

THE HOWLER

Garibaldi Grade School | Newsletter



March 2025

Due to our missed school days, NKN will have student make up days on the following dates: March 7, June 10, June 11, and June 12 (12noon release).

Be on the look out for staff contacting you later this month to schedule Parent/Teacher conferences that will take place in April.

Important Dates & Reminders

March 7th, Friday | Make Up SCHOOL DAY

March 10th, Monday | School Board Meeting, 6:30pm @ District Office/Zoom

March 20th, Thursday | Report Cards in Thursday Folders

March 24th - 28th, Mon - Fri | No School - Spring Break

Free Family Skate Night - March 20th

Be sure to join GGS at Family Skate Night on Thursday, March 20th, from 5:30-7pm. Bring the whole family and join your school friends for a night of skating at Tillaskate in Tillamook.



Wolf Dens Update!

We have been continuing with our Wolf Dens at GGS on Friday afternoons. Wolf Dens is a program designed to build connections across all grade levels, creating small, mixed-age groups that meet

regularly for fun and meaningful activities. Students are thoroughly enjoying the games we are playing. Students have learned how to play the following games:

- Trash--[how to play Trash](#)
- Tenzi--[how to play Tenzi](#)
- Uno
- Sorry--will be learning during the month of March.

You can always google the games and how to play, or just ask your child! Students will continue to learn new games and we will continue to share with you what they are!



March's Characteristic is Synergize

Each month, GGS focuses on a personal characteristic and teaches it to our students. Our focus for the month of March is to synergize. Students who synergize value other people's strengths and learn from them. They get along with others, even people who

are different than them. Students work well in groups and know by working in a team they can better create solutions.

At the end of the month we will be handing out three awards in each class, two for students who were demonstrating Synergy 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 synergize.

The Golden Brain Award!

The students have been learning all of the Tools and how to use them to manage their emotions and actions. It has been so exciting to see them be able to apply those skills in everyday situations. The Golden Brain award will be given out at our monthly assemblies to students who have been able to help themselves or others with our Toolbox Tools.



Importance of Attendance for Students

Much of your child's learning today is built upon what they learned the day before! So when students miss school for any reason, excused or unexcused, this creates a gap and impacts their ability to participate in learning. This learning gap becomes significant when a student misses 10% or more of school. Though these absences may be excused, the student would still be considered chronically absent, and the school would likely be concerned for your student's academic success.

Let us know how we can help, GGS wants your child to succeed and is focused on helping smooth the way to regular attendance!

Students who are present for 90% or more in the month of March will receive squishes!

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!

Ms. H's Counseling Corner

Kindness is contagious. One small act of kindness can inspire others to do the same, creating a ripple effect throughout the school. The students reviewed their Empathy Tool this month to help see things from another person's perspective and then make a kind choice. Whether it's helping a classmate, including someone in a game, or simply saying "thank you" or "you matter," kindness has the power to create an uplifting and welcoming atmosphere for everyone. This has been the focus for February and through these acts of kindness the students were learning to show respect, spread positivity and build trust with others.



March is when all the second and fifth grade students will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). This is our universal screener to help us identify potential gifted students, and it will assess their reasoning skills in three different areas. The second grade students will take this test on their chromebooks during their math time the week of March 10th. The fifth grade students will take their test on March 18th.

The monthly characteristic for March is Synergize. Synergy is a special kind of magic that happens when we come together as a team. It helps us solve problems, face challenges, and make our school a friendly and supportive place for all. My classroom lessons will be focused on how to be a flexible thinker and accepting others and their unique talents and gifts. We will be reviewing the Listening, Empathy, Courage and Patience Tools as a way to help us synergize.

Here are some ways we can practice synergy every day:

- **Collaborate:** Whether you're working on a project or just solving a problem, remember that combining your efforts with others makes you stronger.
- **Support Others:** Offer help when you can and ask for help when you need it. We all have unique strengths to offer.
- **Listen to Ideas:** Everyone's thoughts and opinions are valuable. When you listen to others, you help create better solutions together.
- **Celebrate Team Success:** When the team wins, we all win. Celebrate the victories, big or small, because we achieved them together!

We will also be revisiting our three R's, Recognize, Refuse, Report, and using them to identify situations with others that might be considered bullying. It's important to remember the definition of bullying because once we start this unit students have a tendency to label some hurtful interactions as bullying.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at cherieh@nknsd.org

IS IT BULLYING?

Not everything that's mean is actually bullying. Use the chart below to understand the difference between bullying, conflict, and a mean moment.

