

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 this week.

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 11th– School Board 6:30pm @ District Office/Lunes el 11 de diciembre reunión de la junta escolar en la oficina del distrito a las 6:30pm**
- **Monday, December 18th - Winter Break begins/ el 18 de diciembre empieza vacaciones de invierno**
- **Tuesday, January 2nd - School resumes/ el martes 2 de enero regresar a la escuela**
- **Monday, January 8th– School Board 6:30pm @ District Office/el 8 de enero reunión de la junta escolar en la oficina del distrito a las 6:30pm**
- **Monday, January 15th, Martin Luther King Day Holiday, No School/ el 15 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,

The weather outside is frightful, and the news can sometimes be undelightful. In order to stay in touch during bad weather, please tune in to all available communication avenues. First, sign up with our Flash Alert System through the district website. Navigate to the school closure tab through the "PARENTS" button on the main page. This will give you a text message or email informing you of school closure or emergency. Also, make sure your phone and email information is up-to-date with the school office, as we also send out a voicemail through our school messenger service. Finally, like us on Facebook if you have an account. You will receive a push notification from our page in the event of a school closure or emergency.

With inclement weather expected over the next three months, it is good practice that we are all communicating clearly to each other. Hopefully, we can be doing that at a band concert, basketball game, wrestling tournament, or after school STEM lab workshop and not in the event of an emergency. But in the event an emergency, which requires us to 'stick to the facts and get the word out', you are tuned in to our message through all available means.

The weather can be unpredictable, and so are middle school students. Although we have communication plans in place for adults, students in this stage of development have yet to learn those effective skills. They still pass notes in class, but are much more apt to post something online and not understand the repercussions until it is too late. Lately, the computer apps Saraha and Yellow are ones I highly recommend against. They allow students to send anonymous messages to each other. More often than not those notes are hurtful and full of negativity. If your child has those apps on their device take them off to save yourself and your child a lot of heartache.

Over the next three months the middle school staff, including Mr. Herder and myself, are going to focus on positive student interactions. We are going to use materials that have been recommended to me by well-respected middle level educators across the state. Don't be surprised if you are asked to complete a survey with your son or daughter about drama, relationships, and positive peer interactions. Our PBIS system is strong here. We are a safe, respect-

ful, and responsible student body, but we can do better. With students having greater access to technology that allows them to be mean to one another we need to step up our efforts to teach them to simply be nice human beings.

Middle school students are growing into young adults. They form peer relationships, hopefully strong and long lasting. Sometimes that road to lifelong friendships is rocky. We have made it our goal as a school to not only teach the academic subjects, but human to human lessons as well. I welcome you to join us in this journey.

Until next time,

Leo Lawyer

Principal

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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.nknnsd.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, 2017

ATHLETICS

2017 Boys Basketball Schedule

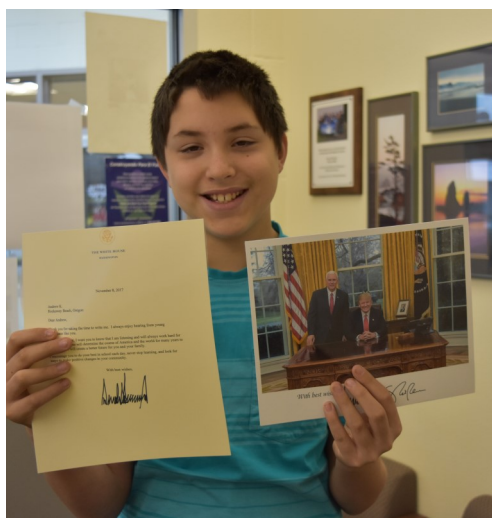
The season is winding down...please come out and support players for the remaining games!!!

| Date | Opponent | Location |
|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Mon 12/11 | Jewell | NKN |
| Wed 12/13 | Warrenton | 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.



YOU'VE GOT MAIL...AND IT'S FROM THE WHITE HOUSE!

Neah-Kah-Nie sixth grader, Andrew Krumenaker (pictured on the left), decided to write a letter to President Trump. A few weeks later, Andrew received a letter from The President as well as an autographed picture of President Trump and Vice President Pence. Way to go, Andrew!

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 (2/21/18) 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>.