



# The Nehalem Nugget

*News bits for Nehalem Families*

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**BE SAFE . . . BE RESPECTFUL . . . BE RESPONSIBLE**



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS  
 SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2017, 2:00 a.m.  
 MOVE CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR**

Dear parents and guardians,

Every day, the office staff writes about 60 student bus passes to change where students go after school. Over 1/3 of these happen after 2:15 pm. We are asking all of you to please notify the school office before 12:00 p.m. with any daily changes for where your child may go after school. We do understand emergencies happen, but what we are trying to reduce is parents calling at the busiest time in our office every day to change those plans. Thank you.

Sincerely, the office staff

## A NOTE FROM YOUR NES ATTENDANCE FAIRY

Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early.  
 School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!



When Do Absences Become a Problem ? Note: These numbers assume 180-day school year



- CHRONIC ABSENCE 18 or more**
- WARNING SIGNS 10 to 17 days**
- GOOD ATTENDANCE 9 or fewer**

## TARDY MEANS MISSING OUT

We have had a high number of tardies this school year. Please get your child here before the tardy bell rings. (8:05 Tuesday-Friday and 9:20 on late start Monday's) If your child eats breakfast with us, they need to be at school no later than 7:45 Tuesday-Friday and no later than 9:00 on late start Monday's.

## WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If you are struggling getting your child to school on time, please call the office and let us know. We are here to help and may have suggestions for you.

<b>Attendance Tracker</b>			
<b>Percentage of students at school daily!</b>			
<small>(Comparing this year's monthly attendance with last years)</small>			
<b>2017/2018</b>		<b>2016/2017</b>	
September	96.80%	September	95.50%
October	95.6 %	October	95.50%
November		November	93.80%
December		December	93%
January		January	93.50%
February		February	94%
March		March	91.50%
April		April	93.30%
May		May	92.10%

# Celebrating our students in October!

### Individual Student Rewards

-That add up to whole school rewards-

WAY TO GO'S # 4, 418

FEATHER # 150

### Seagull to Celebrate

Jackson Welsh, Luca Jarvis, Brody Mersereau, Sophia Sheppard, Allona Niemeyer, Luke Scovel, Kayla Baker, Kinley Halverson, Wesley Maier, Nora Niemeyer, Bianca Smith, Greyson Lott, Carsyn Douma, Will Specht, Jolene Sheffield, Andi Kreutzer, Ellie Welsh and Bryar Konruff.

### Whole Classroom rewards

#### FEATHER PARTIES

- Romanov: Class pet party & extra recess
- DeGandi: Ice cream sundaes & extra recess
- Honts: Pajama day & stuffed animals
- Verhulst: Root beer floats
- Felley: extra choice time
- Henderson: Root beer floats
- Thysell: extra recess

#### Whole School Reward

On Friday, November 3rd, each class will have choice game time during their scheduled PE class because of all of the individual rewards earned during the month.

## KELSO'S CHOICE

We have implemented a conflict management program entitled Kelso's Choice. Students are being taught to differentiate between small or minor problems that they can solve themselves by using the choice wheel, and big problems that are potentially dangerous and serious. Students have learned that they need to ask for help from a trusted adult when they encounter a big problem.

## PARENT COUNCIL

Thank you to all who participated in our Fall Fundraiser! It was successful because of YOU! Thank you for everyone who gave! Remember, every dollar we fundraise through the Parent Council, goes back into YOUR school, for YOUR child's classroom. Most of the fundraising efforts will give the Nehalem Elementary Teachers and Students ALL the back to school supplies needed...for the entire school year! Other funds, when available, will go to school extra special events such as the Valentine's celebration and the end of year Field Day (and don't forget that bouncy house provided by the Parent Council!) Please check out our NEW Parent Council Newsletter for how you can get involved in this awesome group of parents. Also follow the facebook page; Nehalem Elementary Parent Council. See you Nov 14th at the next Parent Council Meeting. 6:30pm, Nehalem Cafeteria.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS and SUPPORT

PBIS is a school-wide system of support for student behavior. PBIS is aligned K-12 in our school district with the NKN school rules all being "Be Safe. Be Respectful. Be Responsible." The PBIS system tries to look at problem-solving behavior proactively, before problems occur. One way we do this is to verbally reinforce or praise the behaviors that we want to occur when they occur. Research shows that praising the preferred specific behavior makes it more likely that the desired behavior will be repeated! Some ideas for doing this at home might be to say:

"I'm very proud of you for.....(state the specific behavior)"

"I noticed you ....." "Wow! I love that you...."

"Thank you for ..... It's so nice to have you help me!"

"You did ..... without me having to ask! I so appreciate you for that."

## STATE TESTING INFORMATION

Required state testing for grades 3-5 will be this spring. Specific dates will be in the newsletter when testing gets closer so that parents know the actual dates their children will test. State law requires parents be notified of their right to opt-out their child from state testing, even though NES, the Neah-Kah-Nie School District and the Oregon Department of Education recommends that all students test. Please see our district website for more information at [www.nknsd.org](http://www.nknsd.org) on parent page.

## SCHOOL MESSENGER

School Messenger is our automated telephone system for notifying families. This service is another tool that will allow NES to communicate important information to parents by phone. Families are asked to notify the school office if their phone number changes.

