

The Nehalem Nugget

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

OCTOBER 2021



Important Dates

- October 11th, School Board Meeting
- October 21st, NO SCHOOL - Conferences
- October 22nd, NO SCHOOL - Conferences
- Week of October 25th, Dental Sealants
- October 27th, SCHOOL PICTURE DAY
- October 29th, NES Harvest Parade - 1:40 p.m



Registration 2021/2022

Each parent needs to login to ParentVue and complete online verification for your child(ren).

[ParentVUE](#)

And there were a few forms sent home last week, that need to be returned:

1. Health Questionnaire
2. Internet Usage Agreement & Permission (2 pages)
3. Backpack Program/Mckinney Vento Form

School Arrival and Dismissal

Thank you for your patience as we work through our school arrival and dismissal procedures. We have many more families driving their children to school than we expected. This is causing long delays in getting children quickly into and out of school. Many are young children who need help getting into cars and car seats by their families once parked. Please note that free bussing is available for all our students and can still be arranged by calling the Bus Barn at (503) 355-2008. We encourage you to explore that option so we can speed up our arrival and dismissal procedures by having less parent cars in line! Here's a reminder of our arrival and departure routines for those families driving their children:

K-5:

Arrival: Please wait for staff to park you in our numbered parking spots before letting your child out. Please make sure your child's mask is on before they exit the car. If you are dropping your child off late to school, you may get stuck in our Preschool car line, so please drop off prior to 8:10am. Preschool drop off starts 10 minutes after school starts (8:10am Tues-Friday, 9:25 on late start Monday) and we have 20 preschool students dropped off at that time.

Dismissal: This is the trickiest time in our school day due to all the parent cars arriving at once! Please arrive at school no earlier than 2:25pm or you will be in our Preschool pick up line. Cars may line up down on 7TH street next to the field if families arrive prior to 2:25pm. A staff person will approach your car to start taking student names around 2:20pm so that when you pull up your child is out waiting for you. Please have your child's name sign up on your dash so that we can see it before you get up to the school. Please do not park in the community and walk up to school to pick up your child.

- Monday LATE START * Arrival 9:00 to 9:15 a.m. * Dismissal 2:30 p.m.
- Tue, Wed, Thur and Fri *Arrival 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. *Dismissal 2:30 p.m.

Preschool:

Arrival: Please drop off your child beginning at 8:10am (9:25am on Mondays); we have K-5 drop off until that time. Pull up to the numbered spots in front of the school (1-3-Look for the signs!), get your child out of his/her carseat and masked, then have them walk down the "runway" to meet Preschool Staff. Staff will walk your child into the school. If your child is upset and/or teary when arriving at school, we recommend parents still follow the normal routine as long as the child is not sick. Preschool staff will come help you with your child and get them into school. We find that children calm down once the parent leaves. Rest assured that we will call you if needed!

Dismissal:

Two choices:

1. Park on B street and walk up to the outside of the school. We will deliver your child to you at 2:05ish. Please wear a mask.
2. Drive up to the drop off area on C street and wait. We will bring your child to you.

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STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURE:

Student safety is our number one priority, and we would like all parents to observe and follow our routine to ensure continued safety during the crucial arrival and departure times. We realize this is a busy time in everyone's daily lives, but please use caution and respect. For ease of traffic flow, please drop off and pick up children using the route indicated below

Staff Parking Spots are NOT available to parents during arrival/dismissal times.

ALL BUSES WILL DEPART THE SCHOOL AND TRAVEL STRAIGHT ACROSS 8TH STREET AND THEN TURN LEFT ON B STREET.

If you transport your children, you MUST give the right away for the busses



IT DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURE:

BE SAFE	BE RESPECTFUL	BE RESPONSIBLE
Student safety is #1 Masks on Please stop at walkway No passing vehicles No cars in walking zone Follow one way loop (below)	One drop off at a time To walk child up, park along C St. or 8th St. Please wait turn Have child's coat and backpack ready.	Follow map Watch for departing busses <u>Staff Parking Spots are NOT available to parents during arrival/dismissal times.</u>

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, Oct. 21st from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and
 Friday, Oct. 22nd from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Conferences will be virtual again, and Teachers will be using the online Zoom program. Families need to download Zoom to the device they will use on conference day.

