

# THE HOWLER

Garibaldi Grade School | Newsletter



## April 2025

We are now in our last trimester of the school year! We have many exciting field trips and lots of end of school year activities coming up! Be sure to check your students Thursday folder weekly for important announcements.

As a school we are already planning the next year, and as a district they have adopted the school calendar. If you are receiving an

online version you can click to view: [2025-26 NKN Calendar](#)

## Important Dates & Reminders

April 17th-18th, Thursday - Friday | No School - Conferences

April 15th, Tuesday | School Board Meeting, 6:30pm @ District Office/Zoom (*day change*)

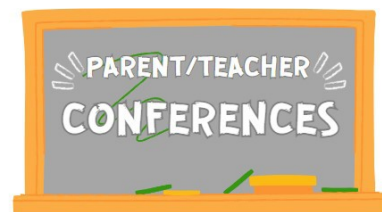
May 1st, Thursday | Spring GGS Music Program

May 5th, Monday | No School - Professional Development

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## No School for Conferences - April 17th - 18th

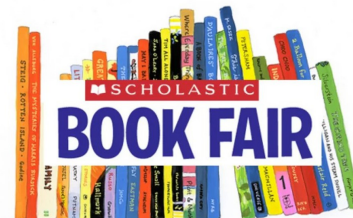
Parent/Teacher conferences are taking place Thursday & Friday, April 17th - 18th. There will be no school on these two days, so we can meet with families individually. Meeting with your child's teacher during conferences will assist you in helping your child be more successful in school. If you do not have a conference time scheduled, please reach out to the school office, 503-322-0311 or [tamiw@nknkd.org](mailto:tamiw@nknkd.org)



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**GGs's Book Fair is April 28th - May 2nd!**

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming the week of April 28th - May 2nd. The Book Fair will be held in the GGS Library, during students' regular library days and opening at 5:15 pm before the Spring Concert on May 1st. Since preschoolers currently do not have library days, they will also have their preview on Wednesday, April 30th, from 2:15-3:30 pm.



Additionally, there will be a raffle for a basket full of books and goodies for each grade group (preschool, K/1, 2/3, and 4/5, for a total of four Raffle Baskets). Families may also purchase books on the Scholastic Store online from April 28 through May 11. Please visit the website for Garibaldi Grade School's Online: Scholastic Book Fair: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/garibaldigradeschool>

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### April's Characteristic is Courage

Each month, GGS focuses on a personal characteristic and teaches it to our students. Our focus for the month of April is Courage. Students demonstrate courage by confidently standing up for what you know is right or doing something that is difficult even when they are afraid.

At the end of the month we will be handing out three awards in each class, two for students who were demonstrating courage and one Pride of the Pack award focused on perseverance. Please talk with your child(ren) around the conversations they are having at school on how they show courage.

### The Golden Brain Award!

Students have been actively learning how to use the Toolbox Tools to manage their emotions and actions, and it's been exciting to see them apply these skills in their daily lives! Whether handling challenges or supporting their peers, they are building important lifelong habits. To recognize their efforts, we will be awarding the **Golden Brain Award** at our monthly assemblies. This award will honor students who have demonstrated their ability to use the Toolbox Tools to help themselves or others.



We are proud of our students for their dedication to personal growth and teamwork!

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### Showing Up Together: Partnering with Families for Student Success!

GGs is committed to your students' success and is dedicated to ensuring a smooth path to regular school attendance. Identifying barriers to attendance is a crucial step in keeping students engaged, on track to graduate, and thriving in all aspects of life.



We offer numerous resources and staff to support you, including counselors, community resource coordinators, and our district nurse—you are not alone! By working together, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to attend school every day, learn, grow, and achieve their dreams.

We continue to focus on attendance by encouraging students with fun monthly activities for those who maintain 90% or higher

attendance. These include classroom Tater Parties, trimester attendance awards, and more!

### 🌟End of Year Celebration🌟

A great goal to work with your child on is if your student reaches at least 6 months of great attendance, they will be able to attend GGS's end of year attendance ice cream celebration!

