

Netherwood News

March 2024

Hello Netherwood Knoll Families,

We hope this update finds you well, and enjoying the unseasonably warm weather. Please read below for information on upcoming events, as well as information from rotations teachers, Health Office staff and our amazing PTO.

NKE Highlights from February:

- Kindergarten Winter Sing Performances
- Celebrating Black History Month
- Reaching the 100th Day of School
- Our all school concert / assembly performance by The FigureHeads

Things we are looking forward to in March:

- Student led conferences 3/7 and 3/14
- 4th Grade Orchestra Performance 3/5
- Spring Break: 3/25 - 3/29

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out!

With Gratitude,

Lindsay Eimerman

NKE Principal

Lisa Lucas

NKE Admin Intern

Ruth Greiber

School Counselor

Kelsey Antoniewicz

School Psychologist

News and Reminders:

A note regarding Arrival / Dismissal Traffic:

As the colder winter temperatures have set in, more families are choosing to drive their students to school. The result is increased traffic around our schools during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. We want to take an opportunity to share some reminders to help our parking lots be as safe and efficient as possible. Please review and share the following information with anyone who may be transporting your student to school:

- Remain patient, alert, drive slowly, and observe all posted traffic signs.
- Pull as far forward as possible in the drop-off line to keep traffic moving.
- Ask your student to depart quickly; park in the lot if you must get out of the car yourself or need extra time to unload.
- Talk with older students who are dropped off across the street from school to use the marked crosswalk.
- Review and follow your school's parking lot protocols and traffic flow information, available at OregonSD.org/TrafficSafety.

Thank you for your help in keeping our school parking lots as safe and efficient as possible.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leslie Bergstrom

Health Office: Head Lice FYI

Head lice season is in full swing Please read the information below carefully

- Only 1 in 10 transmissions occur at school.
- At the time live lice are found, the student has probably had the infestation for a while.
- Transmission occurs most often during playdates and sleepovers.
- Transmission can occur from shared hair care items, hats, etc. but is less likely.
- Lice do not jump and do not have wings so they cannot fly.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and the CDC **agree that school wide head lice screening programs do not have a significant effect on the incidence of head lice** and no longer recommend this practice. Doing these screenings at school also makes it impossible to protect the privacy and confidentiality of students.

Role of the school health team:

- When live lice are found, we will advise parents to follow up with their primary care provider for recommended treatment
- We will reinspect for live lice upon the students return to school
- The respective class may be notified

Parent responsibilities:

- Be familiar with how to detect head lice and how to treat it. For information read the attached 'Head Lice'
- Check your children routinely for head lice
- Inform your child's school if lice are found
- Ensure that proper treatment has been completed and no live lice are present before your child returns to school

If you have questions about the above information please reach out to our school nurse Jamie Pfundheller at: jepfundheller@oregonsd.net

More News and Reminders

Attendance letters:

In Wisconsin, caregivers may excuse their learner from school for UP to 10 days. As learners miss days, our student services team will send home communication to caregivers. Attendance letters are NOT intended to increase a family's anxiety about absences and are a requirement from the state. If you or your family have questions about attendance, or any communication you receive from school, please let us know. Our hope is that this will allow us to work as a school / family team, to support your learners.

Lost and Found

Your Kids' Stuff Misses Them Too! Please stop into NKE to look over the many items in our Lost and Found. **All items not claimed will be donated on June 7th, 2024.**



March PTO Updates: Please Read!

January through March, Infinity Martial Arts offers a Beat the Winter Blues Special! For \$35, students receive 6 weeks of lessons and a uniform. Lessons can be started anytime, and all funds go to whichever PTO the registrant selects (Brooklyn PTO, Forest Edge PTO, or Oregon PTO). Register here:

https://sparkpages.io/cart/2/?i=_k9bb&c=&ocu=

For spring parent/teacher conferences, the Oregon PTO will be providing nourishment for the teachers and staff who will be working a long day of conferences. Pizza will be offered at Netherwood Knoll and Prairie View and a yogurt parfait bar will be offered at Rome Corners. You have three options to support our teachers on this night (choose one, two, or all three!):

1. Donate funds to contribute toward our pizza order! PayPal or Venmo @oregonpto with "conferences" in the memo line.
2. Donate a side or beverage to contribute to the meal (Signup Genius links below).
3. Volunteer to help set up or clean up the meal!

Whatever way you choose to support our teachers on conference night, THANK YOU!

Netherwood Knoll (March 7):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F44ABA82CA4FF2-48154414-nkespring#/>

Lots of excitement to come, please save the following dates:

- Spring: Watch for your child's artwork to come home on a flyer from Square1! This year orders will ship to your home for only \$1.99 regardless of order size.
- May 6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week - Details on how you can help will be advertised soon!
- Saturday, May 11th: Our Third Annual Community Fun Run/Walk @ 9AM

If anyone is interested in participating in any of our events this spring or volunteering in any way and can't find the information you need, please email Julie at president@oregonpto.org.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, March 21 at 6:30pm** at the NKE library. If you are unable to join in person, you may also join via Google Meet here:

<https://meet.google.com/uzd-pxno-ioy>

Please subscribe to our mailing list for information on events and updates at:

<https://www.oregonpto.org/join-mailing-list/>

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram (links below) for our latest news and updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/OregonPTO>

<https://www.instagram.com/oregonpto/>

Thanks for your support of the Oregon PTO!

