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NEAH-KAH-NIE HIGH

Pirate Newsletter

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COMING TO NEAH-KAH-NIE HIGH SCHOOL.....



WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2016

TIME: NOON—4:00 P.M.

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5:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES WILL BE ON THE HOUR. ON THE HALF-HOUR TEACHERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH PARENTS INDIVIDUALLY ON A WALK-IN BASIS OR BY APPOINTMENT.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, CONTACT THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE AT 503-355-2272.

FOR SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS, A **FINANCIAL AID LAB** WILL BE HOSTED THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING IN COMPUTER LAB 2.

ESTHER TROYER, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO OFFER ASSISTANCE AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

ABC's of Student-Led Conferences

Actively Engaged

Balanced Portfolio

Continuous Communication

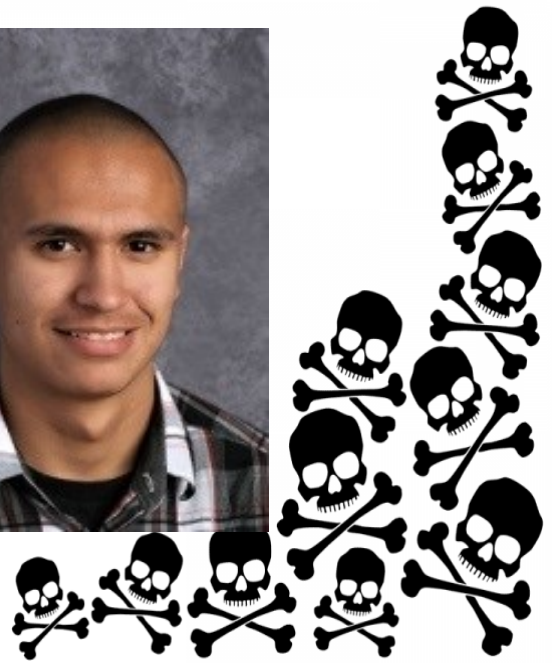
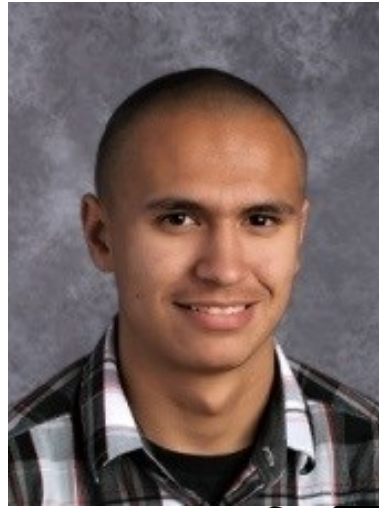
MISSION STATEMENT: Neah-Kah-Nie commits to providing a learning community focused on improvement, persistence and integrity.

Pirate Student of the Month

Senior Omar Arenas was selected September's Pirate Student of the Month by the NKN Staff.

Omar was nominated by Ms. Harmon, Librarian, who said: "Omar is an exceptional human being. He is friendly, welcoming, efficient and hardworking. I am so impressed with his work in the NKN High School Library this fall."

Congratulations, Omar!!!!



Pirate Athletes of the Month



Lacoya Reny-Hamer,

Junior

September Athlete of the Month, Lacoya is an integral part of the Girls' Cross Country Team and is an overall team leader. In addition to being a strong academic student, Lacoya is the Junior Class Representative to the Student Council.

Max Halverson,

Senior

Max was selection September Athlete of the Month for his strong senior leadership on the football team and his overall performances, helping the Pirates win games against Warrenton Warriors and the Nestucca Bobcats. As part of his regular class schedule, Max helps to mentor spe-

Congratulations, Lacoya & Max!!!

Please Welcome NKN's New Staff Members:

And, welcome back **Beth Gienger** who has returned this year to teach math!



James Billstine, language arts teacher and assistant football coach, graduated from Tillamook High School in 2005. Mr. Billstine earned both his Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Southern Oregon University where he was also an Academic All-American in Track and Field. He carries his interest in writing into his personal life having been published in the peer-reviewed *Oregon English Journal* and having



Rhonda Scott brings to NKN 18 years' experience teaching social studies courses. Ms. Scott is a graduate of Boise State University. She began her teaching career in Payette, ID and she also coached cross country. In 2006 Ms. Scott moved to Las Vegas and taught in the Clark County School District for 10 years. During her tenure in the desert, she earned her M.A.Ed. With an emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction. She is happily adjusting from desert sand to beach sand and is enjoying her first experience coaching Speech and Debate.