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## Ms. H's Counseling Corner

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing spring break! Whether you traveled, played outside, read a great book, or spent time with family and friends, I'm so excited you are back at school and ready for more learning and adventures.



We will be finishing up our bully prevention lessons during the month of April. Students have been learning about how to Recognize bullying, Report it to an adult, and then Respond with our words to make it stop. These are the three R's that we have been practicing throughout this year. It takes courage to stand up to bullying and that is why the characteristic for the month of April is Courage.

Courage is an important part of growing up, and it isn't just about doing something big or scary. It is also about standing up for what is right, even when it's hard. It takes courage to use our Tools when others are not using theirs. With the Courage Tool, students are encouraged to put together all the things they learned from using the other Tools in their Toolbox, and follow their hearts to do what they know is right. It means being kind to someone who needs a friend, asking for help when you don't understand something, or trying something new even if you're a little nervous. It's about being brave everyday in small and sometimes big ways.



So as we finish up our bully prevention lessons we will be looking at how to be an "upstander." This means speaking up for others when they see something wrong, helping a friend who is being left out, telling an adult when someone is being bullied, or simply saying kind words to someone who needs support. Being an "upstander" is important because it helps make sure that everyone

feels safe, included and valued. When we choose to help instead of looking the other way, we show courage and kindness!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [cherieh@nknsc.org](mailto:cherieh@nknsc.org)

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## PE with Mrs. B!

During the month of March, K-5 students worked on basketball skills. For K-2 students, the focus of basketball skills revolve around dribbling with one hand as well as passing the ball with good form. 3rd-5th students expanded their skills by working on more ball handling skills (taps, wraps, and fancy dribbling!) as well as shooting skills. Ask your 3rd-5th grade student how to play PIG, around the world and knockout. These have become favorites in PE!



What's next? Street racket (a variation of pickleball) and kickball!



## Volunteering and Field Trip Chaperones

We are excited that GGS classrooms are beginning Field Trips! We ask all that would like to volunteer to fill out a district volunteer application, have it approved, and on file. These applications can take up to 2 weeks to process, so plan ahead. Background checks are good for 3 years. Applications are available in the school office.

**Some field trips there is limited number of spots for volunteers, so please make sure you get the teacher's approval before making plans to attend.**



## ALL ABOUT BALLOT MEASURE # 29-184



### PROPOSED NEAH-KAH-NIE SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATION LEVY

#### Why is the District Proposing a Levy?

Due to dramatic decreases in timber funding, The Neah-Kah-Nie School District estimates a budget shortfall of up to \$2.7 million for the 2024-2025 school year, leaving the District unable to maintain current services and programs.

A \$2.7 million budget reduction is equivalent to eliminating 20.5 staff positions.

#### If Passed, What Would the Levy Fund?

The proposed Levy would raise \$ 2.0 Million annually and if passed would:

- Retain teachers and staff
- Maintain small class sizes
- Maintain arts, athletics, extracurricular, career-technical education, dual credit programs

#### Five Things to Know About the Proposed Levy:

- 1 The Measure is on the May 20, 2025 Ballot

If passed, the Levy would:

- 2 Support Neah-Kah-Nie School District Students
- 3 Retain teachers and staff
- 4 Maintain existing class sizes
- 5 Fund education electives, Career-Technical Education and Advanced Placement classes

#### How Much Would it Cost?

The proposed levy would have property owners pay \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years. This rate is \$0.27 per \$1000 more than current rates. For example, the owner of a property with an assessed value of \$250,000 would pay \$5.48 more per month to continue with current school programming.

LEARN MORE

[www.nknsd.org/levy](http://www.nknsd.org/levy)



## NKN School Board Meetings

### Next Meeting is Tuesday, April 15th, 6:30pm

This is a monthly meeting of our School Board. The meeting takes place at our District Office or through Zoom. You can access this meeting through our district website ([www.nknsd.org](http://www.nknsd.org)) under "School Board" and then "Board Meetings".

