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# The Nehalem Nugget



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## BE SAFE . . . . . BE RESPECTFUL . . . . BE RESPONSIBLE

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back! We are all geared up and ready to begin the school year! I hope you are too!

Neah-Kah-Nie is a school district that works hard to "keep the main thing the main thing" meaning a direct focus on what is important. For us that means lots of high quality staff development to continually improve staff knowledge around instruction and content so your children can increase their learning each year. Last week during Inservice Week teachers and instructional assistants learned more about differentiating our math curriculum, got trained on the writing component of our English Language Arts curriculum and spent time together learning more about our PBIS (Positive Behavior and Instructional Supports) system that supports student behavior at school.

Staff are completely fired up and excited to start the school year! As always, family support is the most important element of learning, and we want to invite parents and community members to get involved in the school and make reading at home a regular activity. These things really do make a difference! Please become a NES school volunteer—there are so many great ways for you to get involved at school!

Happy back to school! Let the fun begin! -Kristi Woika

# Please welcome our new seagull staff:

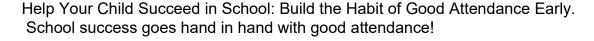
- 1. Ashley Verhulst—3rd grade teacher
- 2. Brianna Moses—special education teacher
- 3. Kate Romanov– 1/2 grade teacher
- Diane St. Clare –instructional assistant for Virginia Birkby
- Morgan Rauscher
   – instructional assistant for Marta Thysell
- 1. Patty DeGandi—new ELL teacher, Kg—12th

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Our Parent Council once again provided all basic school supplies for Nehalem Elementary School students. However, students are asked to bring **2** boxes of tissue for their classroom to start the year off. They will also need PE shoes, swimsuits and towels, and a backpack. Please contact Linda Hershey, Family Resource Coordinator, if your family needs help with these items 503-355-3639 or Lindah@nknsd.org

STUDENT INSURANCE: Student insurance is now available online at www.K12StudentInsurance.com

## A NOTE FROM YOUR NES ATTENDANCE FAIRY







CHRONIC ABSENCE =18 or more days (excused or unexcused)



WARNING SIGNS 10 to 17 days



**GOOD ATTENDANCE 9 or fewer absences** 

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

# **CAFETERIA ETIQUETT CLASS**

Something <u>NEW</u> happening in our NES cafeteria. We will be focusing on how to use good manners and show respect to peers and classmates in this environment. We want to continue teaching children that lunch time is a place to eat and socialize, but manners need to be remembered.

The following are steps that will be implemented this year during breakfast and lunch.

- A verbal warning will be given.
- A second verbal warning with the re teaching of expectations will be given.
- Student will receive a problem solver. At that time a call home will be placed. After or before
  school Cafeteria Etiquette Class will be scheduled with Shannon. This will be a 30 minute block
  where Shannon will reteach cafeteria expectations. This may include reading a book, watching
  a video, having an open discussion, practicing the rules or writing/drawing about their expectations.
- When a child finishes this class, they will return to the cafeteria with an assigned seat up to 2 weeks.
- If the behavior continues, a referral will be filled out and the child will be sent to see Mrs. Woika for further intervention.

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## **SCHOOL PICTURES**

Mark your calendar! Picture Day is coming on **THURSDAY**, **9/22/16**. Look for more information on your child's Picture Day flyer/order form. Visit Lifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, online payment details and more. **School Pictures will only be available in the Fall. Spring Pictures will not be taken.** 

## **ESCUELA DE CUADROS**

¡Marca tu almanaque! Ya llega el Día de la Foto Jueves, 22 de septiembre. Visita Lifetouch.com para conocer sugerencias de vestimenta, detalles de pago por internet y mucho más. Fotos Escuela sólo estarán disponibles en el otoño. No se toman imágenes de primavera de este año.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

Open House will be held on Thursday, Sept. 22nd, from 5:30-6:45 p.m. We will all meet in the gym for a general meeting and then families can visit classrooms. Families will also have an opportunity to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences held on Thursday, 10/20-12:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, 10/21-8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Please visit the cafeteria to get information about community programs for families that support students.

## SCHOOL MESSENGER-FLASH ALERT

School Messenger is an automated system for notifying parents through home phone, cell phone or email. This service is another tool that will allow NES to communicate important information to all parents, such as: Daily attendance calls for unexcused absences, important school wide events emergency school closure or late starts due to weather. You can also sign up for flash alert at the district web site on the parent page.

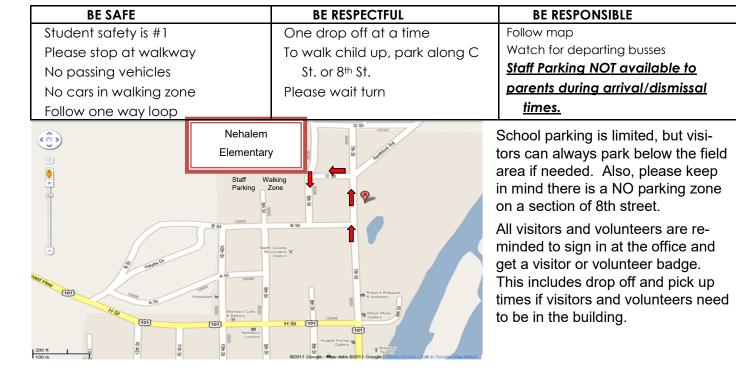
#### PARENT COUNCIL

The following are the 2016/2017 Parent Council positions: President-Amy Johnson, Vice-President Erin Derr, Secretary-Tricia Lawyer, and Treasurer-Jay Woika. The first meeting is on Tuesday, 9/6 in the cafeteria @ 6:30 p.m. All other meetings will be held the first Tuesday of every month in the cafeteria @ 6:30 p.m. The Parent Council members ordered and distributed all the school supplies the last week of August! Please consider signing up with us. If you can't attend the meetings and still would like to help please inquire through the office for contact information.

## REMINDER FOR FAMILIES

**STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURE:** Student safety is our number one priority, and we would like all parents to observe and follow our routine to ensure continued safety during the crucial arrival and departure times. We realize this is a busy time in everyone's daily lives, but please use caution and respect. For ease of traffic flow, please drop off and pick up children using the route indicated below.

Mon, Tue, Thur and Fri \*Arrival 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. \*Dismissal – 2:35 to 2:50 p.m. Wednesday LATE START \* Arrival 8:50 a.m. \*Dismissal 2:35 ~Watch for signs to help with safety and traffic flow~



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## **VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS**

We would like to remind parents of district policies and procedures for field trips, volunteers, and visitors. District Policies are available on the district website http://www.nknsd.org under the community link. Field trips are an extension of the classroom and only approved volunteers are permitted to have direct, unsupervised contact with students. Visitors need to sign in and sign out in the office and receive a visitor nametag. A visitor is not an approved volunteer and cannot have direct, unsupervised contact with students. Please get a volunteer application in the office if you would like to volunteer. Volunteer applications expire after 3 years.

## FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL NES STUDENTS

We respect parents' rights to make nutritional decisions for their kids. If you have special needs, please let the office know. Remember to bring meal money as soon as possible. Prices this year are: Milk-50¢; Lunch-\$2.65 (student), \$4.40 (Adult); Breakfast-\$2.05 (Adult). Families can apply for free/reduced lunch online through our Neah-Kah-Nie school district web site. (www.nknsd.org, parent section) Please call the school office for student ID number before applying.

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## SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION

The district's website can be found at www.nknsd.org We are also on Facebook. Please "like" our page to stay in the loop of current information, including school closures. Find us on Facebook by searching for Neah Kah Nie School District #56 (no hyphens in Neah-Kah-Nie). Schools will be posting information regularly.

## **NEHALEM SEAGULL T-SHIRTS**

Nehalem Seagull T-Shirts are on sale for \$10 for youth sizes and \$12 for most adults sizes in the school office! We also have "Seagull Pride" and "Seagull" oval bumper stickers for sale for \$1.00.

