



Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School



November 2025

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a fantastic way to wrap up October! Our Spirit Week brought so much positive energy to the building—students showed incredible creativity and school pride each day. It was wonderful to see so many smiles, laughter, and connection across all grade levels.

I also want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Student-Led Conferences. We had an impressive 96% attendance rate, which truly speaks to the commitment of our families and students. These conferences are an important part of our students' growth. They provide an opportunity for each student to take ownership of their learning, reflect on their progress, and set goals for the months ahead—all with the support of their teachers and family.

As we move into November, we're continuing to focus on growth, gratitude, and connection. The end of the first trimester is coming up on November 24, which is also the last full day before Thanksgiving break. Even though it's the only school day that week, attendance is especially important—teachers will be wrapping up essential learning, reviewing progress, and preparing for reporting on student progress toward mastery of the standards. Look for Trimester 1 report cards to be sent out the first week in December.

Warm regards,

Lori Dilbeck
Principal, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

Important Dates To Remember

- **NOV 11:** Veteran's Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- **NOV 20:** Picture Re-Take Day
- **NOV 21:** Opera-To-Go
- **NOV 25:** Grade Day End of Tri 1- **NO SCHOOL**
- **NOV 26-28:** Thanksgiving Break

Important Days to Come....

DEC 3: PBIS Assembly

DEC 5: 7/8 Grade Dance*

**Students must have 90% attendance or higher & must be at school the entire school day on the day of the dance in order to participate.*

DEC 22-JAN 2: Winter Break

Picture Retakes

Thursday, November 20th, 2025

PICTURE DAY:
EL DÍA DE LA FOTO

Friday, October 03, 2025
\ viernes, 3 de octubre, 2025

Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

Bonus items only available in select packages when pre-ordered.
Artículos de bonificación solo disponibles en paquetes seleccionados cuando se realizan pedidos por adelantado.

Order now for early Picture Day pricing!

mylifetouch.com

Create an account or login with your Picture Day ID: **EVTT9QM9K**

Haga su pedido ahora para obtener precios anticipados para el día de la fotografía en mylifetouch.com.
Crea una cuenta o inicia sesión con tu identificación del Día de la Foto.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Going To Miss School?

Chronic absence is defined as 9 days a year— even if those absences are excused!

If your student is going to be out for all or part of the day, please let the front office know! You can email us at msattendance@nknsd.org. Please include the following:

- Students First and Last name

- Reason for the absence
- Date or time they will return from absence

We are not always by our phone, so by emailing us it will help keep your student's attendance up to date!



Schedule Changes/Bus Notes

📢 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 3:15 p.m. We cannot guarantee enough time to inform students if we are notified past this time. 📢



Inclement Weather

For Emergency and Weather Alerts from the District

Flash Alert is one of the systems that the district uses to communicate with staff and families in the event of a school delay or closure. If you sign up, you will receive notifications of such events. Just click on the button below and follow the steps to sign up. If you've already signed up, log in and click "Managing Subscriptions" to update for this year and test the email they have on file for you.

Flash Alert



Inclement Weather English.pdf

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NKNMS Cell Phone Policy

Student Expectations

Students are responsible for bringing their Yondr pouches to and from school each day. If a student forgets their Yondr pouch, they are to turn their phone/smartwatch into the front office for the school day.

If a student has lost or broken their Yondr pouch, there is a \$25.50 replacement fee. Please call the front office if your student needs a new pouch.



As students enter school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr Pouch.



Students close and secure their Pouch, keeping it on them throughout the day.



When leaving school, students tap their Pouch on a Base to retrieve their phone.

NKN District Cell Phone Policy

Honor Roll

Honor Roll/Community Service

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.

Trimester 1 ends on 11/24/25.


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.](#)



Student Writing & Art Contest

2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous

Open to grades 7-12. Contest submissions accepted December 1 2025 - February 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.



2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous,
STUDENT Writing Contest \$5 CASH PRIZES \$5
Information - Please read carefully!
Open to grades 7-12, attending school in Ticonderoga County.