Julie, Denise, Laura, and Mickie

NKE Rotation Updates

Art

- NKE Art students are finishing up clay and working on Square 1 Art. While clay is being kiln fired...
 - 4th will be learning about Tessellations.
 - 3rd will be creating art using a monochromatic color scheme.
 - 2nd will be reviewing symmetry, collage, and painting techniques.
 - 1st will be learning about space/overlapping and creating a symmetrical stencil.
 - Kinder will be continuing lessons on warm/cool colors and line/shape.
- Student teacher, Ms. Haller will be teaching all classes from March 5-14th.



Physical Education

- We started March with the PACER test for all grades.
 - 3rd and 4th grade record their scores and will try to improve their scores at the end of May
 - Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd do a modified PACER test to get comfortable with it.
- We will be participating in Floor Hockey and focusing on these things
 - Safety with Hockey Equipment
 - Team Games 2nd-4th grade
 - Skills Kindergarten-1st
- We will also be starting our Scooters Unit.
 - Ask your Students about these activities!!
 - Mario Kart
 - Color Tag
 - Rocket Riding
 - Hungry Hippos
- After Spring Break we will start working on Soccer Skills!



NKE Rotation Updates

Music

- It's time for some **MARCH MUSIC MADNESS!** This year's bracket will be all about music from the world of Animation.
- 3rd and 4th graders will be doing a mini-unit in March, as well as continuing some folk dance movement
- 2nd graders will be working on creating ostinato patterns and recognizing melody/harmony.
- 1st graders will be doing some acting with music to story songs and playing Sol La Mi songs.
- Kindergarteners are learning about melodic contour and continuing their work on recognizing beat vs. rhythm.



World Language

- Kindergarteners are continuing to learn about family members and pets in Spanish. Next, we will learn about some foods!
- In 1st grade, we are wrapping up learning about the different places in our school! Soon, we will explore other places in a community - like the zoo!
- 2nd and 4th graders are learning about the seasons and weather and exploring the climate of other places around the world.
- 3rd graders are continuing to learn and share about family and pets!



Technology and Library News

TECHNOLOGY

4-Fourth grade will be discussing how to be a Super Digital Citizen as one of our Common Sense Media lessons. The objectives are students will discuss what an upstanding digital citizen is, what cyberbullying is and ways we can be an upstanding digital citizen.

3-Third grade will begin our 3D printing unit in Tinkercad. Students will make a window pane then decorate it however they see fit.

2-Second grade will start typing lessons. We will review some good strategies to help master these typing skills.

1-First grade will be finishing up their coding unit using code.org. We are practicing some skills to get us ready for second grade.

K-Kindergarten will be using Kodable which is a coding program where they have to move objects to complete puzzles. This program builds on what we have done with the Dash robots. Using Kodable students grow confidence in their problem solving skills.

Mrs. Condra



LIBRARY

In the library, we discover new books; ask questions; and find the answers to our wonderings.

All students have been reading and voting on this year's nominees for the Golden Archer primary book award. Third and Fourth Grade voting is not yet complete but the grade-level winners for Kindergarten through Second Grade are:

2nd Grade: *Pigeon and Cat* by Edward Hemmingway

1st Grade: *Pigeon and Cat* by Edward Hemmingway

Kindergarten: *Creepy Crayon* by Aaron Reynolds and Peter Brown

We have also been thinking about data, which is information organized so it can be visualized, analyzed, and applied. Our voting data will contribute to the final decision for this year's Golden Archer award.

- Mrs. Timmins

Greetings, Netherwood Knoll Families!

Here is the fourth installment of our focus on math fact fluency and ideas for how to practice outside of school! Jennifer Bay-Williams & Gina Kling who wrote Math Fact Fluency: 60+ games and Tools to Support Learning and Retention, note that Procedural fluency is the ability to compute numbers with accuracy (getting the correct answer), efficiency (reasonable time & strategy selection), and flexibility (apply and/or adapt strategy to new problems). This month's focus is on derived fact sets for multiplication and division and a sample game is provided for many. Enjoy!

