

# THE HOWLER

Garibaldi Grade School | Newsletter



## March 2024

We are coming into the final weeks of the 2nd trimester and there will be no school on Friday, March 8th for Teacher Grade Day. Report Cards will go home with students the following week in Thursday Folders.

Be on the look out for staff contacting you later this month to schedule Parent/Teacher conferences that will take place in April.

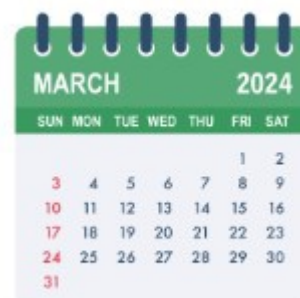
## Important No School Days and Reminders

March 8th, Friday | **No School** - Grade Day

March 11th, Monday | School Board Meeting, 6:30pm

March 21st, Thursday | Family Paint Night, 6pm

March 25th-29th, Monday - Friday | **No School** - Spring Break



## March's Characteristic is Synergize

Each month, GGS focuses on a personal characteristic and teaches it to our students. Our focus for the month of March is to synergize. Students who synergize value other people's strengths and learn from them. They get along with others, even people who are different than them. Students work well in groups and know by working in a team they can better create solutions.

At the end of the month we will be handing out three awards in each class, two for students who were demonstrating Synergy 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 how they synergize.

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## 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.

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## 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](#).

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### Attendance Matters and GGS is Here to Help!

GGS wants your child to succeed and is focused on helping smooth the way to regular attendance. 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. We have many resources and staff to assist you, from our counselors, community resource coordinators, district nurse, you are not alone!

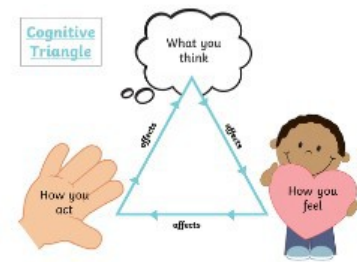
We are continuing to focus on attendance, getting kids excited via our monthly activities for students present 90% or more, classroom Tater Parties, and Trimester attendance awards! Thank you for helping us get students excited about learning and coming to school!

***Students who are present for 90% or more in the month of March will get to have lunch and cookies with the Principal!***

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## Ms. H's Counseling Corner

During the month of February we have been taking a closer look at our Empathy Tool and how it connects us with our class by being helpful and kind. When we use our Empathy Tool we care about others as well as ourselves, and this is how we are finishing this month. We have been talking about using positive self talk to help us face a challenging situation. If we can change our thoughts to a positive or neutral one it can change how we feel and act.



March is when all the second and fifth grade students will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). This is our universal screener to help us identify potential gifted students, and it will assess their reasoning skills in three different areas. They will take this test on their chromebooks during their math time the week of March 11th.



The monthly characteristic for March is Synergize, and my classroom lessons will be focused on how to be a flexible thinker and accepting others and their unique talents and gifts. We will also be revisiting our three R's, Recognize, Refuse, Report, and using them to identify situations with others that might be considered bullying. It's important to remember the definition of bullying because once we start this unit students have a tendency to label some hurtful interactions as bullying.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at

[cherieh@nknisd.org](mailto:cherieh@nknisd.org)

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## Volunteering and Field Trip Chaperones

We are excited that GGS classrooms are beginning field trips! We ask all that would like to volunteer to fill out a district volunteer application, have it approved and on file. These applications can take up to 2 weeks to process, so plan ahead. Background checks are good for 3 years. Applications are available in the school office.

**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.**

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Garibaldi Parent Group presents

# Parents Night Out!

Enjoy a night out while  
we take care of your kids

## March 29th, 2024

5 to 7:30 pm

Garibaldi Grade School gym

**\$15**  
per child

**CRAFTS, GAMES, MOVIES,  
SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED**

Reach out to Mrs. Griffin, to pre sign up.  
Caitlyng@nknsd.org or 503-812-7475

All money will go to the end of year carnival!

### NKN School Board Meetings

**Next Meeting is Monday, March 11th, 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 ([www.nknsd.org](http://www.nknsd.org)) under "School Board" and then "Board Meetings".

### GGG information online

### How to Find School Information Online!

Besides our monthly Howler Newsletter, you can find school information online! Our district has an informative website at [www.nknsd.org](http://www.nknsd.org) 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!







As we are in 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.

## Employment Opportunities

### Be a Substitute at Garibaldi Grade School!

Sign up to be an **Instructional Assistant**, **Custodian**, **Food Service** (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](https://www.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: [applicationswest@ess.com](mailto:applicationswest@ess.com).