## GGs information online

## Be a Substitute at Garibaldi Grade School!

Sign up to be an Instructional Assistant (classified) or Teacher (certified) substitute at any of our schools. Neah-Kah-Nie School District has contracted with ESS for our substitute services. To become a substitute for the District please go to [ESS.com](http://ESS.com), click on the Job Seeker tab and type in Neah-Kah-Nie School District to begin the application process. If you have questions about the application process, or becoming a substitute, please contact 866-208-7454 x1 or email: [applicationswest@ess.com](mailto:applicationswest@ess.com).

**SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS!**  
 Become an ESS Substitute  
 Every day counts.



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**SCAN ME TO GET STARTED!**

**Northwest Regional Early Learning Hub**

**25-26 SCHOOL YEAR**



**FREE PRESCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES IN TILLAMOOK COUNTY**

Free Preschool is for families with children aged three and four (by September 1st, 2025) meeting income guidelines.



Scan QR Code to learn more about local programs or visit: [nwresd.org/freepreschool](http://nwresd.org/freepreschool)

Applications open April 1st!

**PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS**

- Tillamook School District
- Garibaldi Grade School
- Nehalem Elementary School
- Nestucca Valley Early Learning Center
- Tillamook Early Learning Center
- Community Action Team - Head Start (Tillamook)








# HOW TO APPLY

Program requirements can vary. Some programs *may* offer sliding-scale tuition if you don't qualify for free preschool. You're encouraged to apply even if you think you may not meet income requirements.

**\*Applying does not guarantee acceptance or enrollment in a preschool program.**

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## **Review the PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS.**

You can learn more about them and find their contact information on our website. (Use the QR code on the reverse to find our FREE PRESCHOOL directory.)

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## **Gather your information.**

Coordinated Enrollment specialists will verify your eligibility to participate in FREE preschool by verifying your child's age, your income, and your address.

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## **Submit your application on or after April 1st.**

Apply online at:

<https://webportalapp.com/sp/nwelcoordinatedenrollment25-26>

\*Contact us to request a paper application if preferred.



Have questions? Need assistance?

We're here to help!

**CALL 503-614-1699** or

**TEXT the word "Preschool" to 541-313-1222**

**EMAIL: [nwelhub@nwresd.k12.or.us](mailto:nwelhub@nwresd.k12.or.us)**

**WEBSITE: [www.nwresd.org/earlylearninghub](http://www.nwresd.org/earlylearninghub)**





### From our District Nurse

We are encouraging students to keep their hands away from their face and to **wash their hands often**. Good hand washing is the number one prevention effort for transmission of germs. Washing hands before meals, after using the bathroom, after blowing their nose and whenever hands are visibly dirty all help keep students healthy. The school is making an effort to encourage this at school and we appreciate if you can also remind them of the same at home. Take care & stay healthy!



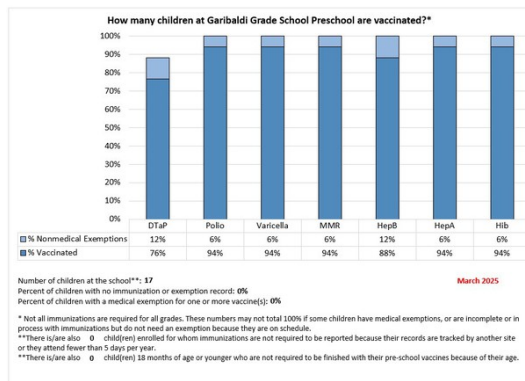
## Reasons to keep me home from school and what needs to happen before I can return