### Emergency Alerts via email or text message

FlashAlert is the service we use to provide emergency closures to the Portland television and radio stations. The system will send you a text and/or email message. **FAMILIES THAT SIGNED UP LAST YEAR WILL GET A MESSAGE WITH A LINK FOR THEM TO LOG IN AND RENEW THEIR SUBSCRIPTION, or you may log in and request a test message to revalidate your account.** To subscribe to this service, go to our web site at [www.nknsd.org](http://www.nknsd.org), click on Parents—School Closure—FlashAlert Sign Up. Under "Subscribe to receive FlashAlert messages from Neah-Kah-Nie Sch. Dist." Type in your email address, click subscribe, confirm email address, create password, confirm password, click create account. You may enter up to three email addresses, or three text message numbers, or a combination of both. Once you have added your information click in the box that states "Click here" to send validation messages and complete the registration process. You also can download the iOS/Android app FlashAlert Messenger to your phones and link it to your account. Then click log out. If you need help with this process, contact your school secretary or Kathie Sellars at the District Office. You will need to make sure that your SPAM filter allows messages from [info@flashalert.net](mailto:info@flashalert.net).

## ROCKAWAY LIONS TAKING THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET APPLICATIONS

Each year the Rockaway Lions Club provides Thanksgiving food baskets for families in our community who are in need of holiday assistance. Requests to receive a food basket are available in the school office. Stop by for one or call and ask that one be sent home with your child. The completed request needs to be mailed and received (in Rockaway) no later than Friday, November 10th. The Lions will deny your request if you are already scheduled to receive Thanksgiving assistance through another organization. If you have any questions, call Ron with the Lions Club @ 503-355-2778 or 208-305-8886.

### REPORT CARDS

Grade Day will be on Friday, 12/1/17. Report cards will be sent home with students on 12/6/17. Please check those backpacks. We encourage families to review the report cards with their child(ren). Families are encouraged to contact their student's teacher if they have any questions regarding the report card.



Thank you for celebrating National Farm to School Month with us in October! The celebration of local food and school gardens continues in November with an all school Tasting Table event. Every Nehalem Elementary School student will have the opportunity to try locally grown winter squash on November 16th. Keep an eye out for the Oregon Harvest for Schools newsletter, it'll have all the info you need to enjoy winter squash at home!

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday, 11/3/17**

Picture Retake day

**Friday, 11/10/17**

Veterans Day Holiday—Observed (**NO SCHOOL**)

**Monday, 11/13/17**

School Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

District Office

**Tuesday, 11/14/17**

Parent Council Meeting 6:30 NES Cafeteria

**Saturday, 11/18/17**

Garden Work Party @ NES 9:00am-12:00 pm

**Wednesday, 11/23/17**

Thanksgiving Break (**NO SCHOOL**)

**Thursday, 11/24/17**

Thanksgiving Holiday (**NO SCHOOL**)

**Friday, 11/25/17**

Thanksgiving Break (**NO SCHOOL**)

**Mon. 11/27-11/30**

Week of Giving

**Friday, 12/1/17**

Grade Day (**NO SCHOOL**)

### BOOK FAIR

THE LIBRARY IS RAISING MONEY FOR BOOKS WITH A SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Tuesday, 11/7— Parents can shop before school. Open for lunch recesses.

Wednesday, 11/8— Parents can shop before school. Open for lunch recesses.

**FAMILY NIGHT 2:35-6:00 p.m.**

Thursday, 11/9—Parents can shop before school. Open for lunch recesses.

We are doing an **Online Book Fair too**, it will be available Nov.10-30th at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/nehalem>. (It's a great way to do some Holiday shopping). The site will have hundreds of books Pre-K to adult, and ships to NES for FREE and will arrive before winter break.

### SCHOOL LUNCH

The office would like to reduce the amount of students who continually have charges on their lunch account. Reminder slips are sent home every week for any student with mealtime charges or a low balance. Please pay all charges promptly.

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**FRIDAY NIGHT SWIM** Every Friday Night (**except CLOSED November 10th & November 24th**)

6:00---8:00pm \$2 per swimmer (Punctuality appreciated when picking up your swimmer)

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY OPEN SWIMS** 1:00---3:00 \$2 per swimmer

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY SWIM** 7:00pm---8:30pm

(adults accompany children)

**SWIM TEAM** Monday & Thursday after school

1st thru 5th grade students

Take your swimming to the next level....

Coach Kiley #503 812-7679

**WEDNESDAY WATER PLAY** It's Still Happening!!

3 sessions left...Fall 2017 \$2 per swimmer

November 1, 8, 15 2017

Additional forms @ NES Office, NCRD Pool, & NCRD Main Lobby

Student Swim Passes For Sale @ Pool

Just \$18 for 10 visits....So Cheap, So Convenient!!

Questions re: Pool Programs...# 1-855-444-6273

**POOL CLOSED VETERANS DAY....NOVEMBER 10, 2017**

**POOL CLOSED THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY...NOVEMBER 23 & 24 2017** (OPEN Sat. & Sun...Nov. 25 & Nov. 26)

## **NCRD YOUTH PROGRAMS**

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO ABOUT NCRD'S YOUTH PROGRAMS, call 1-855-444-6273, email [ncrd.susan@gmail.com](mailto:ncrd.susan@gmail.com), or visit us at 36155 9th St., Nehalem.

### **Cost / Payment**

**\$5** Monday Madness (late start Monday) 7am-8:50am

**\$5** Regular After School Care

**Payment due monthly-cash, cards & checks accepted**

**DHS Child Care Provider-NO.:** VEK00007.

Contact Susan Scholerman with questions. [susans@ncrdnehalem.org](mailto:susans@ncrdnehalem.org)

**Scholarships available**-ask for a scholarship application at the Youth Room or Main Office.

**CLOSED: 11/10 Veterans Day**

**11/22 thru 11/24 for Thanksgiving Holiday**

## **NCRD YOUTH SPORTS**

Floor Hockey Info coming soon! Contact Crystal @ [crystald@ncrdnehalem.org](mailto:crystald@ncrdnehalem.org)