This Month's Focus:	Derived Fact Sets for Multiplication/Division Math Fact Fluency
Why?	Once foundational fact sets are automatic (See February, 2023 newsletter), learners can start to work on derived facts - facts that can be solved from foundational facts through strategy application. "The equal groups meaning of multiplication must remain at the forefront of this strategy work" (pg. 84)
Doubling (4s, 6s, 8s)	Applied to more than just x2 facts, doubling involves halving one factor and multiplying this value by the other factor and then doubling the partial product. Ex. 4×6 could be solved as halving the factor of 4, which is 2, and multiplying each half by 6. The resulting partial products (12) are added together for a final result of 24. Written mathematically: $4 \times 6 = (2 \times 6) + (2 \times 6)$
Adding a Group (3s, 6s)	Learners use a related fact (such as 2s or 5s facts) to then add 1 more group to. Ex. "I don't yet know what 6×7 is automatically, but I know $5 \times 7 = 35$ and if I add one more group of 7 to 35 that equals 42." <u>Half Tens + One Set</u>
Subtracting a Group (9s, 4s)	Especially useful for learning the 9s facts, but also supports the learning of 4s and 8s and others; this strategy suggests anchoring to a larger fact series, such as the x10 facts and removing one group. Ex. 9×7 - "If I know $10 \times 7 = 70$, then 9 groups of 7 would be $70 - 7$, which is 63." <u>Tens Minus One Set</u>
Near Squares	A special strategy related to Add or Subtract a Group strategies, in which drawing a quick array sketch can help to determine if adding or subtracting a group is necessary - Near Squares, such as 7×8 or 8×7 can be solved by either: starting with 7×7 (Square Number) and adding another group of 7 [OR] starting with 8×8 (Square Number) and subtracting a group of 8.
Break Apart (3s, 4s, 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s)	Decomposing (breaking apart) a factor in a way that makes sense to the learner so as to be more flexible and efficient at solving an unknown fact. Thinking about which factor and how to break it apart takes time and practice. All of the previous mentioned strategies are also versions of the Break Apart method. <u>Rectangle Fit</u> <u>Multiplication Salute</u>

I hope you have found a few ideas to try with your learner. Please let me know what questions you have, if you would like paper copies or if you would like more information. My email address is jas3@oregonsd.net

Source: Math Fact Fluency: 60+ games and Tools to Support Learning and Retention by Williams & Kling, 2019

Scholastic Book Fair

BOOK FAIR

Thursday, March 7 and

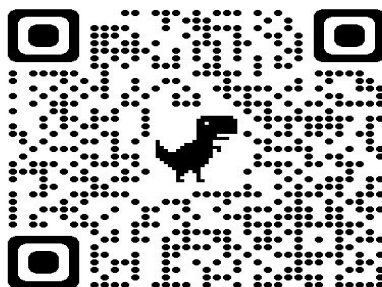
Thursday, March 14 2024

NETHERWOOD KNOLL LIBRARY

3:00-7:00 P.M.

**The Book Fair will be open during
Parent/Teacher Conferences.**

If you are unable to attend conferences, you can still shop by downloading the QR code below.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION & RECREATION

OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Creating Calm Boxes for Self Regulation (WITH ADULT)

Come and join the fun of creating calming strategies through engaging, hands-on activities! All children who attend this class will learn how to use the self-regulation tools that they design, build, and learn about during this class session. Each child will bring home a personalized box full of tools designed to help children navigate the skills of self-regulation. **This class will be held in Netherwood Knoll Elementary School.** Taught by NKE School Counselor Ruth Greiber. Ages 6-10 **WITH ADULT**. Fee: \$68.

[Tuesdays March 12th & 19th, 4:45 - 6:00pm](#)

Be SMART: Secure Gun Storage Saves Kids Lives

Whether you're a gun owner or you know someone who owns a gun, there is a role for everyone in the conversation around secure gun storage. Be SMART is a framework that parents, caretakers, and community leaders can follow to help keep their communities safe. Ultimately, you can help prevent kids from accessing firearms by storing them securely and encouraging others to do the same. Join us in this FREE program to learn more about this important topic because children deserve to feel safe, no matter where they are. **This class will be held in the OHS Innovation Center.** Taught by Katie Smart. For adults ages 18+. Fee: **FREE BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

[Monday March 18th, 6:30 - 7:30pm](#)

Rescue Kids

Rescue Kids is a class that provides kids with the skills needed in an emergency situation. Skills include how to make a 911 call, what to do if someone is choking, fire safety, and other general first aid information. In addition, kids learn to prepare supplies and pack a supply bag to use in case of emergencies. Please choose only **ONE** date. **This class will be held at the Brooklyn Fire/EMS Station in Brooklyn, WI located at 401 West Main Street, Brooklyn, WI.** Taught by Dale Schulz. Grades 4-5. Fee: \$20.

[Saturday March 23rd, 9:00am - 12:30pm](#)

OREGON AREA COMMUNITY FUN RUN

SATURDAY MAY 11, 2024 AT 9AM

BENEFITING BROOKLYN, FOREST EDGE, AND OREGON PTOS

5k and 1 mile routes starting/ending at Rome Corners Intermediate

All participants get a t-shirt and entry into the activity area afterwards

All participants under 18 years old get a medal

Register here: <https://forms.gle/gN4dPBjQqoNKDGRZ6>

Visit http://www.oregonpto.org/ptocommunity_funrun/

Contact OregonPTOFunRun@oregonpto.org with questions



Join us for a community event to support the Oregon PTO (NKE, PVE, and RCI), the Brooklyn PTO (BKE), and the Forest Edge PTO (FES) through a community fun run! Everyone is welcome to participate.

THE DISTRIBUTION OR DISPLAY OF MATERIALS SHOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD TO CONSTITUTE THE ENDORSEMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT.