

## From the Principal

#### **Dear Parents and Guardians**,

What a fantastic way to wrap up October! Our Spirit Week brought so much positive energy to the building—students showed incredible creativity and school pride each day. It was wonderful to see so many smiles, laughter, and connection across all grade levels.

I also want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Student-Led Conferences. We had an impressive 96% attendance rate, which truly speaks to the commitment of our families and students. These conferences are an important part of our students' growth. They provide an opportunity for each student to take ownership of their learning, reflect on their progress, and set goals for the months ahead—all with the support of their teachers and family.

As we move into November, we're continuing to focus on growth, gratitude, and connection. The end of the first trimester is coming up on November 24, which is also the last full day before Thanksgiving break. Even though it's the only school day that week, attendance is especially important—teachers will be wrapping up essential learning, reviewing progress, and preparing for reporting on student progress toward mastery of the standards. Look for Trimester 1 report cards to be sent out the first week in December.

Warm regards,

### **Important Dates To Remember**

- NOV 11: Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL
- NOV 20: Picture Re-Take Day
- NOV 21: Opera-To-Go
- NOV 25: Grade Day End of Tri 1- NO SCHOOL
- NOV 26-28: Thanksgiving Break

#### Important Days to Come....

**DEC 3:** PBIS Assembly **DEC 5:** 7/8 Grade Dance\*

\*Students must have 90% attendance or higher & must be at school the entire school day on the day of the dance in order to participate.

DEC 22-JAN 2: Winter Break

# Picture Retakes Thursday, November 20th, 2025



Friday, October 03, 2025 \viernes, 3 de octubre, 2025

Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

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## **ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**

#### **Going To Miss School?**

Chronic absence is defined as 9 days a year - even if those absences are excused!

If your student is going to be out for all or part of the day, please let the front office know! You can email us at <a href="mailto:msattendance@nknsd.org">msattendance@nknsd.org</a>. Please include the following:

· Students First and Last name

- Reason for the absence
- Date or time they will return from absence

We are not always by our phone, so by emailing us it will help keep your student's attendance up to date!



#### Schedule Changes/Bus Notes



## **Inclement Weather**

#### For Emergency and Weather Alerts from the District

Flash Alert is one of the systems that the district uses to communicate with staff and families in the event of a school delay or closure. If you sign up, you will receive notifications of such events. Just click on the button below and follow the steps to sign up. If you've already signed up, log in and click "Managing Subscriptions" to update for this year and test the email they have on file for you.

#### Flash Alert



**Inclement Weather English.pdf** 

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## NKNMS Cell Phone Policy

#### **Student Expectations**

Students are responsible for bringing their Yondr pouches to and from school each day. If a student forgets their Yondr pouch, they are to turn their phone/smartwatch into the front office for the school day.

If a student has lost or broken their Yondr pouch, there is a \$25.50 replacement fee. Please call the front office if your student needs a new pouch.



As students enter school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr Pouch.



Students close and secure their Pouch, keeping it on them throughout the day.



When leaving school, students tap their Pouch on a Base to retrieve their phone.

#### **NKN District Cell Phone Policy**

## **Honor Roll**

#### **Honor Roll/Community Service**

Students who earn a 3.5 G.P.A. or better, complete 7 hours of community service/volunteer hours, have good behavior, and good attendance for the trimester will be awarded the status of Honor Roll.

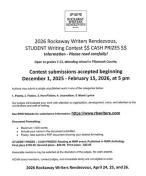
In order to make honor roll, students must complete a minimum of 7 hours of community service per trimester. For each activity, the student will need a signature and the contact information from the supervising adult. Once this is completed, send in your letter to your student's advisor or the middle school office. Learn more here.



## Student Writing & Art Contest

#### 2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous

Open to grades 7-12. Contest submissions accepted December 1 2025 - February 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.



Writing Contest



**Art Contest** 

## **Athletics**

#### **Addresses for MS Sports**

#### **Coming Soon....**

<u>Girls Basketball</u> - Practices will start after Winter Break; more information to come. <u>Wrestling</u> - Practices will start after Winter Break; more information to come.