### AT NEAH-KAH-NIE HIGH SCHOOL

#### HOURS:

<b>Tuesdays</b>	8:30 am – 12:00 pm / 1:00 – 4:30 pm (Closed for lunch 12:00 – 1:00 pm)
<b>Wednesdays</b> <small>Counseling appointments only</small>	8:30 am – 12:30 pm / 1:30 – 4:30 pm (Closed for lunch 12:30 – 1:30 pm)
<b>Thursdays</b>	8:30 am – 12:00 pm / 1:00 – 4:30 pm (Closed for lunch 12:00 – 1:00 pm)

#### SERVICES AVAILABLE:

NKN Student Health & Wellness Center offers various medical services, including:







Regular check-ups	Dental screenings
Sports physicals	Blood-pressure screenings
Care for illness and injury	Health education
Immunizations	Counseling
Routine lab tests	Wellness opportunities
Prescription medications	Referrals for other medical services (Dental, X-rays, MRIs, Specialty)
Age-appropriate reproductive health	
Vision screenings	

Learn more at: [NKNHealth.org](https://www.NKNHealth.org)

NKN Student Health & Wellness Center | Telephone: 503-355-3500 | Fax: 844-720-1901

## 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.
 <b>Fever:</b> temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or greater	<b>*Fever-free for 24 hours</b> without taking fever-reducing medicine.
 <b>New cough illness</b>	<b>* Symptoms improving for 24 hours</b> (no cough or cough is well-controlled).
 <b>New difficulty breathing</b>	<b>* Symptoms improving for 24 hours</b> (breathing comfortably). <i>Urgent medical care may be needed.</i>
 <b>Diarrhea:</b> 3 loose or watery stools in a day <b>OR</b> not able to control bowel movements	<b>*Symptom-free for 48 hours OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse.
 <b>Vomiting:</b> one or more episode that is unexplained	<b>*Symptom-free for 48 hours OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse.
 <b>Headache with stiff neck and fever</b>	<b>*Symptom-free OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse. Follow fever instructions above. <i>Urgent medical care may be needed.</i>
<b>Skin rash or open sores</b>	<b>*Symptom free</b> , which means rash is gone OR sores are dry or can be completely covered by a bandage <b>OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse.
<b>Red eyes with colored drainage</b>	<b>*Symptom-free</b> , which means redness and drainage are gone <b>OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse.
<b>Jaundice:</b> new yellow color in eyes or skin	<b>*After the school has orders</b> from doctor or local public health authority to school nurse.
<b>Acting differently without a reason:</b> unusually sleepy, grumpy, or confused.	<b>*Symptom-free</b> , which means return to normal behavior <b>OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse.
<b>Major health event,</b> like an illness lasting 2 or more weeks <b>OR</b> a hospital stay, <b>OR</b> health condition requires more care than school staff can safely provide.	<b>*After the school has orders</b> from doctor to school nurse <b>AND</b> 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.

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## REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR SPRING BREAK GARDEN CLUB



Food Roots, in partnership with the Lower Nehalem Community Trust and the Oregon Food Bank, is hosting a free spring break garden program for PreK- 5 students. Each day, kids will learn and explore a part of the plant cycle through art, science, and healthy eating activities.

We will end our program with a big garden party!



March 25: Seeds    March 27: Stems and Leaves  
March 26: Roots    March 28: Flowers  
March 29: Garden Party



Time: 1-3pm

Location: Alder Creek Farm, Nehalem

Transportation and Spanish interpreter available!





# MARCH 2024

## GARIBALDI GRADE SCHOOL

Breakfast and Lunch  
Are Free for all  
Students!!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				<b>1</b> Cat In The Hat Pancake  <b>2</b> One Fish, Two Fish Sticks & Fries <b>3</b> Sam I Am Ham Sammies
	<b>4</b> Breakfast Sandwich  <b>5</b> Hot Dog  <b>6</b> Chef's Salad	<b>5</b> Banana Bread  <b>6</b> Nachos  <b>7</b> PB & J	<b>6</b> Pancake on a Stick  <b>7</b> Tater Tot Casserole  <b>8</b> Chef's Salad	<b>7</b> Blueberry Muffin  <b>8</b> Soup & Sandwich  <b>9</b> Cheese Quesadilla
	<b>10</b> Waffles  <b>11</b> Cheesy Breadsticks w/ Marinara <b>12</b> Deli Sandwich	<b>11</b> Scrambled Eggs & English Muffin <b>12</b> Enchiladas  <b>13</b> Chef's Salad	<b>12</b> Strawberry Smoothie  <b>13</b> Spaghetti  <b>14</b> Chicken Salad	<b>13</b> Breakfast Bar  <b>14</b> Tillamook Cheeseburger & Fries <b>15</b> Deli Sandwich
	<b>16</b> Cream Cheese Bagel  <b>17</b> Corn Dog  <b>18</b> Deli Sandwich	<b>17</b> French Toast  <b>18</b> Burrito  <b>19</b> Deli Sandwich	<b>18</b> Breakfast Bar  <b>19</b> Orange Chicken Over Rice <b>20</b> Deli Sandwich	<b>19</b> Pancakes  <b>20</b> Chicken Burger  <b>21</b> Tuna Salad Sandwich
<b>24</b> HAVE A	<b>25</b> SAFE AND	<b>26</b> WONDERFUL	<b>27</b> SPRING	<b>28</b> BREAK!!!

A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are available daily on our offering bar. All of our bread and pasta items are whole grain or whole wheat. Gluten free options are available. Every day choices of 1% and fat-free milk are offered. Whole grain cereal is an option at breakfast. Menu items are subject to change if needed.  
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