

Netherwood News

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Happy Spring NKE Families,

As you know, we are once again in the process of planning for a transition to our learning model to accomplish full student days in grades K-6 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are excited, and a little nervous, to see what this new normal will bring.

We are excited to see that the impact of the virus is lessening due to our many mitigation measures and the impact of the vaccines being distributed. There is great value in our children getting the opportunity to spend more time in their learning community at NKE. We are also excited that we will be able to continue to offer consistency and well designed learning experiences for our Oregon Online families.

However, we are also nervous as we know changes at this point in the year will take some time for our children to adjust and build their stamina. Therefore, we want to be sure that we plan in a way that allows us to be responsive to the needs we see in our learners. As safety measures will continue to be a high priority, the school day will still look, sound, and feel different than it did before March 13, 2020. We will still focus on maximizing our social distancing, the wearing of masks, and hand sanitizing. During our lunch time, our learners will be spaced out in the cafeteria, the orchestra room, and the stage in the big gym. Our environment will still be very structured to keep all members of our community safe.

Therefore, for our Phased Restart families, we encourage you to focus your time and energy at home on your child's social and emotional well being. With the transition to longer days, that will not look like their previous full day experiences, encourage them to spend time outside, to eat well, and to establish good sleep routines. Spend time in conversation about their day, but allow them downtime versus working "overtime" on homework. Transitioning to a full day experience is a great opportunity to use our final weeks of school to rebuild ourselves for the fall and the 2021-22 school year.

Have a great April, with hopefully only evening showers to bring the May flowers, so we do not have indoor recess. :)

Learning and growing together!

Mr. Kluck

Notes and Reminders

Spring Break Reminder

The OSD Spring Break is next week (March 29 - April 2) and there will be no school. Classes will resume on Monday, April 5.

It is especially important to take the [Panther Pledge](#) before coming to school after Spring Break. Please set a reminder to complete the 3-part symptom checklist before school and **stay home if you are sick or if anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19**. Thank you for continuing to work together to keep our school community safe.

School Plan Timeline

As you know, the next phase of the OSD school plan will begin on April 12, 2021. Additional details and grade level information can be found at OregonSD.org/reopeningFAQ.

You will receive an email the week of April 5-9 with information about bus routes/schedules (if applicable), any changes to schedules/homerooms and health & safety procedures.

Also, remember that there will be a **teacher professional development day on Friday, April 9** (moved from April 23) to allow staff to make preparations for April 12. An updated school year calendar can be found at OregonSD.org/calendar

FYI-to improve traffic congestion during student dropoff and pickup, we will be directing some families to use the pool circle location. More information will be coming.

Important Dates

- *Friday, April 9--No School, Teacher Professional Day
- *Wednesday, April 14--Supply Pickup/Library Book Pickup for Oregon Online
- *Thursday, April 15--Summer School Registration Opens
- *Thursday, April 29--4th Grade Virtual Choir Concert, 6:30 PM

Oregon PTO News

Upcoming Events and Fundraisers

PTO Meetings

Virtual via WebEx. Everyone is welcome to attend.

April 8th at 6:30pm – <https://bit.ly/3rHaeXD>

May 11th at 6:30pm - <https://bit.ly/3qCC7Pv>

Dine Out for Education

We have two more Dine Out opportunities this school year.

*April 13th from 4:00-8:00 pm at Benvenutos in Fitchburg (2949 Triverton Pike Dr.) 20% of all sales will benefit the PTO!

*May 25th (Time TBD) at Ziggy's in Oregon (135 S. Main St). 15% of all sales will benefit the PTO!

Square 1 Art

Create keepsakes with your child's very own artwork! Upload your art by April 9th to

<http://www.square1art.com/shop/upload>

Place your order by April 28th. Questions?

Contact Erin at erin.ello@gmail.com.

Family Pictures

Do you need new pictures of your family? PTO is doing a fundraiser on May 16th from 4:00-8:00 pm. Sign up link and location information coming soon.

Staff Appreciation Week

We are planning on virtually appreciating our NKE staff the week of May 3-7. Watch our Facebook page for more details.

Board Member Nominations

All board positions are open for the 2021-2022 school year and voting will take place at our May 11th meeting. Feel free to email president_kelly@oregonpto.org to submit a nomination. The following includes descriptions of each role:

President: The president shall preside over meetings of the organization and board, serve as the primary contact for the principals, represent the organization at meetings outside of the organization, serve as an ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee, pay out funds in accordance with the approval of the executive board, and coordinate the work of all the officers and committees so that the purpose of the organization is served.

Vice President: The vice president shall assist the president and carry out the president's duties in his or her absence or inability to serve. The vice president may pay out funds in accordance with the approval of the executive board if there is no co-president.

Secretary: The secretary shall keep all records of the organization, take and record minutes, prepare the agenda, handle correspondence, and send notices of meetings to the membership. The secretary also keeps a copy of the minutes book, bylaws, rules, membership list, and any other necessary supplies, and brings them to the meetings.

Treasurer: The treasurer shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures. He or she will present a financial statement at every meeting and at other times of the year when requested by the board and make a full report at the end of the years.

Want more information? Visit: <https://oregonpto.org>

or

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

Upcoming Events

Girls on the Run



Join the Oregon Community Team at Highlands of Netherwood Park! Twice per week for 8 weeks, girls will have fun, make friends, develop positive social skills and find joy in physical activity! Trained and caring volunteer coaches lead 3th – 5th grade girls through interactive lessons and running games. Teams will meet entirely outdoors and follow COVID safety policies, including social distancing and small team sizes.

Practices will be held: Tue/Thur 4:30-6:00 pm

**Spring program begins April 13th and
ends Sat June 5th with a team-based 5K celebration.**

Registration Opens March 1st!

For more information and to register visit: www.girlsontherunscwi.org/Program-Registration
or call 608-831-4687

Financial assistance is available.

NEW! Nature Classes for 3rd & 4th Graders!

We're thrilled to be able to offer our 3rd and 4th grade learners an additional synchronous learning opportunity beginning in March! Meghan Konopacki, District Naturalist, will be meeting virtually with all 3rd and 4th graders (PR and OO) every other week during their asynchronous learning time. Be on the lookout for more information from your child's homeroom teacher!

Library News/Curbside Pick Up

Library News:

- **Library curbside pickup for Oregon Online K-4 :**
 - **On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, library curbside will be with materials supply pickup from 12-6pm located in the back between NKE & the pool.** Please have requests turned in by the Thursday before, and return any books to curbside that your child is done reading.
 - **On the 4th Wednesday of the month, books will be available for self-serve pickup in the vestibule located inside the main doors of NKE. The vestibule will be open from 8am-6pm.** Please have requests turned in by the Thursday before, and return any books to the vestibule that your child is done reading.
- **Library classroom deliveries for Phased Restart K-2 students will be the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month during the am/pm sessions.** Please have requests turned in by the Thursday before each delivery day, and have your child return any books to their teacher that they are done reading.
- **Library classroom deliveries for Phased Restart 3-4 students will be the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month during the am/pm sessions.** Please have requests turned in by the Thursday before each delivery day, and have your child return any books to their teacher that they are done reading.
- Please request library books by using the [Book Request Form](#) which is also linked on the [NKE Destiny Discover library](#) page.
- Tutorials on how to place Holds on library books and how to use the library system, as well as links to our weekly read alouds, can be found on our [NKE Library Tutorials & Read Alouds](#) page. This is also linked on our [NKE Destiny Discover library](#) page.

Happy reading!

Mrs. Brauns & Mrs. Niles