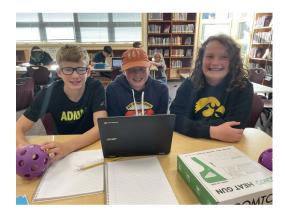
#### **Students Attending Games/Events**

A reminder that all middle school students attending home athletic games or events need to be accompanied by an adult.

## **NKN Robotics**

NKN Robotics is off to a strong start - the team is supporting a Unified Robotics team this season helping students with intellectual disabilities participate in Robotics and helping all students involved work on interpersonal skills and being good teammates. James Johansen and Carlotta Roddy are providing this opportunity Mondays after school to a select group of Neah-Kah-Nie students. The theme is Lord of the Rings themed, and students are building a scout and a ballistarobots that will be able to complete the challenge.

The NKN FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics team has a new name this season. Goodbye Team Undecided, hello Team Tsunami Zone! Students liked this new name because it is really funny, locally themed, and has the potential to provide an opportunity to talk about tsunami safety with others. The chant, "Get to High Ground" will play a role in competition at some point. This year's competition called "Decode" is quite a challenge. The team will be launching balls into goals to complete patterns to score points. The field elements are five inch wiffle balls in purple and green which are quite fun to toss around. Our wheel launcher powered by a 6000 rpm motor is so effective that it has the power to throw a ball 25 feet across a large room.





Spirit Week





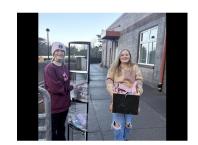














## On the Menu

First servings of breakfast and lunch are free for all students in the district. <u>If your child plans to have seconds of either meal, please ensure there is money in their mealtime account.</u>

#### **Mealtime Online**

Click this link to add money to your students' Mealtime account.

A reminder that breakfast happens before school, from 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast is free for all students.

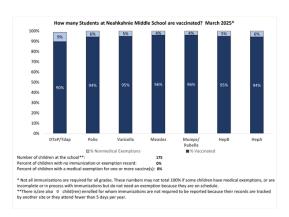
## From the Nurse

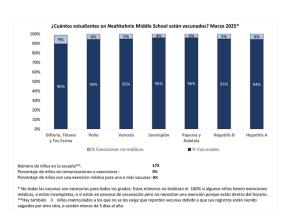
Now is a great time to review vaccine records and make sure your student's vaccines are up to date. You may receive a notice from the school if our records indicate missing vaccinations.

The state of Oregon does allow medical and non-medical exemptions with the correct forms and educational viewings. Visit <u>Oregon Immunizations</u> for more information.

With the rise of communicable diseases such as whooping cough and measles, it is important to note that if your child is exempt from vaccines (unvaccinated) and active cases of communicable diseases occur in school, local public health authorities may temporarily exclude exposed unvaccinated students from school during active outbreaks. Keeping students in school is a priority for all of us. Speak to your healthcare provider about the best options for your student regarding vaccinations.

If your student is due for an immunization, you will receive a letter in the mail stating what vaccine is due. **Oregon Exclusion date for all students is Feb 25th 2026.** 

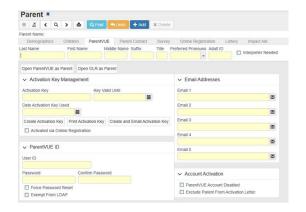


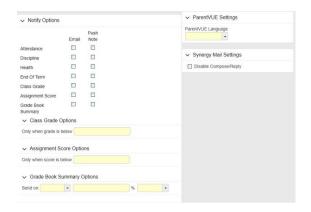


## **ParentVUE**

#### Attendance, Grades, and More...

ParentVUE is an app that offers real-time access to grades, attendance data, teacher contact, assignments and more. You have the option to select how and when you are notified regarding your child's grades, behavior, health, and assignment scores. If you do not have a ParentVUE account, you can create one by clicking the link below.





#### **ParentVUE**

#### **Online Registration**

Current registration numbers for the Middle School are **70% complete**. If you have not completed your online registration, please do so via ParentVUE as soon as possible. **Online registration is required to be completed for every student, every year.** 

## Gear Up



#### **Oregon GEAR UP Parent/Guardian Survey**

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