MEAN MOMENT	
• One Time	• Hurtful
• On Purpose	• One Sided
CONFLICT	
• Occasionally	• Hurtful
• On Purpose	• Both parties involved
BULLYING	
• Repeatedly	• Hurtful
• On Purpose	• One Sided



PE with Mrs. B!

February was a busy month in PE! We have spent lots of time learning and fine tuning our jump rope skills. The fourth and fifth graders are currently working to create a jump routine to perform in front of their homeroom. Younger students have been working hard to learn how to keep the rope turning. We've talked about the most challenging part of jump roping is not the actual jump but

rather turning the rope continuously.

In March, we'll have a visit from the Tsunami Skippers from Seaside, Oregon. This jump rope team is made up of students as young as first grade through high school. Additionally, students will be participating in a mini-unit of line dancing. We focus on fun, upbeat dances such as the Macarena, Cupid Shuffle as well as the Boot Scoot and Boogie.

What's next? March Madness! It's time to dust off those basketballs!

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.

2024-25 Statewide Assessments, 3rd-5th Grades

Every year we need to notify families of the Statewide Assessments that will be happening. Oregon law permits parents to annually opt-out of Oregon's statewide assessments in English Language Arts and/or Mathematics by submitting an annual form to the school the student attends. Please view the notice at this link: [OSAS Opt Out Form English](#) or ask for a paper form in the school office.

NKN School Board Meetings

Next Meeting is Monday, March 10, 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) under "School Board" and then "Board Meetings".

GGs information online

"Is School Delayed or Closed Today?"...

In the case of inclement weather or a power outage, the school district will make timely and safe decisions based on current conditions.

Public notice of school cancellation or delay will be made usually by 6am (or earlier if known) and notices sent out via School Messenger, Flashalert, posted on District website (nknsd.org) and Facebook/Instagram pages.



School Messenger is sent out based on your contact phone number you have provided the school and Flashalert is a service you can sign-up for to be notified of closures of schools and other organizations. Directions on how to sign up are below. If you feel you are not receiving a message to your contact phone from the District, please contact your child's school to confirm your information.



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.





**WE ARE
HIRING**

- Join Our Team -

Open Positions:

Elementary Teacher -GGS
2025 -2026 School Year

- **Substitutes** - PT & FT
Instructional Assistants,
Cafeteria helper,
custodian. Hired
through ESS.



If you have any questions about positions, reach out to Mrs. Nugent or Lisa in the school office.

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, 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.

From our District Nurse

As we continue into the winter months, germs are all around us. 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?
Fever	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.
Vomiting or diarrhea	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.
New cough or trouble breathing	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.
Rash	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.
Eye redness and drainage	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:



MARCH 2025

GARIBALDI GRADE SCHOOL

A variety of sandwiches are
Available daily as an
Option for lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pumpkin Bread 3 Cheesy Breadsticks CELEBRATE	Breakfast Sandwich 4 Chicken Fajitas *READ	Strawberry/Cr. Cheese Bag 5 Mac & Cheese ACROSS	Yogurt & Grahams 6 Rib-A-Que AMERICA*	"Cat in the Hat" Pancake 7 Oodles of Noodles WEEK!!
French Toast 10 Corn Dogs & Fries	Pancake on a Stick 11 Enchiladas	Breakfast Bar 12 Orange Chicken Over Rice	Scr. Eggs & English Muff 13 Tillamook Cheeseburger & Fries	Breakfast Burrito 14 Pizza Sticks
Waffles 17 Lucky Chicken Nuggets	Sausage & Biscuit 18 Nachos	Banana Bread 19 Spaghetti	Pancakes 20 Sloppy Joe's	Oatmeal Rounds 21 Breakfast For Lunch
24 HAVE	25 A SAFE,	26 RELAXING	27 SPRING	28 BREAK!!!
Lemon Bread 31 Peppy Rotini				

A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are available daily on our offering bar. All of our bread and pasta items are whole grain or whole wheat. GF options are available. Fat-free and 1% Milks are offered daily. Whole grain cereals are an option at breakfast.
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6:00-8:00pm
Via Zoom**



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register



Participants will
receive an Active
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and Active Parenting
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beginning of the
series, AND a \$20 Fred
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attended!

If you have any questions, please email melissacs@tfcc.org
Please note that space is limited to 15 participants.

This training is being offered at no charge to
participants that live in the Northwest Parenting
region (Tillamook, Clatsop, and Columbia Counties)



Lisa S

Lisa is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters