# THE HOWLER

Garibaldi Grade School | Newsletter



#### January 2024

Welcome back to a new calendar year! We hope your family had a relaxing and enjoyable Winter Break.

Our 90% and above attendance is looking a lot better this year! We appreciate all of your efforts and hope to see it continue throughout the school year!

## **Important No School Days and Reminders**

January 1st, Monday | No School - New Years Holiday Observed January 2nd, Tuesday | School Resumes January 8th, Monday | No School - Professional Development January 8th, Monday | School Board Meeting, 6:30pm January 15th, Monday | No School - Martin Luther King Day Holiday

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# **GGS Spirit Week Coin Drive Results!**

Thank you families for helping your student participate in our Spirit Week Coin Drive. Our older students came together and decided on raising funds for our local Tillamook Animal Shelter. Through the fun of Spirit Week, we were able to raise \$1,150 for the Shelter and we hope to present them with our donation check during an all school assembly.

#### January's Characteristic is Being Organized

Each month, GGS focuses on a personal characteristic and teaches it to our students. Our focus for the month of January is being organized. Students who are organized plan and set goals and prioritize them. They are able to plan and carefully keep things neat.



At the end of the month we will be handing out three awards in each class, two for students who were demonstrating being organized and one Pride of the Pack award focused on perseverance. Please talk with your child(ren) around the conversations they are having at school on being organized.

#### 2023-24 Statewide Assessments, 3rd-5th Grades

Every year we need to notify families of the Statewide Assessments that will be happening. Oregon law permits parents to annually opt-out of Oregon's statewide assessments in English Language Arts and/or Mathematics by submitting an annual form to the school the student attends. Please view the notice at this link: OSAS Opt Out Form English or ask for a paper form in the school office.

# **Oregon Department of Education SEED Survey Grades 3rd-11th**

**ELEVATING STUDENT VOICE:** The Oregon Department of Education is deeply committed to helping each and every student learn, grow, and thrive. ODE is also committed to providing opportunities for feedback and input to continuously improve education experiences for all students in Oregon. The Student Educational Equity Development (SEED) Survey will help ODE gather information about the educational experiences of students in Oregon. This information will help ODE to develop appropriate resources and supports for districts in Oregon, and better target those resources where they are most needed. SEED Survey data may also help districts develop a fuller picture of their local contexts and make strategic modifications to curriculum, instruction, and related academic supports that they offer students. More information can be found on the ODE website through the following links, (if reading online): ODE SEED Survey or Annual Notice of SEED Survey.



# **Every Day Matters and We're Here to Help!**

Students miss school for many reasons. Some are related to transportation or basic needs, and others are connected to emotional or academic challenges. No matter what the reason, it's

Identifying barriers to attendance is an important part of keeping students engaged in school, graduating on time, and thriving in all areas of their lives. Let us know how we can help, GGS wants your child to succeed and is focused on helping smooth the way to regular attendance!

Students who are present for 90% or more in the month of January will get to play Bingo!

#### Ms. H's Counseling Corner

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful break! In the month of December we started talking about our "red flag warnings" to help us identify and name our feelings. Our bodies give us clues to help us recognize when we are experiencing an



emotion. When we pay attention to those red flags we can decide which tool to use to help us manage that feeling. This is when we talk about our Wise Wolf Way #5, we notice our "red flags" and then we can exit the emotional elevator on a lower floor.



January is the month that we will be reviewing all of our tools and practicing how to use them in different situations. We will also begin the next section of the Child Protection Unit. We will be using our three ways to stay safe and apply them to safe, unsafe, and unwanted touches. The third part to our lessons will be how to report these unsafe or unwanted touches to someone in our constellation of support. There will be an email sent out later in

the month with a link to the information contained in this unit.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at <a href="mailto:cherieh@nknsd.org">cherieh@nknsd.org</a>, or call the school office at 503-322-0311.

#### **Classroom Celebrations, Volunteering, and Field Trips**

Reminder that all food that is brought for classroom celebrations needs to be store bought or food prepared in an health department inspected kitchen. Please let your child's teacher know prior to bringing in treats, it makes it easier for them to schedule a time to celebrate.

Also, if you would like to volunteer during a classroom party or field trip, remember you will need to have an approved volunteer background check on file. They are good for 3 years. Some field trips there is limited number of spots for volunteers, so please make sure you get the teacher's approval before making plans to attend.

## **Join the GGS Parent Group!**

GGS Parent Group meeting: Tues, January 9th at 6PM on Zoom.



In an effort to boost attendance and better accommodate dinner/bedtime schedules, the monthly Parent Group meeting is online! Find the link on our FaceBook page.

New members are especially welcome! Follow us on FaceBook:

https://www.facebook.com/GaribaldiParentGroup

Email: garibaldiparentgroup@gmail.com

#### **NKN School Board Meetings**

#### Next Meeting is Monday, January 8th, 6:30pm

This is a monthly meeting of our School Board. The meeting takes place at our District Office or through Zoom. You can access this meeting through our district website (<a href="www.nknsd.org">www.nknsd.org</a>) under "School Board" and then "Board Meetings".

#### Inclement Weather Communication Plan



504 N. Third Ave. / PO Box 28 Rockaway Beach, OR 97136 Phone: 503-355-2222 Fax: 503-355-3434 www.nknsd.org

Inclement Weather Communication Plan (Revised 12/4/2023)

Neah-Kah-Nie Staff, Students, and Parents,

In case of inclement weather and/or a power outage, here is the school district's Delayed Start Communication Plan.

#### Monday-Friday

5:00 a.m. Road checks by First Student and NKN School Superintendent

5:45 a.m. First Student and superintendent will discuss road conditions to determine if a school delay or school closure is necessary. If the decision is to cancel or delay school, the superintendent will notify staff.

6:00 a.m. Public notice of school cancelation or delay by the school district will be available on the school district's Facebook and website pages (nknsd.org), Flashalert, and School Messenger.

In the case of inclement weather or a power outage, the school district will make timely and safe decisions based on current conditions. In case of a power outage, the school district will communicate with Tillamook PUD staff to determine next steps.

If there is a two hour delay, elementary staff will report to work at 9:30; school will begin at 10:00. At the secondary level, staff will report to work at 10:00 and school will begin at 10:45.

Parents, if there is a two hour delay, your child will need to be at the bus stop two hours later than the regular bus pick up time, for example, if your child is normally picked up at 8:10 a.m., with a two hour delay, your child will be picked up at 10:10 a.m.

Breakfast will not be provided on a delayed start day.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tyler Reed, Superintendent Neah-Kah-Nie School District

#### **GGS** information online

#### **How to Find GGS Information Online!**

Besides our monthly Howler Newsletter, you can find school information online! Our district has an informative website at <a href="https://www.nknsd.org">www.nknsd.org</a> and Garibaldi Grade School has a page with all sorts of great information for our families. You can find this monthly newsletter, student handbook and even a parent page with information on busing, school lunches, wellness and more!





#### Reminder: Sign up for FlashAlert!

As we move into the stormy weather months, you can receive FlashAlert messages from NKN School District updating you on any delays or closures. To do this you go to

https://www.flashalert.net/, manage your messenger subscription, and make sure you are signed up for Neah-Kah-Nie School District.

#### Be a Substitute at Garibaldi Grade School!

Sign up to be an Instructional Assistant (classified) or Teacher (certified) substitute at any of our schools. Neah-Kah-Nie School District has contracted with ESS for our substitute services. To become a substitute for the District please go to ESS.com, click on the Job Seeker tab and type in Neah-Kah-Nie School District to begin the application process. If you have questions about the application process, or becoming a substitute, please contact 866-208-7454 x1 or email: <a href="mailto:applicationswest@ess.com">applicationswest@ess.com</a>.

# Vision Screenings - January 23rd

On **Tuesday January 23rd, 2024 Vision Screenings** will be offered by the Lions Club for all students. These screenings occur each year as part of required Oregon school based health screenings. A follow up letter will be sent home within a few weeks of the screening ONLY if there are unexpected results or if your student needs a follow up screening with an eye doctor. We appreciate this opportunity offered by the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.