Jenna Meeks grew up in McMinnville. She earned her degree from Brigham Young University in Provo, UT. Mrs. Meeks stated "I think Math is super fun and I'm hoping my students will see how awesome it is too. I'm working on getting Math Club going and keeping up with Chess Club, so let me know if your students are interested."



Margaret Whiting recently moved to the West Coast after raising two sons in Wisconsin. Mrs. Whiting was born and raised in the Chicago area and has a Masters in Education. "I am thrilled to be the Testing/ASPIRE Coordinator, as well as Library Media Assistant". **ASPIRE**, the State of Oregon's mentoring program to help students access education and training beyond high school is new to NKN this year. As a mentoring program, community members who volunteer are linked with students to help them achieve their goals. Please contact Mrs. Whiting if you have questions or are interested in volunteering at margaretw@nknsd.org



Misty Maxwell (left) and **Alice Jeffers** (right) have joined the NKN Special Education Team as instructional assistants. Ms. Maxwell is originally from Forest Grove, relocating to the coast with family. She is having fun getting to know the students she works with and is an avid basketball fan! Ms. Jeffers relocated to the coast 3 years ago from the Seattle/Tacoma area. In addition to being excited about her new job at NKN, she enjoys time with her 2 granddaughters, she is a potter, makes jewelry and is a



Other important notes of interest:

- ♦ Tutoring is again being offered after school on Thursdays, 3:45 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Student may ride the activity bus home after tutoring.
- ♦ If you are not currently using ParentVUE or your student is not using StudentVUE to monitor grades, attendance and other student information, please contact the high school office for your activation information. This is a great tool to monitor your student's progress and success.
- ♦ NKN continues to be a Willamette Promise (WP) school. This means for successfully meeting the criteria and passing standards in some classes taught here at NKN, your son or daughter can receive college credit if WP enrollment paperwork has been completed. There is a \$30 fee which covers all WP classes taken during the year-if there is financial need the fee can be waived. If your son and/or daughter are taking any of the following classes please check to see if they have enrolled with Willamette Promise: Computer Applications, Spanish 3 and 4, Chemistry, Pre-Calculus A and B, and Biology A and B. Other potential classes may become available before year end. If you have questions, contact Esther Troyer.
- ♦ Career & Technical Education classes provide first hand exposure to career skills building. When you and your student are considering future classes, take a look at these CTE classes: Computer Applications I, Computer Design, Graphics, Intro to Business, Web Design, Financial Planning, Construction Trades A&B, General Construction, Small Engine Repair, Wood Tech I & II, Health Occupations I & II, Emergency Care Procedures, Medical Terminology and Survey of Human Anatomy & Physiology. If you have questions about any of these classes or opportunities, contact Esther Troyer.
- ♦ Please consider joining the new ASPIRE (Access to Student assistance Programs In Reach of Everyone) Team here at Neah-Kah-Nie as a mentor volunteer. Volunteer ASPIRE mentors are assigned to work one-on-one with students, guiding them through important steps toward postsecondary education. The ASPIRE mentor position attracts a broad spectrum of adult volunteers. Many are parents/guardians of students at the ASPIRE school, professionals, some of whom are the first in their family to attend college, or retired community members. Volunteers do not have to have attended college themselves to be effective ASPIRE mentors. ASPIRE is for all students. It is an all-comer's program and serves the entire student body. Any student who believes they can benefit from an ASPIRE mentor is welcomed and encouraged to participate. By being

School Improvement Goals:

We want all of our students to continue to increase their achievement in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. In order to meet our improvement goals we will continue to have a school wide focus on reading comprehension and writing well, which includes multiple opportunities to read and write in every subject area, and three benchmark assessments per year that will enable students to demonstrate essential skills in reading, writing and math which are required for graduation.

Extra support with reading, writing and mathematics is available during school hours. In addition to the advisory class, students may take the elective class called "On Course". Tutoring is available Thursdays after school.

Every year we assess the effectiveness and efficiency of our operations and your satisfaction with our programs. Feedback from our stakeholders is critical to this work. Please take time to complete our school improvement survey on line. If you do not have access to a computer, we have one set up for you to use in the school office at your convenience.

Parents please use: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/2639407>

VISION STATEMENT

Full engagement in rigorous academics and healthy activities will produce graduates able to apply the literacy, problem solving, creativity and technology skills needed for success in college and the work force.

