

NKN Middle School Newsletter

September 2022

Dear NKN Middle School Students and Families,

This has been an amazing first couple of weeks of school! Students have been actively engaged in lessons, collaborating with peers, and enjoying time with their friends, all while learning school wide expectations, school rules, and the routines of the middle school. This second week of school, students are hunkering down and learning content.

This newsletter is chalked full of information and upcoming events. Our annual Back-To-School Night is happening next week, September 20. This will be the first in-person Back-To-School Night in two years, therefore we want to make it amazing. The doors will open at 5:30, and for this year, we are asking students and families to participate in a scavenger hunt. As you enter the doors, I will greet you and hand each student a card. On the card, there will be boxes labeled with items you will hunt for. For example, there will be boxes that read MATH TEACHER, PE TEACHER, etc. As a family, you will visit the classrooms or tables of the items listed on the card. In each classroom, teachers will have a specific place where you will go to stamp that box on your card. Once complete, bring that card back to me where your student will receive a cookie, and the card will be placed in a drawing for a prize. We are excited to see all of our students and meet their families on September 20!

Other items in this newsletter include: a copy of our bell schedule, information about Outdoor School, a sports update, information pertaining to the importance of maintaining good attendance, and a nurse's update. Happy reading! If you have any questions concerning any of the information below, please call the office.

I am super excited about this coming year and will share monthly highlights of what it is like to be a student at Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School.

Sincerely,

Lori Dilbeck, Principal

Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Bell Schedule

EVERY DAY MATTERS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Neah-Kah-Nie School District believes that regular school attendance is essential for a student's success in school. Attendance is an area we are focusing on in order to improve student achievement and ensure all students at Neah-Kah-Nie Schools have the opportunity to maximize their potential.

We want to partner with you to make sure all students are as successful as possible. Students with strong attendance are more likely to succeed in school and in future employment.

When your child is not in school, they are missing out on learning and being a part of our school community. If it is a concern getting your child to school, please contact the school office for support.

We do understand that students need to miss some days of school for health or personal reasons. Contact the school office for any pre-arranged absences.

Official excusable reasons are as follows:

- **Illness of Student**
- Bereavements
- Family Emergency
- **Medical Appointments** (*must provide doctors note*)

All still count towards irregular attendance.

OUTDOOR SCHOOL

One of the traditions for 6th graders at the middle school is Outdoor School. Outdoor School is an opportunity for students to learn about soil, water, plants and animals, as well as other natural sciences specific to our local community and economy. For many children, ODS is their very first experience hiking in a forest, getting their feet wet in a stream or exploring sea life along the beach. This year, our sixth graders will participate in a modified Outdoor School at Twin Rocks Friends Camp from October 4 - October 7. This Outdoor School experience will consist of 4 days of camp where students arrive at camp at 9:30 each morning and leave camp at 3:30 to be back to the middle school by the end of the school day. More information will be shared with sixth grade families from the sixth grade teachers.

Sports Update

Sports have officially begun! Volleyball, Cross Country and Football practices are all after school. If your child wants to participate, please check with Adrianna or Marie in the office to make sure they

have all of their paperwork turned in, including an up to date physical. There will be an activity bus running after practice for any students that need to ride it. Check out the sports schedules below.

NKN MS Sports Schedules

Back To School Night

When

Tuesday, Sep. 20th, 5:30-6:30pm

Where

25111 North Highway 101 Rockaway Beach, OR

More information

Please join us for our annual Back To School Night. This year, we are planning a fun scavenger hunt activity for families that will allow them to meet teachers, and learn important information about our school. Doors open at 5:30!

School Picture Day!

When

Tuesday, Oct. 25th, 9am

Where

25111 North Highway 101 Rockaway Beach, OR

More information

Middle School Picture Day is coming up! Be on the lookout for picture forms!

Apply for Free & Reduced Meals Online!

Nurse Health Update

Hope this is a healthy and happy start to the school year! I am looking forward to getting to know more students and families this fall and want to be a resource for you for health and wellness topics.

Remember to please fill out a health history form (in the folder that went home already) each year so we can know how best to support your student while at school and in school activities. If your student takes medications during the school day, please be sure the correct forms are completed through the office.

One of our priorities this year is to ensure that the young people in our schools continue to make healthy choices. During the week of **September 26-30**, we will be administering the *Student Attitudes and Behavior Survey* to students, collaborating with the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, (www.hazeldenbettyford.org/prevention.) This survey design measures students' *actual* attitudes and behavior with regard to alcohol, other substances, tobacco and vaping as well as their *perceptions* of the behavior and attitudes of their schoolmates. It is **completely anonymous**; no individual student can be identified from responses, and all data will be presented only by group (grade, age, etc.) Parents will have an option to opt out of the survey. *An informational letter will be sent home the week prior including opt out options.* Thank you in advance for your commitment to the health and wellness of our school community!

Please feel free to reach out if I can help support your middle schooler at denisew@nknsd.org.

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