

# NEAH-KAH-NIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

== HOME OF THE RAIDERS: NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2022 ==

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Neah-Kah-Nie Families,

Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter finds all of you healthy and safe.

This year we will be having Student Led Conferences earlier than usual. Typically, we would have these conferences in April, however this year we are having our SLC on February 4. This date is our halfway mark for the school year, and we feel this is a perfect time to do a check in with students and families.

As a reminder, Student Led Conferences differ from Parent Teacher conferences in that they place students at the helm of the discussions. As we did at our fall conference, this year our focus is on Care and Connection. On February 4, each student and family will meet with their advisory teacher for a 15-minute conference. During the conference, students will have time to share how things are going, and create goals for the remainder of the year. Parents will also have the opportunity to give their input during conferences and should be prepared to share the following for their student:

1. What is one accomplishment your student has made this year that you are proud of?
2. What is one trait or skill you have observed your student use to be successful?
3. What skill do you believe your student underestimates in themselves?
4. What would you like to see your student accomplish for the remainder of the school year?

Invitations to sign up for a conference time, from 8:00-4:00, will be coming very soon. Our goal is to have 100% participation in these conferences, so please check your email for the invitation, and sign up for a time slot that works best for you and your family.

I wanted to update you on the plan for state summative assessments for the 2021-2022 School Year. All students in grades 6-8 will take the English Language Arts and Math assessments this year. In addition, eighth graders will take the science assessment. These assessments will begin in April. Since the last few years have had limited or no data from state assessments, it is very important that we have all students participate this year. The data from these assessments helps us plan for the future. Our goal is to have 95% of our students participate in the state assessments. If for some reason, you wish to opt your student out of taking these assessments, please download the form below, fill it out and return it to the school.

I wanted to end with a big thank you! The middle school students and staff are doing an excellent job with following the safety protocols of mask wearing, physical distancing, and hand sanitizing. This is allowing us to keep our students in school.

Sincerely,

Lori Dilbeck

**2021-22 30-DAY NOTICE FOR STATEWIDE TESTS  
(ENGLISH)**

**2021-22 30-DAY NOTICE FOR STATEWIDE TESTS  
(SPANISH)**

## **START YOUR DAY OUT RIGHT!**

Please be sure to start your day on a good note with a healthy breakfast. Some students are bringing monster drinks, sodas and chips for snacks and lunches and these things are not good for you. A good breakfast will help you to stay healthy and help you to concentrate better in class. This year we are providing healthy, free breakfasts and lunches at school, but if you choose to bring your own, don't just bring junk food!

We are now selling refillable water bottles in the office for \$2.00 each. Students can bring one from home, or purchase one in the office. Please have water only, not soda, coffee, etc. in your waterbottle.

## LIBRARY

Students - please check your school email to see if you have any overdue library materials at this time.

Fine notices were sent out this week to alert you to any overdues.

Please contact library staff (reply to the email) if you notice any materials that are not actually checked out to you.

## FAMILY RESOURCES

Attention Neah Kah Nie Families, We are currently looking for donations of Athletic wear. If you have been looking to clean out your closets or wondering where to take your bags of active wear, we will gladly take them off your hands. You can bring them to the High School, Middle School or, if you are unable to drop them off please let Jen Hopkins, our Family Resource Coordinator know by calling her at (503)355-3607 or email her at [hopkinsj@nknsd.org](mailto:hopkinsj@nknsd.org).

## EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

Parents please be sure that the office has multiple people listed for your student's emergency contact list. If your child is ill or injured during school hours, they cannot stay and they cannot ride the bus home. We will need to have someone to come pick them up and the more options available, the better. Often we cannot reach working parents during the day. This is more important than ever with covid-19 protocols and we must all do whatever we can to keep the schools open and to keep our students safe and healthy. Thank you.

## WINTER FORMAL DANCE

When: February 11, 2022, from 6:00-8:00

Who: Seventh and Eighth graders

What: Enchanted Forest Winter Formal Dance

More Details:

The entry fee is \$5 or 10 sand dollars, plus there will be plenty of food and drinks to buy as well as pictures for \$1/each copy. Students are encouraged to dress in semi-formal to formal wear for this event.

Rules to Participate:

- There will be no cellphones or backpacks allowed at the dance, if you have a purse or other items, we will have a bag check area in the library. Cellphones will also be checked in and kept

- No outside drinks will be allowed and drinks are to be enjoyed in the hallway/table area only (no food or drinks inside the MPR).
- Doors will be locked 15 minutes after the dance starts, so don't be late!!
- Students will remain at the dance for the entire time.

## IMMUNIZATION EXCLUSION DAY IS APPROACHING

Exclusion Day, February 16, 2022: The state of Oregon requires all students to be caught up on their immunizations by February 16, 2021 in order to attend school. Oregon currently allows non-medical exemptions to getting immunized for philosophical or religious reasons, with the requirement that the parent or guardian watch an online educational video ( attached below) or speak to a healthcare provider in order to obtain certification that they have been advised on the risks.

Note: covid-19 immunizations are currently recommended but not required for students. If your child has been immunized for covid-19, however, that will impact contact tracing protocols, so please let the office know.

Health

Vaccine Education Module

**Nonmedical Vaccine Exemptions**

[www.oregon.gov](http://www.oregon.gov)



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**February 3** - No School for students - Progress Monitoring Day

**February 4** - Student Led Conferences -No School for students

**February 11** - 7th & 8th Grade Enchanted Forest Dance - 6:00-8:00 pm

**February 16** - Immunization Exclusion Day

**February 21** - No School - President's Day

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**2022 Girls Basketball Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Location
1/19 Wed	Jewell (1 game)	NKN
1/20 Thurs	Clatskanie	NKN
1/24 Mon	Rainier	Rainier
1/26 Wed	Warrenton	NKN
1/31 Mon	Vernonia	Vernonia
2/2 Wed	Knappa	Knappa
2/7 Mon	Vernonia	NKN
2/9 Wed	Jewell (1 game)	Jewell
2/14 Mon	Warrenton	Warrenton

Games at 4pm for 7th grade, then approximately 5:15 for 8th grade.

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**2022 Wrestling Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
1/19 Wed	Till, War	Tillamook	3:30
1/25 Tues	Sea, Vernonia, Till	Seaside	3:45
2/1 Tues	Ast, Seaside, War	Astoria	3:30
2/7 Mon	Till, Ver, Clatskanie	NKN	3:30
2/17 Thurs	Till, NKN, War, Banks	Till	3:00
2/21 Mon	Districts	Scappoose	10:30



## GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

## WRESTLING SCHEDULE

## FAMILYID

See link below to sign up.

## MESSAGE FROM CYNTHIA GRELCK - ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The middle school has two track coaching positions open for the spring. If interested, please contact Cynthia Grelck, MS Athletic Director 503-355-3518.

## FAMILY ID

The Middle School and the High School are using Family ID as a paperless way to fill out important school required forms, such as registering for sports, annual student agreements, health forms, bus registration, and other information. If you haven't already done so, please use the following link to create your account. <https://www.familyid.com/neah-kah-nie-high-middle-school>

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## WATER BOTTLES

We have water bottles for sale in the office for students to purchase! They are \$2.00 each, or can be purchased using Sand Dollars. This also helps us reduce the use of plastic cups!