Upcoming Events, Activities & Important Dates:

From the Counseling Center:

- ♦ 10/17—20/2016 Cash for College Campaign: Students who complete and submit their FAFSA by October 20th qualify for a chance to win a \$250 scholarship. Focus for all of October is to get ready for the big scholarship push so students are to pursue getting their letters of recommendation, completing their FAFSA, beginning their OSAC application and getting essays written!
- ♦ 10/19/2016 PSAT's
- ♦ 10/24/2016 National College Fair at the Oregon Convention Center—permission form required
- ♦ 10/27/2016 Career Expo at Polk County Fairground, Rickreall, OR—permission form required
- ♦ 11/8/2016 ASVAB Testing
- ♦ 11/14—18/2016 College Application Week: The goal is to have all students be taking that next step for their post-secondary plans. The names of students who provide evidence of submitting college applications will be put in drawings for college swag and gift certificates.

Upcoming Activities & Events:

- ♦ FBLA Firewood Raffle Ticket Sales ongoing through 12/9/2016—See an FBLA member for tickets
- ♦ 10/17/2016 Jostens Senior Meeting –Seniors will be given graduation packets/catalogs
- ♦ 10/18/2016 **Picture Retakes**
- ♦ 10/20/2016 4:00 p.m. Cross Country Pre-District Challenge @ Bush Park, Salem
- ♦ 10/21/2016 7:00 p.m. Football @ Gaston
- ♦ 10/27/2016 3:30 p.m. Cross Country Dist. 3 Championships @ Bush Park, Salem
- ♦ 10/29/2016 Speech @ Oktoberfest, Tillamook High School
- ♦ 10/28/2016 7:00 p.m. Football @ home w/Vernonia
9:00 p.m. Art Club Dance in Auxiliary Gym
- ♦ 11/01/2016 Jostens here during lunch to take Senior Orders
- ♦ 11/05/2016 Speech @ Fox Invitational, Silverton High School
- ♦ 11/05/2016 Cross Country State Championship @ Lane Community College, Eugene
- ♦ 11/11/2016 Veterans Day—No school
- ♦ 11/14/2016 Winter Sports Practices begin—**all paperwork must be current & in the office**
- ♦ 11/23-27/2016 Thanksgiving Break
- ♦ 11/29/2016 6:30 p.m. Choir & Band Concert—Upper Gym
- ♦ 12/01/2016 End of Trimester 1
- ♦ 12/02/2016 Grade Day—no school for students
- ♦ 12/03/2016 Speech @ Clackamas Edge, Clackamas High School
- ♦ 12/19/2016 Winter Break begins

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

- ♦ NKN School Board 2nd Mondays monthly—meeting site varies. Contact the office for location.
- ♦ Math Club Tuesdays—weekly in Room 17
- ♦ NKN Boosters 2nd Tuesdays monthly in The Galley
- ♦ 2017 NKN SAFE Last Wednesday month in The Galley
- ♦ F.B.L.A. 1st & 3rd Thursdays monthly in Room 2
- ♦ Honor Society 2nd & 4th Thursdays monthly in Band Room
- ♦ Leo Club 3rd Thursdays monthly in Room 11
- ♦ Chess Club Fridays—weekly in Room 17



Parents, have you noticed any textbooks hanging out around your house that are not being used? Possibly even some that have been hibernating there since last school year? If so, please check with your son or daughter to see if they are taking the class associated with the textbook. If they are not currently enrolled in a class using the *discovered* textbook, please make sure the book is returned to the school. We appreciate your help getting books and other school property returned!

From the desk of the Principal:

Dear Pirate Parents:

This week on October 20th we will be hosting required Parent Teacher Conferences and SLCs. One part of the SLC will be a review of graduation requirements, a review of your students' progress within our Career and Information System (CIS) and your student's performance on state assessment tests in English Language Arts and Math.

If you have general questions or want more information about the tests, please visit our website at www.nknsd.org or call 503-355-2272. Our required notice about state tests is provided on the website.

This notice provides information about how our new tests are different than past state tests, what the results mean, and how the results are used to help your child, his or her school, and our district.

Our new state tests ask your child to think critically and solve complex problems.

We know that an end-of-the-year test cannot possibly tell us *everything* about your child's academic progress. However, the results do provide us with a snapshot of your child's strengths and areas needing improvement and can be used as a means to ensure he or she is getting the support needed for future success.

In addition to the informational notice about our new state tests, you may also access a form that can be used to opt your child out of the state tests.

If you have questions or concerns about these tests, I encourage you to talk to your child's teacher or myself before opting out.

Our ultimate goal is to ensure that all students are set up to be successful in college and beyond and that will remain the focus of our district.

We will be working hard to keep you informed about our progress as a district and provide opportunities for discussion and feedback.

Sincerely,

Dr. Heidi
Principal



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