#### NEHALEM POOL

Because of E Coli, Cryptosporidia, Giardia, and other organisms that can make people very ill, we need to ask parents and students help in following these guidelines put out by the Oregon Health Division:

If a swimmer has had diarrhea in the past two weeks, he or she should not swim.

Swimmers who may have bowel accidents must wear a special swim diaper. All swimmers must take a cleansing shower before entering the pool and after using the toilet. As you probably know, these diseases can be very serious, so we must be able to count on our students to follow these rules, and parents to help reinforce their importance. On behalf of all pool users, thanks! If your child does need to miss his or her swim class, please send a note to the office. Without a note, children will be expected to participate as usual.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

## Tuesday, 9/6/16

#### Monday, 9/12/16

First Day for Kindergarten Students

#### Monday, 9/12/2016

School Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. at D.O.

#### Saturday, 9/17/16

Mudd nick foundation Auction and Annual Dinner @ NCRD @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

#### Monday, 9/26/16

First Day of Swim-Duer and Verhulst

#### Tuesday, 9/27/16

First Day of Swim, Romanov, Thysell, Honts, Felley, Henderson, Birkby and DeGandi

#### Thursday, 9/22/16

Picture Day (starts at 8:30 a.m.) Open House @ 5:30-6:45 p.m.

## **FECHAS IMPORTANTES**

## Cerrado martes, 9/6/16

Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.in the cafeteria Consejo de Padres Reunión 6:30 p.m.in la cafetería

#### Lunes por, 9/12/16

Primer día para los estudiantes de Kinder

## Lunes por, 9/12/2016

Reunión de la Junta Escolar @ 18:30 a D.O.

#### Sábado por la, 9/17/16

Mudd nick subasta fundación y Cena Anual NCRD @ @ 18:00-21:00

#### Lunes por, 9/26/16

Primer día de Swim-Duer y Verhulst

#### Cerrado martes, 9/27/16

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#### Cerrado jueves, 9/22/16

Día de la imagen (se inicia a las 8:30 am)

Open House @ 5: 30-6: 45 pm

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#### **SWIMMING**

Swimming starts on Monday, 9/26/16 for Mrs. Duer and Mrs. Verhulst and Tuesday, 9/27/16 for Ms. Romanov, Mrs. Thysell, Mrs. Honts, Mrs. Felley, Mrs. Henderson, Virginia Birkby and Mr. DeGandi classes. Students will need to be prepared with a swimsuit (recommend 1 piece for girls and nylon trunks for boys) and a towel. Parents are asked to not have students wear their swimming suit under their clothes. Students are walked from Nehalem Elementary to the NCRD rain or shine. Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather. Swim Team starts 9/26/16, Monday and Thursdays for 1st-5th graders.

#### SWIMMING/P.E. GRADE

NCRD/Nehalem Elementary School Swim Lessons are a unique and extraordinary privilege.

In this area surrounded by water and dominated by water-related recreation, the swim program's goal is to provide a safe environment in which the students can learn to swim and be educated in water safety while instilling the value of swimming as a lifetime skill and healthy recreation activity.

The only reason for students not participating in swim class would be due to health reasons such as: vomiting, diarrhea, skin rash (allergy, ring worm) etc. or doctor's note specifying that your child cannot swim. Please encourage your child to come to school on swim day prepared with swimsuit, towel and positive attitude for learning new skills, reviewing old ones, and having fun!

Weekly swim class is now part of the P.E. grade so swimming each week isn't an extra activity; it is part of the P.E. curriculum and will be figured into the overall P.E. grade for each report card. If you have any swim program questions you can

# **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

#### NCRD YOUTH PROGRAMS

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO ABOUT ANY OF NCRD'S YOUTH PROGRAMS, call 503.368.7644, email <a href="mailto:ncrd.gia@gmail.com">ncrd.gia@gmail.com</a>, or visit us at 36155 9th St., Nehalem.