Contest submissions accepted beginning
December 1, 2025 - February 15, 2026, at 5 pm

Authors may submit a single unpublished work in one of the categories below:

1. Poetry, 2. Fiction, 3. Non-Fiction, 4. Journalism, 5. Media Lyrics

Our judges will evaluate your work with attention to organization, development, voice, and attention to the conventions and craft of writing.

See RWR Website for submission information: <https://www.rwriters.com>

Document Formatting:

- Maximum 1,000 words
- Include your name in the document submitted.
- Print: Also submit a PDF document showing your desired formatting.


STUDENT PRIZES - CASH PRIZES: Reading at RWR event. Published in RWR Anthology
First place \$100.00, Second place \$50.00, Third place \$25.00

Honorable mentions may be selected at the discretion of the judges. No cash awards.

NCAM board members, contest judges, and immediate family are not eligible to enter.

2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous, April 24, 25, and 26.

Writing Contest



2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous
Student & Open Class Art Contest
Information & Rules - Please read carefully!
Submission period: December 1, 2025 - February 15, 2026, at 5 pm

Individuals may submit up to 5 printable images of original art work(s) you created, such as:

- Images of paintings
- Images of drawings
- Images of illustrations
- Images of photography
- Images of sculpture or other three dimensional art
- Images of installation art
- Images of furniture design
- Images of interior design
- Images of food or beverage creation
- Images of other types of art.

Images all need to be items that are printable in the anthology.

You may only submit work that you still own the rights to.

Our panel will evaluate your work with attention to the quality of the work, including Creativity & Originality, Technical Skill, Emotional Impact, Composition & Design, and Artistic Statement.

See RWR Website for submission information: www.rwriters.com

ENTRY FEE - \$100 for all submissions.

PRIZES - Winning entries will be published in the 2026 RWR Anthology. No monetary awards will be given. A cash prize will be awarded to the first place winner. All winning entries may be published in the RWR Anthology and RWR website, social media sites and other public websites and social media.

2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous, April 24, 25, and 26.

Art Contest

Athletics

Addresses for MS Sports

Coming Soon....

Girls Basketball - Practices will start after Winter Break; more information to come.

Wrestling - Practices will start after Winter Break; more information to come.



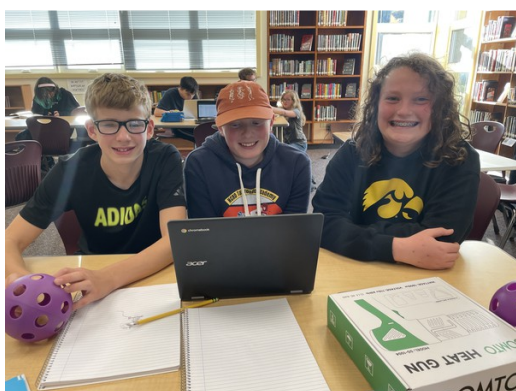
Students Attending Games/Events

A reminder that all middle school students attending home athletic games or events need to be accompanied by an adult.

NKN Robotics

NKN Robotics is off to a strong start - the team is supporting a Unified Robotics team this season helping students with intellectual disabilities participate in Robotics and helping all students involved work on interpersonal skills and being good teammates. James Johansen and Carlotta Roddy are providing this opportunity Mondays after school to a select group of Neah-Kah-Nie students. The theme is Lord of the Rings themed, and students are building a scout and a ballista - robots that will be able to complete the challenge.

The NKN FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics team has a new name this season. Goodbye Team Undecided, hello Team Tsunami Zone! Students liked this new name because it is really funny, locally themed, and has the potential to provide an opportunity to talk about tsunami safety with others. The chant, "Get to High Ground" will play a role in competition at some point. This year's competition called "Decode" is quite a challenge. The team will be launching balls into goals to complete patterns to score points. The field elements are five inch wiffle balls in purple and green which are quite fun to toss around. Our wheel launcher powered by a 6000 rpm motor is so effective that it has the power to throw a ball 25 feet across a large room.



