

THE HOWLER

Garibaldi Grade School | Newsletter



December 2025

It is already December, I am not sure what happened to the year 2025! Report Cards will be coming home in Thursday Folders. Just a friendly reminder to make sure to keep the office and teacher(s) informed as to what is happening with your child. If you are going to be out of town or someone else might be picking up your child, please make sure we are aware. As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us!

Important No School Days and Reminders

Mon, December 8, NO PRESCHOOL

Wed, December 10, Howler Parent Pack Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm

Thurs, December 11 @ 6pm-7pm, Winter Concert. 5:45pm arrive

Mon, December 22 - Friday, January 2, Winter Break, *No School*

Mon, January 5, Professional Development, *No School*

School will resume on Tues, January 6th, 2026



GGs's Winter Program is Thurs, December 11th!

Students have been working on their Winter Program songs in Music. They will showcase their hard work and effort on Thursday, December 11th at 6:00pm. Doors will open at 5:30pm. Students will be allowed to go to their classrooms at 5:45pm.

Upcoming Family Nights!

Be sure to save the dates for upcoming Family Nights!

December 11th, 6pm - Winter Music Program
January 22nd, 5:30-6:30pm - Family Bingo Night
February 12th, 5:30- 6:30pm - Free Family Paint Night
March 19th, 5:30-7pm - Family Skate Night - Tillaskate (Fairgrounds)
April 16-17th, Parent/Teacher Conferences
May 14th - GGS Spring Music Program



Howler Parent Pack

We will have our next Howler Parent Pack meeting on Wednesday, December 10th from 5:30-6:30pm in our gym. Come and hear what our new Parent Pack is coordinating! Meetings for the rest of the year will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm. We are hoping this will make it easier for scheduling.

GGS Math Corner

Happy December! Our teachers continue exploring and using our new Oregon Math curriculum, and in January they'll dive even deeper as they collaborate across the district to strengthen math instruction and support student success.

Miss Bennett's Morning Math Club is buzzing with energy! Students are building confidence with games like Addition War and Dicey, and we'll soon jump into subtraction and larger numbers. Our Top of the Pack Five-Minute Fast Math quizzes happen every two weeks—five more students joined the leaderboard this week, so take a look and try the challenge yourself!

Ask your student about the math they're doing at school—strong home-to-school connections help build long-lasting math confidence. As always, feel free to reach out to Miss Bennett with any questions about our math programming.



December Math Riddle

Liam is helping get the community center ready for the **Winter Festival**. Liam strings **37 snowflake lights** around a window. He finds another box with **28 more lights**.

- How many snowflake lights does he have in total?
- If each string of lights can hold **12 lights**, how many full strings can he make?
- How many lights will not fit on a full string?

NKN School Board Meetings

Next Meeting is Monday, December 8th, *REVISED* time 5:30pm

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) under "School Board" and then "Board Meetings". At the last board meeting, they approved a time change to regular meetings, now 5:30pm.

Reminder: Sign up for FlashAlert!

As we move into the stormy weather months, you can receive FlashAlert messages from NKN School District updating you on any delays or closures. To do this you go to

<https://www.flashalert.net/>, *manage your messenger subscription*, and make sure you are signed up for Neah-Kah-Nie School District.

The graphic has a light beige background. At the top, the text 'BE A' is in small blue letters, followed by 'Substitute' in large, bold, blue letters, and 'at GGS!' in large, bold, blue letters. On the left and right sides, there are illustrations of orange-handled scissors cutting out blue and yellow shapes, with a blue glue bottle applying glue to the shapes. In the center, there is a brown rounded rectangle with white text that reads 'Instructional Assistants, Teachers, Cafeteria Helper, & Custodians.' Below this, in blue text, it says 'NEAH-KAH-NIE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS CONTRACTED WITH ESS FOR OUR SUBSTITUTE SERVICES.' Further down, in blue text, it says 'To become a substitute for the District please go to www.ESS.com and click on the "Apply Today" link to begin the application process. (Location is Tillamook County or Neahkahnie School District).' At the bottom left, in blue text, it says 'ANY QUESTIONS ON POSITIONS OR THE APPLICATION PROCESS, CONTACT LISA AT 503-322-0311 OR LISAS@NKNSD.ORG'. On the bottom right, there is an illustration of a woman with dark hair in a bun, wearing a blue jacket and a yellow scarf, holding a blue megaphone and waving her right hand.

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Reminder that all food that is brought for classroom celebrations needs to be store bought or food prepared in an health department inspected kitchen. Please let your child's teacher know prior to bringing in treats, it makes it easier for them to schedule a time to celebrate.

Also, if you would like to volunteer during a classroom party or field trip, remember you will need to have an approved volunteer background check on file and new this year, complete an online safety training. 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.