¿Tiene preguntas usted? Contacte Gia Rivera, la Directora de Programas Juveniles, para más información: <a href="mailto:ncrd.gia@gmail.com">ncrd.gia@gmail.com</a> o 202.277.1345 (hablo español)

#### **SEEKING YOUTH PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS**

Share your skills with kids: arts, cooking, science, arts, or other talents. Middle and high school students, retirees, and adults of all ages welcome! ASK FOR MORE INFO AT NCRD's MAIN OFFICE

#### **NCRD YOUTH PROGRAM BASICS**

**Youth Program Information** (SCHOOL-YEAR PROGRAM THROUGH JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>)

What: A certified child care center offering fun daily enrichment activities and a healthy snack. Activities include cooking, gardening, Tae Kwon Do, art, wilderness adventures, performing arts, puppet making, homework help, and fun field trips on No School Days and School Breaks.

Who: Children age 5 (in Kindergarten) through Grade 5

When: 2:35-5:00 pm Monday-Friday and school breaks, except select holidays

Cost: Payment is due monthly: credit card, cash or check accepted. Scholarships available.

Regular School Day 2:35-5:00 pm, Fee \$5 per child School Breaks and No School Days 7:30 am-5:00 pm, Fee \$15 (4 or more hours of care), \$10 (less than 4 hours of care)

Scholarships available: Ask at NCRD's front office window or at <a href="mailto:ncrd.gia@gmail.com">ncrd.gia@gmail.com</a>.

DHS Child Care Provider: Are you eligible for childcare benefits from DHS? NCRD Kids Play Care is a registered DHS provider (Provider #: VEK00007). Contact Gia Rivera with questions: 503.368.7644

NCRD WACKY WEDNESDAY (SCHOOL-YEAR PROGRAM SEPT. 7, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 8, 2017)

#### Need a fun, safe place for your child on Wednesday mornings for late start days?

To support Late Start Wednesdays, NCRD provides 'Wacky Wednesday' enrichment activities and transitions kids to Nehalem Elementary

7:15-8:50 am on Wednesdays When:

Where: NCRD Youth Room

Cost: \$5 per day. Payment is due monthly: credit card, cash or check accepted. Please ask if interested in sliding scale/scholarship information. Contact info above. Can pay for all 36 Wacky Wednesdays in 2016-17 school year

\$180 - Normal cost (\$5/day) for 36 Wacky Wednesdays in the school year

\$162 - Save 10% when you pay by September 30

#### **FUN FAMILY EVENTS**

#### NCRD Open House - 9/15

When: Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm

Where: NCRD Youth Room

What: Learn about the Youth Program and new changes for the 2016-17 school year

And explore the other programs at NCRD: pool, fitness, adult, performing arts

#### MUTTzanita Kids Zone - 9/18

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm When:

Where: Driveway of the Little Apple Deli (corner of Laneda Ave. and 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Manzanita)

What: A pet friendly event for the whole family Harvest Festival at Alder Creek Farm Kids Zone - 10/1

Saturday October 1st from 12-4 pm When:

Where: Alder Creek Farm / Lower Nehalem Community Trust, Hwy. 101 and Underhill Rd. (at the end of the dirt road/driveway) What: Enjoy fun outdoor games and art projects 101 Kius 1 41 Kius Enjoy fun outdoor games and art projects for kids Parking and shuttle available at multiple local locations, includ-

#### NCRD YOUTH SPORTS

#### Fall Soccer League -- BEGINS 9/12, REGISTER BY FRIDAY, 9/9

Who: Boys and Girls, age 4 to grade 8 (grouped by grade)

Register at NES Field Sat, 9/3 at 2pm OR at NCRD by Sept. 9/9 When:

7-week league (9/12-10/29): 2 practices per week, Mon-Thu between 4 and 7pm

4 weeks of games on Saturdays between 9am and 1pm - 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29

Where: Nehalem Elementary School (NES) Field (NES Gym in case of heavy rain)

Teams & Schedules: Everyone will be contacted by email or phone with team assignments and practice/game schedules on Sat, 9/10 <u>Cost</u>: \$40 – Includes a shirt. Payment due at registration. Scholarships available.

Note: \$30 for those who registered for Summer Soccer League

Equipment: All equipment provided by NCRD, except shin guards. NCRD has shin guards available for \$5, and socks for \$7. Athletic shorts/pants and tennis shoes required.

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