#### PLEASE KEEP STUDENTS WITH SYMPTOMS OUT OF SCHOOL

This list is school instructions, not medical advice. Please contact your health care provider with health concerns

SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	THE STUDENT MAY RETURN AFTER *The list below tells the shortest time to stay home. A student may need to stay home longer for some illnesses.		
Fever: temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or greater	*Fever-free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medicine.		
New cough illness	<ul> <li>Symptoms improving for 24 hours (no cough or cough is well-controlled).</li> </ul>		
New difficulty breathing	* Symptoms improving for 24 hours (breathing comfortably). Urgent medical care may be needed.		
Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in a day OR not able to control bowel movements	*Symptom-free for 48 hours OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.		
Vomiting: one or more episode that is unexplained	*Symptom-free for 48 hours OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.		
Headache with stiff neck and fever	*Symptom-free OR with orders from doctor to school nurse. Follow fever instructions above. <i>Urgent</i> medical care may be needed.		
kin rash or open sores	*Symptom free, which means rash is gone OR sores are dry or can be completely covered by a bandage OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.		
ted eyes with colored drainage	*Symptom-free, which means redness and drainage are gone OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.		
aundice: new yellow color in eyes or skin	*After the school has orders from doctor or local public health authority to school nurse.		
Acting differently without a reason: unusually sleepy, grumpy, or confused.	*Symptom-free, which means return to normal behavior OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.		
Major health event, like an illness lasting 2 or more weeks OR a hospital stay, OR health condition requires more care than school staff can safely provide.	*After the school has orders from doctor to school nurse AND after measures are in place for the student's safety. Please work with school staff to address special health-care needs so the student may attend safely.		







## AT NEAH-KAH-NIE HIGH SCHOOL

#### HOURS:

Tuesdays Wednesdays

Thursdays

counseling appointments only

8:30 am - 12:00 pm / 1:00 - 4:30 pm (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm)

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#### FREE school breakfast and Lunch!

All Students are able to receive free school breakfast and lunch. No paperwork or forms are needed. A huge 'Thank You' to our staff, budget committee, and school board for making this happen!

If your student has breakfast at school, make sure they are dropped off early enough to eat. Doors open at 7:35am. (Busses arrive with enough time for students.) Also, just a reminder, if your child brings a lunch from home or wants a second milk, milk will cost .55 cents. As always, let us know if you have any questions.



# Neah-Kah-Nie Meal Charge Notice

Each student may receive one FREE breakfast and lunch per school day that includes a milk and full access to the salad bar

Students choosing to purchase **additional** entrees (seconds) or milks need to have funds on their accounts as charging is not allowed

<u>Parents/guardians</u> are responsible for meal accounts having funds and may impose limits on student accounts by submitting written notice to the school secretary

Accounts with charges prior to the change to free meals

OR from newly accrued second meal charges will receive charge balance statements through email or will be notified by phone calls

\$0.55 - Milk \$ 2.30 - **2nd** Breakfast entree (All schools) \$ 3.25 **2nd** Lunch entree (elementary) \$3.60 **2nd** Lunch entree (secondary)

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# **NEAH-KAH-NIE KIDS CAMP**

# **KIDS CAMP PERFORMANCE**

DATE: JANUARY 12TH, 2024 PLACE: HIGH SCHOOL GYM TIME: 5:45PM GAME STARTS AT 6:00PM lisah@nknsd.org



## Last Call for 3rd-6th Grade Boys Basketball Players

Flyers were sent home before break from NKN Youth Sports for 3rd-6th Grade Boys Basketball. NKN Youth Sports is committed to providing opportunities for skill building and participation for all kids living within the district. No student will be turned away due to lack of funds.

Experienced and new players are all welcome! If you have any questions, please reach out to Dave Goodell @ 971-221-4428 Call/Text.





#### Garibaldi Grade School

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