

# NKN Middle School Newsletter

MARCH 2021

## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy Spring!



Thank you for all of your patience and collaboration with us to make this a successful transition to Hybrid for all of our students. I want to extend a huge amount of gratitude to the entire NKN Middle School staff. Their amazing dedication and hard work to ensure that all of our students are able to access learning, both in-person and remotely, and in a safe and healthy environment is unmatched.

This first week of Hybrid was simply amazing. It was so nice to see students with teachers learning and with their peers talking and playing. It felt as close to normal as possible. After spring break, it is my hope to expand our Hybrid A/B schedule to include a M-Th schedule for some students, especially those students who are struggling with on-line learning. More information will follow after break.

Please read the Important Dates below for reminders of upcoming events and/or no school days.

Enjoy the first week of spring!

Sincerely,  
Lori Dilbeck

## STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Under the Student Assessment Bill of Rights, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Oregon's school districts must provide families with a "Notice of Statewide Tests and Opt-out Form" 30 days before the start of statewide testing.

This year, school has been significantly disrupted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and other factors. In response, ODE asked the United States Department of Education for a

temporary pause (also known as a “waiver”) in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math testing. A pause is also being requested for science testing, but science testing is not subject to this opt-out rule.

- If this waiver request is approved, then statewide ELA and Math testing will not happen this year, and there will be no need for parents to submit opt-out forms to their child’s school.
- If the waiver request is not approved, test windows will open on April 13, 2021.

Please use the Opt-out Form below if you do not want your child to participate in statewide assessments.

ENGLISH 30-DAY NOTICE AND OPT-OUT FORM

SPANISH 30-DAY NOTICE AND OPT-OUT FORM



## IMPORTANT DATES

- **March 22-26 - Spring Break**
- **April 6-Picture Day** (Hybrid Cohort B Students)
- **April 7-Picture Day** (Hybrid Cohort A Students)
- **April 19 - Student Led Conferences**
- **May 31 - Memorial Day - No School**

## TRACK!!!

If your student (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) is interested in participating in Track this spring, please call, email or stop by the school office. As always, a current sports physical, permission form, and medical insurance information must be on file at the office in order to participate. More details will come later.

## PICTURE DAY INFORMATION

Lifetouch School Picture Day is here, Tuesday, April 6th (Hybrid Cohort B) and Wednesday, April 7th (Hybrid Cohort A). Students that are at home doing distance learning only can come to campus between 10am-12pm on Tuesday, April 6th for Cohort A and Wednesday, April 7th for Cohort B. Parents of distance learners will need to call the school office at 503.355.2990 to schedule a time to get pictures taken. Flyers have been distributed to students that are back on campus. You can also order your picture packets online as indicated below. **Make sure to use Picture Day ID: 325272.**



ORDER SCHOOL PICTURES HERE

## "ACTIVE PARENTING" FREE WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

Northwest Parenting (NWP) presents "Active Parenting". Free for families in Tillamook, Clatsop, and Columbia Counties. Takes place Wednesday, March 31 thru May 12, 2021 (7 weeks), from 6:00-7:30pm. Come together (virtually) to learn about preparing children to thrive in our world. Hear about discipline methods that will help you develop positive qualities in your child AND improve your family's satisfaction. To register and for more information, email [melissacs@tfcc.org](mailto:melissacs@tfcc.org)



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