



# The Nehalem Nugget

News bits for Nehalem Families



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

## 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, Mr. DeGandi, Virginia Birkby and Mrs. Henderson:**

English: Monday-Friday, April 10th-21st,

Math: Monday-Friday May 1st—12th

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



## Update for Inclement Weather day makeup

Families, due to the one inclement weather days (12/8) the following changes were made to the school district calendar:

### END OF YEAR ADDITIONS

June 13 Full student day

June 14, last day for students, **NOT a late start**, school begins at 8:05 and early release @12:00 pm

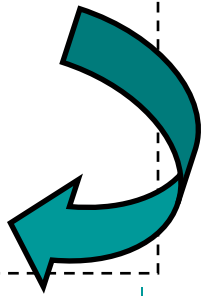
June 15, grade day K-12

# NKN DISTRICT NEWS

If there are additional inclement weather days later this year, additional changes to the calendar will be necessary. Sorry about the inconvenience; blame the weather!

### **\*\*2017/18 district calendar late start CHANGE\*\***

Next school year, the district wide late start days will be **MOVED TO MONDAY!**



## A NOTE FROM YOUR NES ATTENDANCE FAIRY



A big thank you to our local Garibaldi Dairy Queen for donating mini blizzard vouchers. These will be handed out to our monthly perfect attendance students as an option for a prize.

**Reminder to parents:** Please remember to call the office in the morning if your child will not be attending school. (A doctors note is required if child is ill or at an appointment.)

### Percentage of students at school daily!

2016/17	2015/16
Sept - 96.0%	Sept - 95.5%
Oct - 96.5	Oct - 95.5%
Nov -90.1	Nov - 93.8%
Dec - 91.5%	Dec - 93%
Jan- 89.7	Jan- 93.5%
Feb- 93.5%	Feb- 94%
March- 89.5 %	March- 91.5%

# CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS IN MARCH!

### Individual Student Rewards

-That add up to whole school rewards-

WAY TO GO'S # 3,636

FEATHERS # 138

### SEAGULL TO CELEBRATE!

Calyn George, Cardell Wells, Noah Sarkady, Kairi Rogers, Dahlia Reyes, Trinity Tilander, Gabby Sarkady, Katarin Medlock, Breena Jesse, Ema Jesse, Shane Anderson, David Weitzel, Ethan Hanson, Alex Godinez, Zahra Kamali, Caidence Little, Sammy Mickey and Ava Overstreet.

### Whole Classroom rewards

#### FEATHER PARTIES

Romanov: class swim

Duer: free time on chrome books

Henderson: movie

Verhulst: rootbeer floats

Honts: popcorn and movie

#### Whole School Reward

Classroom Movies!

**SECOND TRIMESTER ATTENDANCE - CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**PERFECT**

Aidan Kallas, Amber Lyons and David Ayala

**HONORABLE**

Jadan Ayers, Maya Campos Rodinsky, Max Larkin, Danyl Dorsey, Maleena Anderson, Nick Jones, Jackson Welsh, Dallin Brown, Ava Overstreet, Raya Jane Weiss, Hagar Ayala, Peyton Remington, Abigail Waldron, Shane Anderson, Brody Daugherty, Luke Scovel, Tukker Townsend and Noah Scovel.

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS and SUPPORTS**

Our school staff is working hard on encouraging kids to follow our rules of being safe, respectful and responsible. Please remind your child that toys are NOT allowed at school. NO POKEMON cards at school or at NCRD. If toys or cards are seen, staff will confiscate and parents will have to pick up or the item will be returned to the child in June.

**NO HOMEMADE FOOD FOR BIRTHDAY OR CLASSROOM 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.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK**

National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 23-29, 2017. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION**

**(Round-up)**

Kindergarten pre-registration for children who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2017 will be on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at Nehalem Elementary School starting at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

- ◆ Required: bring 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 9/1/17 and will not be attending the pre-registration.*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Tuesday, 4/4/17**

Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. NES café

**Monday, 4/10/17**

School Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.  
District Office

**Friday, 4/13/17**

\*Family Paint Night @ 5:30-8:00 p.m.

**April 19th, 10th and 21st**

Early Childhood Screening Fair  
Tillamook Fair Grounds

**April 23-29, 2017**

\*National Volunteer Appreciation Week

**April 24, 2017**

NO SCHOOL Professional Development

**Wednesday, 5/3/17**

\*Kindergarten Pre-Registration  
@ 9:30-11:00 a.m.

**Saturday, 5/6/17**

Family Swim Night

## Parent Council's Spring Fundraiser is here!

*Parent Council Elections will be held at our next meeting! If you are looking for helping out at our school, making us move ahead all together, we would love to have you on our board! Elections for all positions will be on April 4th. We need volunteers for many upcoming events including helping with our bounce house on field day! Please email Amy @ [NESparentcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:NESparentcouncil@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer.*

*We have really enjoyed having a larger group this year and would like to thank Parents for their hard work and dedication of coming to our meetings. It isn't easy at the end of a busy day to head over to the school to do more work and we just want everyone to know that our little organization is doing more than we have done in the past. We couldn't do it without your support and we want to THANK-YOU! Please continue to come there are only two meetings left for this year!*

*Nehalem Elementary Parent Council is now a 501c3, non-profit organization that is registered with AMAZON SMILE. For those of you not familiar with Amazon Smile, it is a program where 5% of qualifying purchases are donated back to a charity of your choice. We know a lot of people use Amazon and it is simple to use Amazon Smile. Please put Nehalem Elementary Parent Council as your choice of charity, we are looking for better ways to make our school have more of what we need to help students and this is an easy way to contribute!*

*I want to help! How do I sign up?*

- 1.) Sign into [smile.amazon.org](http://smile.amazon.org) with your Amazon account information
- 2.) You will be prompted to choose a organization once logged in
- 3.) Search Nehalem Elementary Parent Council
- 4.) Select Nehalem Elementary Parent Council as your charity
- 5) Shop Amazon

*When shopping please be sure to log into [Smile.Amazon.org](http://Smile.Amazon.org) each time to make sure that your donations come to the school. When shopping on the regular Amazon site there isn't a charity selected and our organization will not receive any funds.*

### NCRD YOUTH PROGRAMS

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO ABOUT NCRD'S YOUTH PROGRAMS, call [503-368-7008](tel:503-368-7008), email [ncrd.susan@gmail.com](mailto:ncrd.susan@gmail.com), or visit us at 36155 9th St., Nehalem.