| What is my symptom?                   | When should I stay home?   | When can I return to school?  |
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| <b>Fever</b>                          | I have had a fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher in the last 24 hours.   | If I have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and I am feeling better.  |
| <b>Vomiting or diarrhea</b>           | If I have vomited 2 or more times in the last 24 hours. If I have had 3 loose or watery stools in a day or if I may not make it to the toilet in time.       | If I did not vomit in the last 24 hours and I am able to drink liquids and eat food. If I have not had diarrhea in the last 24 hours.   |
| <b>New cough or trouble breathing</b> | If I have a new or persistent cough that interferes with my ability to participate in school activities, difficulty breathing or trouble catching my breath. | Once I am feeling better and my symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours. If my symptoms were due to asthma, please make sure that I have permission to use a rescue inhaler at school. |
| <b>Rash</b>                           | If the rash is new and undiagnosed by a health-care provider, is increasing in size, is draining and cannot be completely covered, or if I develop a fever.  | If my rash has healed or I have been cleared for return by my health-care provider and any draining rashes are completely covered.  |
| <b>Eye redness and drainage</b>       | If I have new and unexplained eye redness without drainage, fever, eye pain, eyelid redness or vision changes.   | Once my eye symptoms have gone away or I have been cleared for return by my health-care provider.   |

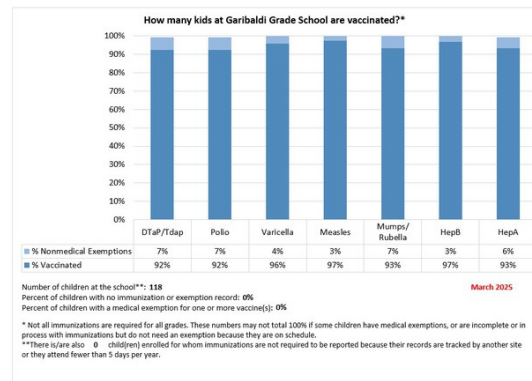
If you don't know whether to send your child to school or have specific concerns regarding your child's health, contact your child's health-care provider, a local healthcare provider, or the school nurse.



Adapted from:



## Annual Immunization Report - Preschool



## Annual Immunization Report - GGS

# APRIL 2025

## GARIBALDI GRADE SCHOOL

A variety of Deli Sandwiches are available Daily as an option for lunch

| Monday                                   | Tuesday                          | Wednesday                                 | Thursday   | Friday   |
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|  | Breakfast Sandwich <sup>1</sup>  | Cinnamon Cr. Cheese Bagel <sup>2</sup>    | Strawberry Smoothies <sup>3</sup>                  | Pancakes <sup>4</sup>                              |
|  | Chicken Soft Tacos               | Chicken Potato Gravy Bowl                 | Chicken Burger                                     | Soup & Toasted Cheese Sandwich                     |
| French Toast <sup>7</sup>                | Pancake on a Stick <sup>8</sup>  | Breakfast Bar <sup>9</sup>                | Scr. Eggs & English Muffin <sup>10</sup>           | Breakfast Burrito <sup>11</sup>                    |
| Cheesy Breadsticks w/ Marinara           | Bean & Cheese Burritos           | Tater Tot Casserole                       | Pulled Pork Sandwich                               | Fish & Chips                                       |
| Waffles <sup>14</sup>                    | Sausage & Biscuit <sup>15</sup>  | Cocoa Bread <sup>16</sup>                 | NO SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES <sup>17</sup> | NO SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES <sup>18</sup> |
| Hot Dog & Baked Beans                    | Chicken & Cheese Nachos          | Mac & Cheese                              |  |  |
| Pancake Bites <sup>21</sup>              | Breakfast Sandwich <sup>22</sup> | Strawberry Cr. Cheese Bagel <sup>23</sup> | Yogurt & Grahams <sup>24</sup>                     | Oatmeal Rounds <sup>25</sup>                       |
| Meatball Subs                            | Chicken Fajitas                  | Crispy Chicken Drumsticks                 | Western Burger                                     | Breakfast For Lunch                                |
| Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast <sup>28</sup> | Pancake on a Stick <sup>29</sup> | Breakfast Bar <sup>30</sup>               |  |  |
| Corn Dogs                                | Enchiladas                       | Orange Chicken Over Rice                  |  |  |

A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are available daily on our offering bar. All of our breads and pasta are whole grain or whole wheat. GF options available. Fat-free and 1% milks are offered daily. Whole grain cereals are an option at breakfast.

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