Spirit Week



On the Menu

First servings of breakfast and lunch are free for all students in the district. If your child plans to have seconds of either meal, please ensure there is money in their mealtime account.

Mealtime Online

Click this link to add money to your students' Mealtime account.

A reminder that breakfast happens before school, from 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast is free for all students.

From the Nurse

School Immunizations

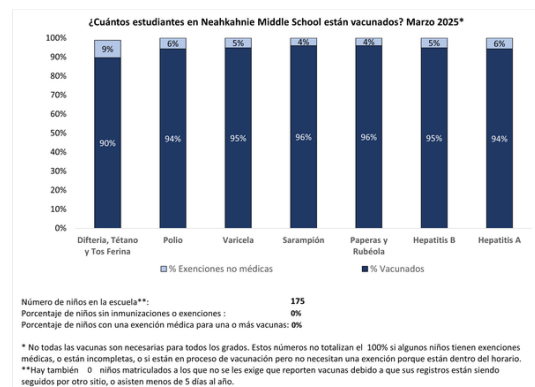
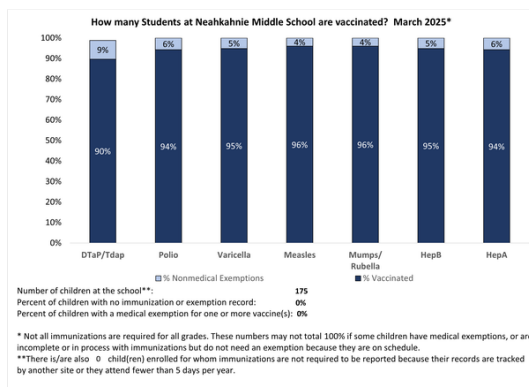
Hi families!

Now is a great time to review vaccine records and make sure your student's vaccines are up to date. You may receive a notice from the school if our records indicate missing vaccinations.

The state of Oregon does allow medical and non-medical exemptions with the correct forms and educational viewings. Visit [Oregon Immunizations](#) for more information.

With the rise of communicable diseases such as whooping cough and measles, it is important to note that if your child is exempt from vaccines (unvaccinated) and active cases of communicable diseases occur in school, local public health authorities may temporarily exclude exposed unvaccinated students from school during active outbreaks. Keeping students in school is a priority for all of us. Speak to your healthcare provider about the best options for your student regarding vaccinations.

If your student is due for an immunization, you will receive a letter in the mail stating what vaccine is due. **Oregon Exclusion date for all students is Feb 25th 2026.**



ParentVUE

Attendance, Grades, and More...

ParentVUE is an app that offers real-time access to grades, attendance data, teacher contact, assignments and more. You have the option to select how and when you are notified regarding your child's grades, behavior, health, and assignment scores. If you do not have a ParentVUE account, you can create one by clicking the link below.

Parent

Demographics Children **ParentVUE** Parent Contact Survey Online Registration Lottery Impact Aid

Last Name First Name Middle Name Suffix Title Preferred Pronouns Adult ID ☐ Interpreter Needed

Open ParentVUE as Parent Open OLR as Parent

Activation Key Management

Activation Key Key Valid Until

Date Activation Key Used

Create Activation Key Print Activation Key Create and Email Activation Key

☐ Activated via Online Registration

ParentVUE ID

User ID

Password Confirm Password

☐ Force Password Reset ☐ Exempt From LDAP

Email Addresses

Email 1 Email 2 Email 3 Email 4 Email 5

Account Activation

☐ ParentVUE Account Disabled ☐ Exclude Parent From Activation Letter

Notify Options

	Email	Push Note
Attendance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discipline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
End Of Term	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class Grade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assignment Score	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grade Book Summary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Class Grade Options

Only when grade is below

Assignment Score Options

Only when score is below

Grade Book Summary Options

Send on %

ParentVUE Settings

ParentVUE Language

Synergy Mail Settings

☐ Disable Compose/Reply

ParentVUE

Online Registration

Current registration numbers for the Middle School are **70% complete**. If you have not completed your online registration, please do so via ParentVUE as soon as possible. **Online registration is required to be completed for every student, every year.**

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