

Netherwood News

December 2023

Hello Netherwood Knoll Families,

Can you believe we are beginning our 14th week of school? It has been an amazing beginning of the school year. See below for details on what kept us busy learning this month!

Netherwood Highlights from November:

- American Indian Heritage Month and Veteran's Day
- All School Swim Unit at the Oregon Community Pool
- Caregiver Conferences and our Book Fair
- November Paw-Party (Ga-Ga Ball, DEAR, Crafts & Board Games)
- Care Kits: Our YANA club packed over 150 carekits for folks in Dane County through United Way
- Grade Specific Events:
 - Kindergarten: 50th Day Celebration and Sock-Hop
 - 1st Grade: Field Trips to the Oregon Fire Station and Oregon Library, Celebrating Apple Day!
 - 2nd Grade: Owl craft project,
 - 3rd Grade: Nature Club, YANA
 - 4th Grade: Field Trip to the Madison Symphony Orchestra, Poetry Jam at Kick Back Cafe, Helping Wildlife Program Presentation

Things we are looking forward to in December:

- All School Assembly and Optimist Awards, December 22nd
- 4th Grade Choir and Orchestra performance at OHS, December 5th at 6:30 PM
- Winter Break: December 23rd-January 2nd, 2024.

With Gratitude,

Lindsay Eimerman

Lisa Lucas

Ruth Greiber

Kelsey Antoniewicz

NKE Principal

NKE Admin Intern

School Counselor

School Psychologist

News and Reminders:

NEED Winter Gear?

If you are in need of winter coats, snow pants, boots, and or gloves for your student(s) please contact our school social worker Daniela Arevalo

dcarevalo@oregonsd.net or 608-835-1361. Please see [THIS link](#) with additional resources available to Oregon School District families.

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.

Do You Know Who's Marketing to Your Child?

Marketers want your child's attention and they know how to get it. You already know about the ads they see in kid-friendly TV shows, but have you looked over their shoulder when they're on YouTube or playing an online game? Have you noticed how products are shown within shows? Ads and product placements aren't always aimed at adults. Some parents use them as an opportunity to talk about how [an ad might be targeting young people](#) or what the downside to using a product that the ad doesn't show. Want to learn more? Visit CommonSenseMedia.org for reviews, ratings and more. Want to learn more about parenting? Visit OregonAreaCares.org/resources.

More News and Reminders

Remember to Dress Your Children For Colder Weather

The changing elements of our Wisconsin weather sometimes mean colder or wetter conditions at mid-day than when they left in the morning. Please send your child with warm clothing and gear as every class has two daily outdoor recesses. **If the "Feels Like" Temperature is below zero, we will hold indoor recess.** When in doubt, send warmer gear than may be necessary.



OREGON/BROOKLYN LIONS CLUBS OPERATION JOY TOY and GIFT CARD DRIVE New and Unwrapped Toys

The Lion's Club is collecting new and unwrapped toys for the holiday toy drive that will occur in December. If you are looking to donate, there is a donation box located in the NKE main office.

If you would like to donate in another way, gift cards such as: Walmart, Kwik Trip, Target, etc. are always greatly appreciated. Gift cards can be dropped off in the NKE main office.

Donations accepted through December 13th.
Thank you so much for your support!



PTO Updates: Please Read!

Thank you to everyone that ordered from our Club's Choice Fundraiser in October! If you purchased items, pick up will be Wednesday, December 6 from 4:30-7:30pm at RCI. Also, if anyone placed an order supporting your student, you will need to pick up the items and deliver them accordingly.

On Sunday, December 10, Infinity Martial Arts will be hosting a Drop & Shop from 1:00-4:00pm. Parents drop their school aged kids off at the studio and get to enjoy some "kid-free time." Kids will play games, do some holiday crafts, eat snacks, and watch a holiday movie. The event costs \$35 and all funds go to whichever PTO the registrant selects (Brooklyn PTO, Forest Edge PTO, or Oregon PTO).

Our most popular event is our Fosdal Home Bakery Donut Delivery! Orders may be placed via Google Form January 22-February 16 and will be delivered to your door the morning of Saturday, February 24. More information to come!

Coming up 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).

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 22 at 6:30pm at the NKE library. If you are unable to join in person, you may also join via Google Meet: [Meet - uzd-pxno-ioy \(google.com\)](https://meet.google.com/uzd-pxno-ioy). Additionally, please subscribe to our mailing list for information on events and updates at Join our mailing list! – Oregon PTO. We are also on both Facebook and Instagram!

Upcoming PTO Meetings:

*February 22nd

* April 18th

*March 21st

*May 23rd

With sincere appreciation,
Julie, Denise, Laura, and Mickie

Technology and Library News

TECHNOLOGY

4th Grade-We will be creating poems with Micro.bits. Computers use arrays with numbers or letters but we will be using nouns, verbs and adverbs for our arrays to make our poems. Once we have finished with our poems we will continue with our coding skills at Code.org with various assignments.

3rd Grade-Students will be coding with Micro.bits which are little computers that they can code images and words. Coding shows students how to enhance their math and writing, builds confidence and boosts problem solving skills.

2nd Grade-Coding the Dash robots is not new to second graders but now they are going to be using their critical problem solving skills to see if they can figure out how to code the robots in a sequence to make a square, triangle or circle. We will also be comparing coding blocks to see if they are the same or different if they are written differently.

1st Grade-After we introduced Scratch Jr. we have moved onto coding our robots named Dash. This is an opportunity for students to use their creativity and problem solving skills.

Kindergarten- Now that we have become masters of logging in and out of our tablets we are also moving into our coding unit. We also will be working with the Dash robots and learn how to make them move, light up and make sounds.

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**Thank you for supporting
literacy at NKE!**

Here is the first 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 foundational fact sets for addition and subtraction and a sample game is provided for each. Enjoy!

This Month's Focus:	Foundational Fact Sets for Addition/Subtraction Math Fact Fluency
Why?	Foundational fact sets are "sets of facts that illustrate a specific pattern or number relationship" (Williams & Kling, pg. 9). When learners can see the relationships and patterns within and between basic facts, they are strengthening their foundational number sense and their ability to think deeply about numbers and strategies. This leads to better recall of facts versus relying on rote memorization with no meaning.
+/- 0, 1, 2	These facts relate closely to the counting sequence and visuals such as number lines are helpful for connecting the facts to the counting sequence of numbers before and numbers after. Bears Race to 10 / Bears Race to 0 (Notes: Use scraps of paper labeled +0, +0, +1, +1, +2, +2 and draw from a hat if you do not have dice at home, switch to -0, etc. for Race to 0)
Doubles	"Research has shown that students can more easily master their doubles combinations ($2 + 2 = 4$, $3 + 3 = 6$, etc.) than most other groups of facts (National Research Council, 2001)" Doubles Bingo (Note: You can draw a BINGO card with 4 rows of 4 vs. printing it out, use scraps of paper for markers and use a deck of cards for calling out numbers)
Combos of 10	Knowing our combinations to 10 (ex. $2 + 8 = 10$) helps learners to apply this foundational concept to harder level addition and subtraction strategies, particularly when multi-digit numbers are involved. Thinking flexibly with 10 is a great strategy to master! Make Tens Go Fish
10 + ____	Teen numbers can be tricky for early elementary learners and one way to practice that teens are made up of a ten and "some more" is to play Square Deal .

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