Please Keep Students With Symptoms Out of School:

| PLEASE KEEP STUDENTS WITH SYMPTOMS OUT OF SCHOOL | |
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| This list is school instructions, not medical advice. Please contact your health care provider with health concerns. | |
| SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS | THE STUDENT MAY RETURN AFTER... |
|  Fever: temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or greater | *Fever-free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medicine. <small>*The list below tells the shortest time to stay home. A student may need to stay home longer for some illnesses.</small> |
|  New cough illness | *Symptoms improving for 24 hours (no cough or cough is well-controlled). |
|  New difficulty breathing | *Symptoms improving for 24 hours (breathing comfortably). <i>Urgent medical care may be needed.</i> |
|  Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in a day OR not able to control bowel movements | *Symptoms improving for 24 hours (no more than two bowel movements more than normal and no longer having accidents) with orders from doctor to school nurse. |
|  Vomiting: two or more episodes that are unexplained | *Symptom-free for 24 hours OR with orders from doctor to school nurse. |
|  Headache with stiff neck and fever | *Symptom-free OR with orders from doctor to school nurse. Follow fever instructions above. → <i>Urgent medical care may be needed.</i> |
| Skin rash or open sores | *Symptom free, which means rash is gone OR sores are dry or can be completely covered by a bandage OR with orders from doctor to school nurse. |
| Red eyes with colored drainage | *Symptom-free, which means redness and drainage are gone OR with orders from doctor to school nurse. |
| Jaundice: new yellow color in eyes or skin | *After the school has orders from doctor or local public health authority to school nurse. |
| Acting differently without a reason: unusually sleepy, grumpy, or confused. | *Symptom-free, which means return to normal behavior OR with orders from doctor to school nurse. |
| Major health event, like an illness lasting 2 or more weeks OR a hospital stay, OR health condition requires more care than school staff can safely provide. | *After the school has orders from doctor to school nurse AND after measures are in place for the student's safety. Please work with school staff to address special health-care needs so the student may attend safely. |



Calling all young performers ages 8-15 to audition for our Coaster Theatre Kidz production of DISNEY'S ALICE IN WONDERLAND JR!

Bring your budding performer to the theatre on Saturday, December 13, at 11:30 a.m. for their chance to journey down the rabbit hole with Alice and her wonderful friends. For More Information and to

download the audition packet: <https://coastertheatre.com/shows/audition-notice-disneys-alice-in-wonderland-jr/>

If you are interested, but cannot make this audition date, please contact Patrick Lathrop: executivedirector@coastertheatre.com, 503-436-0609 PERFORMANCE DATES: Thursday-Saturday, April 23-25, 2026

THE COASTAL PANTRY PROJECT Swap & Learn Event

Garibaldi Grade School

11am to 2pm | December 6th 2025

Bring what you can. Take what you need.

A modern, community-focused gathering welcoming all families, workers, seniors, neighbors, & anyone seeking support.



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What to bring: Preserved goods if you have extras

Fermented foods like sauerkraut • Fresh & Canned Produce • Lentils, flour, rice • Proteins (meats, eggs, tofu, etc) • Grains • Pastas • Nuts & Seeds • Shelf-stable dairy and non-dairy items • Cooking oils • Butter • A Reusable Bag To Fill

Need inspiration or need some help?

Visit our Recipe & Cooking Help Table! Handouts will be available to help you make the best use of items you may not know how to use.

No food? No problem.

Cash donations will cover bags, bulk items & printing. All leftover funds will go to the district to pay off school lunch debts and go towards the weekend food bag program.

Restaurants & Food Trucks:

Interested in providing a grab-and-go dish for attendees?
Our neighbors would love to try something new from you!

Questions? Want to donate? Want to feed people?

Contact directly for donation information!
Email: yourmumonthe coast@gmail.com
Contact Lauren Mehnert: (503) 688-8138

Monetary Donations:



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DECEMBER 2025

GARIBALDI GRADE SCHOOL

Sandwiches or Hand-Crafted
Salads are available daily as
An option for Lunch

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Waffles 1 Mac & Cheese | Banana Bread 2 Chicken Quesadillas | Yogurt Parfait 3 Chicken Strips & Fries | Biscuits & Sausage 4 Sloppy Joe's | Oatmeal Rounds 5 Breakfast For Lunch |
| Breakfast Bar 8 Hot Dogs | Scrambled Eggs & Sausage 9 Chicken Tacos | Cream Cheese Bagels 10 Orange Chicken Over Rice | Breakfast Pizza 11 Cheese Burgers | Blueberry Muffins 12 Pizza Sticks |
| French Toast 15 Corn Dogs | Pumpkin Bread 16 Enchiladas | Pancake on a Stick 17 Tater Tot Casserole | Breakfast Sandwich 18 Chicken Burgers | Cinnamon Rolls 19 Soup & Toasted Cheese Sandwich |
| 22 HAVE A | 23 SAFE AND | 24 HAPPY | 25 HOLIDAY | 26 BREAK |
| 29 | 30 | 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE  |  |  |

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

"This institute is an equal opportunity provider."

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Winter Wonderland SPIRIT WEEK

DECEMBER 15-19

MONDAY
Color Battle Day!

Wear your classroom's chosen color for the day - head to toe - it's up to you! Which class will win?

TUESDAY
Sports Day

Rep your favorite team, jersey, or school sport and bring the game-day energy to the halls!

WEDNESDAY
Flannel Day

Get into the winter vibe with your coziest flannel shirts, soft plaids, and relaxed rustic style.

THURSDAY
Wacky Hat Day

Show off your most fun, silly, or creative hat - the wackier, the better!

FRIDAY
Cozy Pajama Day!

Slip into your comfiest PJs for a warm-and-snug day of learning!



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