Families can call the school office at (503-355-3650 or 1-888-218-2455) by Wednesday, Oct. 13th to set a conference time. **If the office does not receive a call from the parent/guardian, a conference time will be scheduled and a conference confirmation slip will be sent home.** Meeting with your child's teacher during conferences will assist you in helping your child be more successful in school. We hope to see 100% of our parents during conferences this year!

****THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON EITHER OF THESE DAYS****

Covid Testing

Hello Parents!

Hope you all are ready for in person learning here at Neah-Kah-Nie Schools!

A few reminders to make this the healthiest time for all students and staff:

- Please keep your child home when sick
- Students will be screened at the start of the day and sent home if having any symptoms of COVID (sore throat, cough, loss of smell/taste, fever, diarrhea). Please use the [screening sheet](#) every morning.
- Please consider signing the consent form for school COVID testing for your child at school.
- Be sure your child knows how to properly wear a mask (over the nose)
- If your child or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID, please let your school office know
- If your child has close contact (more than 15 minutes of time, closer than 6 ft apart) with another person who has tested positive for COVID, please let your school office know.
- The School Nurse will be coordinating with the Tillamook Public Health Authority regarding students who are positive for COVID or considered a close contact
- The Tillamook Public Health Authority will provide advice and actions needed for COVID cases, based on best practices for schools in Oregon

By taking these steps, we can reduce the risk of COVID in our schools and keep our kids learning together in-person!

Thank you!
Denise Weiss RN

Neah-Kah-Nie School Nurse

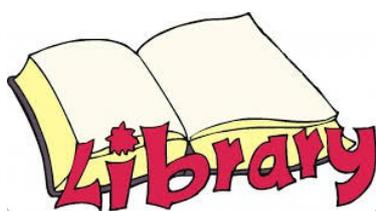
[Student Covid testing consent form](#)

[Spanish Student Covid testing consent form](#)

From Ms. Woika

Please click the link below to read the attached letter regarding our upcoming Harvest Parade on October 29th.

[HARVEST PARADE LETTER](#)



From the Library

I am so glad I got to see all those wonderful kiddos in their classes this week! Library books are starting to fly off the shelves too.

K/1 Parents, you can still sign your child up to get library books with the Library Book Sampler Bags. [Permission form link](#). The bag with 4-6 library books gets checked out and delivered to your child in class. They go out and need to be turned in every other week.

2nd-5th grade Parents, It would be helpful if you can help your kiddo learn the day to bring back their library books.

Mrs. Duer, Mrs. Christensen and Mrs. Williams- Tuesdays

Mrs. Honts, Mrs, Henderson, Mr. McCoy- Wednesdays

Thank you - Ms Kathy

School supplies

Our Parent Council once again provided all basic school supplies for Nehalem Elementary School students. However, students are asked to bring 2 boxes of tissue for their classroom to start the year off. They will also need their own headphones/earbuds, PE shoes, swimsuits and towels, and a backpack. Please contact Heaven Hartford, Family Resource Coordinator, if your family needs help with these items

503-355-3639 or Heavenh@nknsd.org

STUDENT INSURANCE: Student insurance is now available online at www.K12StudentInsurance.com

MISS JENNIFER

Greetings NES Families,

It is so great to have kids onsite! I love the sounds of kids in the building, learning, socializing and having fun! Hooray for onsite!

In October we are focusing on skills necessary for learning: 1.) Whole body listening and why it's important, 2.) Listening to our bodies' clues or signals as to how we are feeling, so we can learn to navigate big emotions, 3.) Learning about our brain states in order to get back into our thinking brain or wizard brain. We will also be reintroducing our 3 main tools from our toolbox: Breathing, listening, and words tool. We encourage students to draw on these intrinsic tools to help with emotional regulation, skills for learning and social responsibility.

