basketball is off to a great start with seventh grade sporting a 4-0 season so far and eighth grade having 4 wins and one loss. Go Raiders!

Our Lego League Challenge was a huge success with two teams moving on to compete at a tournament in December. As far as in the school setting, students and staff are well into the role of school. Classrooms are abuzz with students collaborating as they learn new content.

Things will be changing for the Neah-Kah-Nie

School District in the near future with the recent passing of the Student Success Act (SSA). The Student Success Act was passed into law last summer and will provide an infusion of new resources for Oregon's children through the Student Investment Account (SIA).

Our charge from Oregon lawmakers is to:

* Address the growing mental and behavioral health needs of our students; and
* Increase academic achievement, specifically for students living in poverty, students from racial or ethnic groups who have historically experienced barriers to success, students with disabilities, students who are homeless or who are in foster care, and emerging bilingual students.

Our district will receive a SIA grant allocation of about \$600,000 for the 2020-21 school year and it is expected this level

of funding will continue each year thereafter. The allowable uses for the SIA grant funds are:

- Increasing instructional time
- Reducing class size
- Providing a well-rounded education
- Improving student health & safety

Schools in the district will start to see these new funds next school year. This is exciting news for all children in the state of Oregon! All of us at the Neah-Kah-Nie School District, along with community input, our in the beginning stages of determining how to best use this funding to better support our students. I will do my best to keep all of you informed of any progress as the process continues!

Until next time,

Lori Dilbeck

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You can also contact the school by calling 503-355-2990 or 866-966-2990 or faxing 503-355-8514.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES/DELAYS

Daily announcements are available on our web site!

Go to ...

www.nknsd.org

To check it out, just click on "announcements" on the middle school page.

School Messenger is an automated calling system that the District uses for attendance calls, to notify parents of special events, but most importantly to notify parents of an unexpected, weather related or emergency school closure. The system will call the phone numbers that are in your child's student record. Earlier in the year, we provided you with a print out of the parent contact information that is a part of your child's student record. **It is VERY IMPORTANT that our schools have the most current parent contact information.**

In addition, you can check the NKN Facebook page or flash news for closures/delayed starts due to weather, etc.

DECEMBER 4, 2019

ATHLETICS

2019 Boys Basketball Schedule

The season is winding down...please come out and support players for the remaining games!!!

Date	Opponent	Location
Mon 12/9	Jewell	NKN
Wed 12/11	Warrenton	NKN
Mon 12/16	Ilwaco	NKN



PARENT VUE

If you have not already signed up for Parent VUE, it is an excellent tool....right at your fingertips! Parent VUE provides you with timely access to your child's progress, course schedule, attendance, school events, etc. If you would like to get information to sign up and log on, please contact the office at 503.355.2990.



TECH CLUB- LEGO LEAGUE

On Wednesday 8 teams participated in the first annual LEGO League Challenge at NKN Middle School. To participate each team built and programmed a robot to solve challenges on a performance field. In addition they also had to research an innovative solution to a problem with a structure in their local community. One team researched affordable housing, another emergency housing after natural disasters, another the feasibility of building a road between Rockaway Beach and Miami Foley, others researched accessibility of playground equipment in County Parks. Students also learned about the CORE Values of FIRST LEGO league and shared how these values helped them succeed at the challenge this season. The finals on Wednesday gave students an opportunity to show their learning sharing their robot design, Innovation project, and understanding of the CORE Values with volunteer judges from the community. Of course we would not have been able to do all this without the support of many local organizations. Many thanks to the Eugene Schmuck Foundation and Mudd Nick Foundation as well as the Oregon Department of Education for the grant monies which allowed us to usher so many students through this program....and congratulations to the two NKN teams moving on in the competition! The Cherry Blossoms and Groot Crew will be representing our school at a qualifying tournament on December 14th.

Parents: Please contact the office before 1:00pm with any



messages and/or notes for your students. Also, if requesting a bus pass for your student, please provide bus number, city, and stop. Thank you.

IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

Oregon immunization requirements have changed. Parents, don't let your child get left behind! *Note: Doses required vary by a child's age and how long ago they were vaccinated. Please check with your child's school or healthcare provider for details.*

Oregon law requires the following shots for school attendance...

A student entering grade six (6) needs:

- 5 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP)
- 4 Polio
- 1 Varicella (chickenpox)
- 2 Measles
- 1 Mumps
- 1 Rubella
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 Hepatitis A



A student entering grade seven through twelve (7-12) needs:

- 5 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP)
- 1 Tdap
- 4 Polio
- 1 Varicella (chickenpox)
- 2 Measles
- 1 Mumps
- 1 Rubella
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 Hepatitis A (those entering 7th grade)



ATTENTION PARENTS! Our records indicate several students are in need of further vaccinations. For those students, we have mailed a letter outlining what is needed. Please note: **Students still out of compliance on exclusion day (2/19/20) will not be admitted to school.**

Note: Beginning March 1, 2014, parents claiming non-medical exemptions will need to provide the school with Oregon Health Authority certificates of documentation. As more information about the new process becomes available, it will be posted at <http://1.usa.gov/OregonSchool>.