### NCRD HIRING Youth Assistants & Seeking Volunteers – APPLY TODAY!

**LOVE WORKING WITH KIDS? NCRD is hiring Youth Assistants. Join our dynamic team!** Care for and lead activities with kids. Looking for people interested in working 15-20 hours per week, 2-5 pm Mon-Fri. \$11.00/hour starting (higher DOE). Background check & drug screening required. Position open until filled; applications available at [www.ncrd.org](http://www.ncrd.org) or NCRD Main Office.

### NO SCHOOL DAYS –

**All-day child care offered at NCRD on Monday, April 24th open 7am-5pm**  
No School Day: 7am-5pm – \$15 (4+ hours), \$10 (less than 4 hours)

### NCRD YOUTH PROGRAM BASICS

**Join NCRD's Play Care Program** for fun, affordable enrichment programs! Kids have a healthy snack and enrichment activities each day. Enrichment activities include:

- Monday – Science & Homework Help
- Tuesday – Cooking & Homework Help
- Wednesday – Art & Homework Help
- Thursday – Cooking & Crafts
- Friday – Fun Friday activities (games, bounce house, movies, and more)

**Scholarships available:** Visit NCRD's Welcome Center or email [ncrd.susan@gmail.com](mailto:ncrd.susan@gmail.com).

**DHS Child Care Provider:** We are a registered DHS provider (Provider #: VEK00007). Contact Susan Scholerman with questions: [503-368-7644](tel:503-368-7644).

### NCRD YOUTH SPORTS

We are holding a **Pitch, Hit, Run, and Junior Home Run Derby on April 22nd** sponsored by MLB.

Event will be held at Rex Champ Field. **Pitch, Hit, Run** is broken down into following age groups: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14.

Winners in each age group and event will travel to compete in the regional competition, with the opportunity to compete at the national finals during MLB All-Star Game 2017.

**The Junior Home Run Derby** includes two age categories 10-12 years old (12U) and 13-14 years old (14U).

Contact Crystal @ [503-877-8791](tel:503-877-8791) or [cdietrich11@live.com](mailto:cdietrich11@live.com).

**April 3rd-17th Sports Hoodies will be available for purchase. Order forms will be available at NCRD.**

# NCRD POOL NEWS

**SPRING WEDNESDAY WATER PLAY IS BACK @ NCRD POOL**

**\*\*\*\*\* 8 SESSIONS THIS SPRING\*\*\*\*\***

**BEGINS APRIL 12, 2017**

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

**8 Wednesdays: April 12, 19, 26, & May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

**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 8 sessions or 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 4th thru April 7th.

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

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

**6 Wednesdays: April 13, 20, 27, MAY 4, 11, 18**

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

\$2.00 per session or use your swim pass

Eligible: 1st thru 5th grades

\*\*\*Attend 1 to 6 sessions or 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 4th thru April 8th.

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

## POOL-A-THON HUGE SUCCESS!!

Bravo Pool-A-Thon Participants and benevolent donors.

The 27th Annual Pool-A-Thon held February 18, 2017 was extremely prosperous. **\$15,530.00** has been raised so far with additional donations still trickling in. 2,519 lengths (35 miles) were swam by 56 enthusiastic swimmers! In addition, there were 15 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as the adaptive swim students of District #56.

Many thanks go to the 71 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 87 year old Nehalem School Swim Program lives on!!!!

Sue Dindia-Gray  
NCRD Aquatics

**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.



And will you succeed?  
Yes! You will indeed!  
98 and 3/4% guaranteed!  
- Dr. Seuss

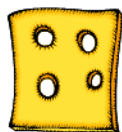
**Tip #3:** Encourage your child. Reduce stress. Being afraid of your reaction can increase anxiety, which makes careless mistakes more likely.



**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.

Nehalem Elementary School  
 2016-17 family **FUN** nights

- 4/13 Family Paint night
- 5/6 Family Swim night
- 5/19 Movie and dinner night

**Family Paint Night at  
 Nehalem Elementary  
 Thursday, April 13th  
 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.**



Tami Waldron will be leading a step-by-step painting class on how to paint an Owl like the one pictured. This is open to any Nehalem Elementary School student and their school-age siblings and parent/guardians. There is a \$10 fee per painter to cover the costs of supplies and the artist. (Cash and checks are accepted, please make the check out to NES and give to the office). Payment is required to secure reservations as there are only 50 spots available.

**We do require an adult to attend with their children for this event (even if the opt out of the painting).**

**Paintings will come home with the parents that same night — how exciting!**

Please return the slip below to reserve your spots by Monday, April 10th!! **\*\* Payment required to reserve spot.**

Yes, we want to come check out this cool Family Paint night!  
 I understand you need to know how many people will be attending this event, so here are my family's numbers:

Parent and child names: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\$10 per painter for supplies and the artist. Payable to NES. Spots are not reserved until payment is received! There is a limit of 50 participants for this event!)