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 as we continue to navigate through the pandemic.. I encourage you to practice this with your students at home. The more they practice the more automatic the mindfulness response becomes. [MindYeti](http://MindYeti.com) is a great resource for PreK - 3rd grade. It was created by the Committee for Children who is the creator of Second Step, one of 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 to request a meeting

English: [counseling form](#)

Espanol: [espano](#)

RED RIBBON WEEK will be October 25th - 29th

M- Wear Red Clothing

T-Mismatched clothes

W- Fancy dress up (for picture day)

Th-Crazy Hair Day

F-Harvest Parade/costumes

Dental Sealants

Free dental sealants are again being offered to students in grades 1-5. They have been scheduled for the week of October 25-29. Permission slips have already gone home and need to be returned ASAP. If your child has not brought one home, the office has extra copies. ALL forms need to be returned to school – even if you choose not to participate.

This program is sponsored by the Oregon Health Authority.

For Preschool and Kindergarten, parents can choose to have a screening done, but no sealants would be done.

Parent Council

Are you interested in joining the Nehalem Elementary Parent Council? We'd love to have you, if so! Our Parent Council does all of the fundraising throughout the year to provide school supplies for each NES student every year (as well as other fun things!!). We have always been a very active presence on campus, but we'll need to be looking at some more creative ways to support our mission this year in light of COVID. If you have a love for our school, a creative mind and a positive spirit, please come join us! We typically meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, exact format TBD (in person, Zoom, etc.).



For more information, please contact Renae Scalabrin at renae.scalabrin@gmail.com

NCRD Youth Center

****NCRD is closed through October 6th. IF your child regularly attends, please call the school office to arrange their afterschool plans for next week.**

After school program hours are 2:30PM-5:00PM, Monday- Friday. Reservations are required. We will pick up your child(ren) and provide enriching afterschool activities and a healthy snack!

Early Bird Special hours are 7:00AM-9:00AM, Mondays only. Reservations are required. We will walk your child to NES on district late-start Mondays.

On **no-school days** we are open from 7:00AM-5:00PM. Reservations are required.

We plan to be open for full day care on October 21st and October 22nd, from 7AM-5PM. Reservations are required.

While your child is with us we will provide nutritious morning and afternoon snacks as well as enrichment activities(outdoor play/walks, gym time, crafts, music, science, etc.)- all while following strict health and safety guidelines.

The cost is \$15/ full day or \$10/half day, \$5/day for Before School, and \$5/day for our afterschool program. Reserve your child's spot, we are unable to accept drop-ins at this time.

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.

NEHALEM POOL

School Swim Update

Hi families! We are still planning on swimming lessons being part of our PE program at NES. **The tentative start date for grades 4/5 is the week of October 25th.** Classes will swim for approximately one trimester and have weekly lessons with only their cohorted class. We have met with the



NCRD swim staff and our school nurse to make sure we can do this as safely as possible by following all COVID guidelines while still allowing students to become stronger swimmers. We will send letters to families with more school swim details the week prior to when your child's swim lessons begin. Please be sure to have a swimsuit (preferably a one piece suit for girls) and towel for your swimmer by the start date of school swim.

Annual 2021-22 Notice for statewide tests

Notificación Anual Sobre los Exámenes Estatales 2021-22

Health Care Flyer

Oregon Health Care coverage for 2022

NKN District Job Opportunities

Go to [district website](#) (Human Resources tab) and click on Current Openings to apply.

Current Openings				
Nehalem	Garibaldi	High School	Middle School	District
Preschool Instructional Assistant	Instructional Assistant 3.5 hour	Family and Consumer Science Teacher	Custodian I	Spanish Language Family Resource Coordinator
	Preschool Instructional Assistant	World Language Teacher	Assistant Secretary/ Instructional Assistant	Assistant Secretary
	GGG/NKN HS Custodian I	Special Education Instructional Assistant	Football Coach (2 positions)	
		After School/Saturday Tutor	Drama Instructor	
		Head Golf Coach		
		Varsity Softball Coach		
		Business Technology Teacher		

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