

NKN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

APRIL 16, 2021

DEAR FAMILIES,

Our school looks and sounds like a school again! It is so nice to see students get off busses, walk to their classroom, collaborate with peers, and play games during break time. As of now, we have a total of 123 students attending on-site learning. Out of those 123 students, 81 students are attending Monday - Thursday, and 42 students are attending two days on-site, two days virtually. Please see the pictures below to get an idea of what your student experiences while at school.

Monday, April 19 is set aside for student-led conferences. As a reminder, a student-led conference is a meeting with a student and his or her family and teacher, in our case that teacher is the student's advisory teacher. During the conference the student shares progress toward meeting their goals which were created at the beginning of the year. The student facilitates the meeting from start to finish. The structure of the conferences builds student's sense of responsibility and accountability for their own learning, and it helps to hone their understanding of what it means to meet learning targets. We are hoping to have all students and families attend a conference this spring.

It is that time of year when we begin thinking about the state testing. There are some changes this year to the requirements for the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Please see specific information below.

In closing, I cannot say it enough how much I appreciate your patience throughout the year as we transitioned from having students all learning virtually, to having some students back on campus.

Sincerely,
Lori Dilbeck, Principal

HYBRID-SIMULTANEOUS LEARNING AT NKN MIDDLE SCHOOL!



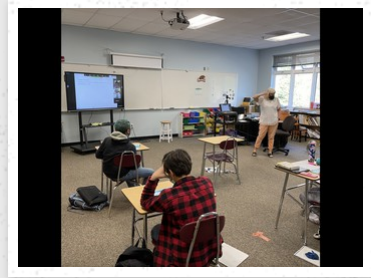
MS. GIENGER'S 6TH GRADE MATH CLASS

Students and staff maintain physical distance while teaching and learning.



PE CLASS

Students are actively participating during PE class!



7TH GRADE MATH CLASS

Zoomies (that is what we call students who are at home) are interacting with the Roomies (students in the classroom).

STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS

Assessments provide educators with the information they need to make essential instructional decisions. In the same way that a scientist may collect and analyze water samples to determine the quality of our streams and lakes, teachers and administrators use state tests, performance assessments, and other forms of assessments to measure how well students are learning and determine how best to support them moving forward.

As you know, Oregon students take the Smarter Balanced Assessment every year. Because of the crazy year, ODE submitted a waiver request to the United States Department of Education requesting a reduction in the number of summative assessments required for our students to take this spring. At this time, the waiver request has been conditionally approved. Once approved, the following assessments will be taken per grade level:

6th Grade - ELA only

7th Grade - ELA and Math

8th Grade - Math and Science

All assessments will need to be administered in-person. Students who attend hybrid will take their assessments on **May 19**. Our hope is to have all hybrid students attend on-site on May 19 to take their assessments, if possible. If your student is not scheduled to be on-site on Wednesday, May 19 and transportation is an issue, we will assess those students with the CDL students on a different date. Stayed tuned for more information on CDL testing dates. There will not be regular classes on this day, therefore if your student is not taking the assessment on May 19, they will not attend school on this day.

An Opt-Out form is attached for those families who do not wish their child to participate in state assessments for this year.

OPT OUT FORM

PX2 FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS IN MAY

PX2 is a step by step process that will expose your student to an awareness, understanding and appreciation of their own potential resources and natural talents. It will give them a stronger belief in their own ability to try and succeed at great things and an expanded vision of the many possibilities and alternatives which are available to them.

PX2 will take place during 7th period exploratories from May 3rd through May 20th, 7th and 8th grade only. Workbooks will be distributed for students that are on campus and students in CDL can stop by the office to pick up the required workbook. Here is a link with more information:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u4wWz5wST5-vvWzeznLTVRkth8o9yVcN/view>

SPORTS UPDATE!

Track Meets:

Wed, 4/21 @ NKN (3:30pm Field events/4:00pm Running events)

Thurs., 4/29 @ Knappa (3:30pm Field events/4:00pm Running events)

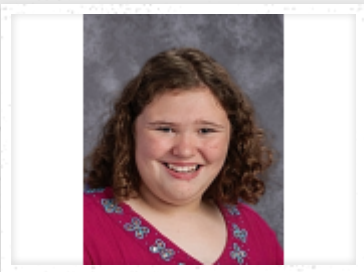
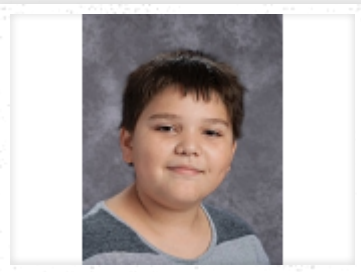
Wed, 5/5 @ NKN (3:30pm Field events/4:00pm Running events)

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!!!

6th Grade: Mahala Lewis and Vann Sutton

7th Grade: Joseph Naylor and Grace Wismer

8th Grade: Kayla Baker and Jacob McIlvenna



TRIMESTER TWO HONOR ROLL- CONGRATULATIONS

6th Grade: Hannah Amirkhanian, Alivia Eckstrom Ruef, Ozzie Grider, Karsten Johansen, August Kirby, Bryar Konruff, Mahala Lewis, Lakyn Wilkinson, and Carter Woika.

7th Grade: Andrew Browne, Colin Campbell, Brady Douma, Nicholas Jones, Annalise Moran, Yukon Norris-Rivera, Nathaniel Tinnes.

8th Grade: Raymond Grimes, Ethan Hanson, and Travis Poole.
Well done, Raiders!!!!!!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **April 19:** Student Led Conferences
- **May 26:** Smarter Balanced Testing day for hybrid students. All other students, both CDL and students not taking the test, will not attend classes on this day.
- **May 31:** Memorial Day Holiday
- **June 16:** Last day of school

DID YOUR STUDENT MISS SCHOOL PICTURE DAY?

If your student missed the chance to get their picture taken on school picture day, they can still be included in the yearbook. Please take a headshot and email to tamiw@nknisd.org.

IMPORTANT REMINDER.....DON'T FORGET YOUR WATER BOTTLES!

Please make sure to send your student to school with their water bottle. With warmer weather coming, it is easy to get dehydrated.



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NKN MS- Immunization rates- March 2021.pdf

Each year, Oregon Health Authority requires schools to post their immunization rates. Attached are current rates for the middle school

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