

Middle School Newsletter

May 14, 2021

LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear NKN MS Community,

As we wind down this school year, we are preparing for some amazing learning opportunities and celebrations for our students.

Because of the pandemic, the sixth graders missed out on one of the most important events of their first year at the middle school - Outdoor School. I am happy to announce that we are putting the final touches on a **modified** outdoor learning experience for our sixth graders before they head off for their summer. We have partnered with the Friends Camp for this experience! The staff at Friends Camp have developed a three- day camp for our students with all the safety protocols in place for June 7, 8 & 9. Students will attend the camp from 9:30-3:30 for each of these days and participate in several field studies as well as recreation activities. Examples of the field studies include: Marine Life, Water Quality, Forest Studies, and Mammal Studies. Recreation activities include zipline, archery, and boating. We are so excited to be able to offer an outdoor school for our sixth graders this year. It looks a bit different from our traditional outdoor school, but will still include learning about the same topics. The sixth grade team will be sharing more information soon.

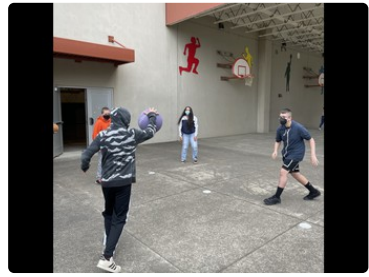
The Oregon Department of Education has made available grant funding for schools to offer summer enrichment activities for students. NKN school district applied for these grant funds and has been approved to use funds to offer our students summer enrichment activities. These activities can occur from May 15 - September 30. Several staff members have been collaborating and designing what this might look like at the middle school. Some funding will go to the following celebratory activities listed below, however we also have plans for a two-week summer camp in August where students can participate in sport camps, field trips, and other fun activities. In September, we will also have after school activities for students to participate in.

We have planned two celebration field trips for our students, an Honor Roll Field trip and a Perfect or Nearly Perfect Attendance field trip. We have 19 students who have earned Honor Roll all three trimesters. These students have maintained a 3.5 GPA or greater all year, completed 7 hours of community service each trimester and have excellent attendance. These students will have the opportunity to go on a field trip to the Aerial Challenge in Seaside on June 10. Families of these students will be contacted very soon with more details.

We have 58 students who have missed less than 4 days of school for the entire school year! This is 1/3 of our student population! These students will be rewarded with a fun day on June 15, and for this day, we again partnered with the Friends Camp. Families of these students will be contacted with more details very soon.

All of us at the middle school are excited to offer these fun and exciting experiences for our students, now and throughout the summer months.

Take care,
Lori Dilbeck



Students playing 4-square during break!



One-on-one with a teacher!



Practicing safety protocols - mask wearing and physical distancing!

STATE TESTING UPDATE

Wednesday, May 19th: State testing will take place for those students that are on campus. For students that are not on campus or students that have opted out of state testing, there will be no classes for them on the 19th. The only exception will be for 7th and 8th graders to attend PX2 training during 7th period on that day. Please note: students that are not ordinarily on campus on Wednesdays, will need to come in for testing on Friday 5/21.

Friday, May 21st: Testing will take place for students that have been doing distance learning or for students who are not on campus on May 19. Students will arrive at school at 9:00 and the school day will end at 1:30. Please note that there will be no advisory class today.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 19 - State Assessment Day.

May 21 - State Assessment Day for students who did not take the assessments on May 19.

May 26 - Orientation (virtual) for incoming 5th graders, 6pm-7pm. Here is the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83226567999?pwd=S1V2Y0wrUkNJU1FJNGt0UkNmL0FMUT09>

May 31 - Memorial Day Holiday, no school

June 7-9 - Outdoor School for sixth graders at Friends Camp

June 10 - Honor Roll Field Trip to the Aerial Challenge in Seaside

June 15 - Perfect or Nearly Perfect Attendance Field Trip to Friends Camp

June 16 - Last Day of School, early release

August 9-12 and August 16-19 - Summer Learning Opportunities - Stayed tuned for more information.

NKN MS Basketball Schedule

- Wed., 5/19 Clatskanie @ NKN (4pm- girls/5pm- boys)
- Mon., 5/24 Knappa @ Knappa- starting 4pm
- Wed., 5/26 Rainier @ Rainier- starting 4pm
- Wed., 6/2 Vernonia @ NKN - (4pm- boys/5pm- girls)
- Mon., 6/7 Jewell @ NKN (4pm- boys only)
- Wed., 6/9 Knappa @ NKN (4pm- girls/5pm- boys)

RETURNING CHROMEBOOKS FOR DISTANCE LEARNERS

Please return chromebooks to the middle school office, beginning Wednesday June 16th through Friday June 18th. Office hours from 8am-4pm. If you have any questions, please call the office at 503.355.2990.

CONGRATS TO OUR APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

6th grade: Miriam Christensen and Lucas Miller

7th grade: Keira Hall and Elaine Dominguez-Pozos

8th grade: Anna Roddy and Alex Secundino

Well done, Raiders!

We would like to thank UPPER CRUST PIZZA in Rockaway for providing gift certificates for our students of the month!






EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT NKNSD

Have you ever thought about a career with the Neah-Kah-Nie School District? Please check out the link below for some excellent employment opportunities with great benefits:

<https://neahkahnie.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>



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