

THE HOWLER

Garibaldi Grade School | Newsletter



April 2026

We are now in our last trimester of the school year! Be sure you are connecting with our new District-wide notification system: **Parent Square!** This is where you will find all information, such as individual classroom field trips and notices, closures, delays, and professional development days. This will be replacing all other systems classrooms currently use.

Also, as a school we are already planning the next year, and as a district they have adopted the school calendar. If you are receiving an online version you can click to view: [2026-27 NKN Calendar](#)

Important Dates & Reminders

Monday, April 6th: PRESCHOOL ONLY - No School

Monday, April 13th: School Board Meeting, 5:30pm @ District Office and Online

Thursday/Friday, April 16th-17th: No School - Parent/Teacher Conference

Monday, April 20th: PRESCHOOL ONLY - No School

Parent-Teacher Conferences

To provide more flexibility for your schedule, many of our teachers are offering conference appointments on **Wednesday evening (April 15)** and throughout the day on **Thursday (April 16)**. Please note that there will be **no school for students on Thursday and Friday, April 16–17**, as our staff focuses on these individual family meetings. Meeting with your child's teacher is a vital step in their academic success—please check [Parent Square](#) to reserve your preferred time!

Upcoming Family Nights & Events!

Be sure to save the dates for upcoming Family Nights & Events!

April 15-17th, Parent/Teacher Conferences

May 14th - GGS Spring Music Program



Howler Parent Pack

We will have our next Howler Parent Pack on **Wednesday, April 8th from 5:30-6:30 pm on line**. We have a Zoom link for those of you who would like to join. Meetings for the rest of the year will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm. We are hoping this will make it easier for scheduling.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82054602077?pwd=kJZyuaXil8vbl4Xt2BkNwGB9SV1V6L.1>

Meeting ID: 820 5460 2077

Passcode: 693430

2025-26 Statewide Assessments, 3rd-5th Grades

The following are the dates we are continuing to state test for grades 3rd-5th:

March 31-April 3: 3rd-5th ELA CAT (computer adaptive test)

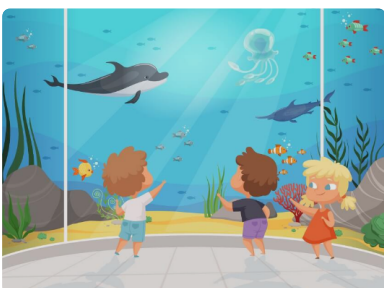
April 7-15: 3rd-5th ELA PT (performance task)

April 28-May 1: Math CAT

May 5-13: Math PT

Volunteering and Field Trip Chaperones

GGs classes are continuing field trips! We ask all who would like to volunteer to please fill out a district volunteer application and complete the required **online Safety Training**. These applications can take up to **two weeks** to process, so please plan ahead to ensure your approval is on file. Background checks remain valid for **three years**, and both applications and training information are available in the school office.









Please note that some trips have a limited number of volunteer spots, so you must receive the **teacher's approval** before making plans to attend.

Keeping GGS Healthy

To help keep our school community healthy, please keep your child home if they are showing signs of illness. If your child will be absent for any reason, please be sure to notify the school office as soon as possible. Providing notice for any absence helps us maintain accurate records and ensures a healthy environment for all students and staff at Garibaldi Grade School.

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...
 Fever: temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or greater	*Fever-free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medicine.
 New cough illness	*Symptoms improving for 24 hours (no cough or cough is well-controlled).
 New difficulty breathing	*Symptoms improving for 24 hours (breathing comfortably). <i>Urgent medical care may be needed.</i>
 Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in a day OR not able to control bowel movements	*Symptoms improving for 24 hours (no more than two bowel movements more than normal and no longer having accidents) with orders from doctor to school nurse.
 Vomiting: two or more episodes that are unexplained	*Symptom-free for 24 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 medical care may be needed.</i>
Skin 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.
Red eyes with colored drainage	*Symptom-free , which means redness and drainage are gone OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
Jaundice: 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.

Tillamook County Public Health has recommended our schools be **proactive** in our **Measles Education and Awareness** with information to staff and families.

Measles: It's not just a little rash

- Measles is a very contagious, viral disease.
- Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children.
- About 20-40% of people with measles will need to be hospitalized.
- One in every three will suffer complications such as ear infection or lung infection. In rare cases, it can lead to inflammation of the brain, which can cause long-term effects.
- For every 1,000 children with measles, one to two will die from it.

Measles symptoms

- Fever
- Cough and runny nose
- Red eyes
- A red rash that generally appears 3-5 days after other symptoms. It starts on the head and face and spreads to the rest of the body.
- Symptoms usually develop within one to two weeks after being exposed to someone with measles. Rarely, it can take up to four weeks for symptoms to appear.

How measles spreads

- Measles spreads when someone sick with the virus coughs or sneezes. It can also be spread by direct contact with nose or throat mucus of someone with measles.
- People can spread measles before they show obvious symptoms.
- A person who has never had a measles vaccine or a case of measles will almost always catch the disease if they are near an infected person.
- People are contagious with measles for four days before the rash appears and up to four days after.

Always call first

If you suspect you or your child has measles, please **call your provider or an urgent care clinic first** to make arrangements to avoid spreading the virus to others. Tillamook County Community Health Center and Nehalem Bay Health Center will make arrangements to see patients in their vehicle or a separate space if the patient has no

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vehicle. Adventist Health Primary Care, Urgent Care, and ER will provide you with instructions when you call.

You are protected from measles if:

- You are under age four and have had one dose of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine.
- You are four or older and have had two measles vaccines.
- You were born before 1957.
- You have a blood test that shows you are immune.

Protect yourself and your family

The first dose of measles vaccine should be given at 12 to 15 months of age. The second dose at age 4 to 6. But it's never too late to get vaccinated. If you or your child have missed a vaccine, talk to your doctor about catching up.

Find a vaccine:

- At your health care provider
- At some pharmacies
- [Insert county-specific information here]

The measles vaccine is safe and effective

- The measles, mumps and rubella vaccine is very safe and has been used since the 1970s.
- It is highly effective at making sure you don't get measles at all.
- Minor side effects might occur and include pain at the site, fever, a mild rash and minor swelling.
- Severe side effects and allergies are very rare.
- No mercury is in childhood vaccines.

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**Northwest Regional
Early Learning Hub**

**26-27 SCHOOL
YEAR**



**FREE
PRESCHOOL
OPPORTUNITIES
IN TILLAMOOK COUNTY**

Free Preschool is for families with children aged three and four (by September 1st, 2026) meeting income guidelines.

Applications open April 1st!

Scan QR Code to learn more about local programs or visit: nwresd.org/freepreschool

PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS

- Tillamook School District
- Garibaldi Grade School
- Nehalem Elementary School
- Nestucca Valley Early Learning Center
- Tillamook Early Learning Center
- Community Action Team - Head Start (Tillamook)








HOW TO APPLY

Program requirements can vary. Some programs may offer sliding-scale tuition if you don't qualify for free preschool. You're encouraged to apply even if you think you may not meet income requirements.

*Applying does not guarantee acceptance or enrollment in a preschool program.

- 1 Review the PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS.**
You can learn more about them and find their contact information on our website. (Use the QR code on the reverse to find our FREE PRESCHOOL directory.)
- 2 Gather your information.**
Coordinated Enrollment specialists will verify your eligibility to participate in FREE preschool by verifying your child's age, your income, and your address.
- 3 Submit your application on or after April 1st.**
You will be able to find the application link on our website on April 1st.
*Contact us to request a paper application if you prefer.



Have questions? Need assistance?
We're here to help!
CALL 503-614-1699 or
TEXT the word "Preschool" to 541-313-1222
EMAIL: nwelhub@nwresd.k12.or.us
WEBSITE: www.nwresd.org/earlylearninghub



NKN MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION NIGHT

Spring 2026



LEARN ABOUT:

- Teachers & Classes
- Lockers
- PE Uniforms
- Band & Choir
- Clubs & Sports
- Student Health & Wellness Center
- Typical school day schedule
- Dealing with peer pressure & bullying
- And much more!

Get excited to be a Raider!

Who:

All upcoming NKN 2026/27 6th graders and their families

When:

May 20, 2026 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Where:

Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

What:

Learn all about what middle school will be like and how to successfully make the transition! Students and parents will come away feeling prepared, ready, and EXCITED about starting 6th grade.



APRIL 2026 GARIBALDI GRADE SCHOOL

Sandwiches or Hand-crafted Salads are Available Daily for lunch!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Breakfast Pizza 1 Spaghetti	Blueberry Muffins 2 Chicken Burgers	Pancakes 3 Crispy Chicken Drumsticks
Breakfast Bars 6 Hot Dogs	Pumpkin Bread 7 Chicken Soft Tacos	Pancake on a Stick 8 Orange Chicken Over Rice	Breakfast Sandwiches 9 Rib-B-Que Sandwiches	Yogurt & Grahams 10 Pizza Sticks
Waffles 13 Cheesy Breadsticks & Marinara	Sausage & Biscuits 14 Burritos	Banana Bread 15 Tater Tot Casserole	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 16 NO SCHOOL	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 17 NO SCHOOL
French Toast 20 Corn Dogs	Strawberry Bagels 21 Chicken Quesadillas	Breakfast Burritos 22 Chicken Alfredo	Blueberry Muffins 23 Cheeseburgers	Cinnamon Rolls 24 Breakfast For Lunch
Breakfast Bars 27 Chicken Strips	Pumpkin Bread 28 Enchiladas	Pancake on a Stick 29 Mac & Cheese	Bagel & Cream Cheese 30 Grilled Chicken Sandwich	

A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are available daily on our offering bar. All of our breads and pastas are whole grain or whole wheat. GF options may be available. Fat-free and 1% milks are offered daily. Whole grain cereal is an option at breakfast.
This institute is an equal opportunity provider



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