

Netherwood News

October 2024

Hello Netherwood Knoll Families,

Welcome to October! Thank you for giving your time to read this month's newsletter, it's packed with helpful information!

Celebrations from September Include:

- Successfully completing our first month of school
- Welcoming 15 NEW NKE students and families
- Every class reading the book *I Can do Hard Things, Mindful Affirmations for Kids* with Ms. Eimerman and Ms. Lucas
- Kindergarten Field Trip to Schuster's Farm
- 4th Grade FFA Field Trip
- Practicing Fire and Tornado Drills

Things we are looking forward to in October Include:

- Homecoming Week Dress up Days AND Parade on Friday
 - Wednesday 10/09: Wear your favorite Color
 - Thursday 10/10: Wear Pajamas or comfy clothes
 - Friday 10/11: Wear Orange and Black! Panther Pride Day!
- 3rd Grade Field Trip to Alpine Ridge (10/14)
- 4th Grade Field Trip to Lake County Park (10/18)
- Caregiver Conferences (10/24 and 10/29)
- NKE Glow Party on Wednesday 10/30 during the school day
- No School 10/31 and 11/01

Thank you for all you do to support your learner and our Netherwood Community!

With Gratitude,

Lindsay Eimerman

Lisa Lucas

Emily Tech

Kelsey Antoniewicz

NKE Principal

Administrative Intern

School Counselor

School Psychologist

School Attendance

In Wisconsin, caregivers may excuse their learner from school for UP to 10 days. Absences above 10 days are considered “Unexcused”. As learners miss days, our student services team will send home communication to caregivers. Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, much of this communication hasn’t happened the past few years. **Attendance letters are NOT intended to increase a family’s anxiety about absences and are a requirement from the Department of Public Instruction.** 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

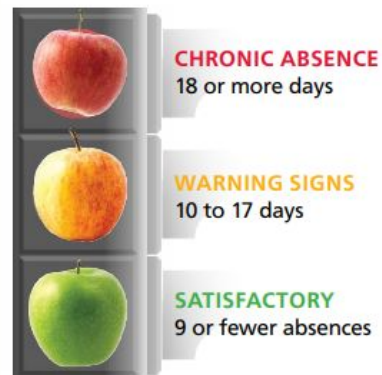
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Important Information

Breakfast

- NKE doors open for breakfast at 7:35
- Students should enter the school building when they arrive and walk to the cafeteria
- OSD Breakfast and Lunch menus: [HERE](#)

Snacks

- Please defer to your classroom teacher for specific routines
- Please send your student with a snack each day, if your family is able

From our Health Office

The health and safety of our school community is our top priority. If your student isn't feeling well your first stop should always be to visit our Health Site [HERE](#). Still not sure? Contact our school health office at: OregonSD.org/health.

Safety Reminders

Please remind your students of the importance of crossing roads and school driveways safely. [HERE](#) is a video with some of the important points. Remind kids to always make eye contact with the second driver before they cross and to keep looking at drivers to make sure they are seen!

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Homecoming: NEXT WEEK, Parade Friday
- Picture Retakes, [OPTIONAL] 10/17
- Parent/Guardian Conferences 10/24 & 10/29
- No School, Staff Professional Day 10/31
- No School 11/1

Picture Retake Day: Thursday 10/17

- Please notify your students teacher if you would like picture retakes

A note from:

YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR



Greetings NKE Parents and Guardians,

My name is Emily Tech and I am the new School Counselor for Netherwood-Knoll Elementary. I am excited to serve and support you and your student in the upcoming years. I am best reached by my email: ejtech@oregonSD.net

This year will be focused on lessons that support self-growth, the ability to name and cope with emotions, and finding a sense of belonging in school/ with their peers. At the start of October into November, I will begin teaching our Second Step Bullying Prevention Curriculum in all grade levels. These lessons will focus on recognizing, reporting, refusing and bystander power. As always, children are most successful with these skills when they are reinforced often and in many different environments.

On October 9th, students in Grades 3 and 4 will have the opportunity to join our Netherwood YANA Club. YANA [an acronym] stands for: You Are Not Alone, and is a club centered on inclusion, spreading kindness and growing together. The group will meet during 3rd and 4th grade lunches, twice per month. All students are welcome.

 With Gratitude,
Mrs. Emily Tech

Did you know?

... that sleep helps our brain?

Sleep helps our brains process information, consolidate memories, and regulate our emotions.



NKE Rotation Updates

Art

- NKE students have finished their first lessons on color theory.
- Kindergarten/1st grade will be learning geometric/organic shapes.
- 2nd grade students will continue their learning of color theory and value shading with paint.
- 3rd grade students will be learning the collage technique and color mixing with oil pastels.
- 4th grade students will be learning one point perspective.



Physical Education

- Students will be working on Jump Rope Tricks, Hula Hoop Tricks, and Traveling/Jumping
- Students will be playing with the Parachute doing different games and teamwork activities
- We will be working on teamwork and team building
- **SWIMMING STARTS OCTOBER 31st!**
 - Swimming letter went home at the beginning of October



Music

- Students have been exploring music from many different countries during our World Music Exploration listening project, becoming experts and noticing and wondering about music of various styles and cultures.
- Students will be continuing to work on rhythm this fall, as well, from steady beat activities to more complex patterns in 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade!
- We are, of course, singing and playing a lot of music games and classroom instruments, as well.



World Language

- All grade levels have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage month, which goes from September 15-October 15.
- 2nd and 4th graders have been learning all about the monarch migration to Mexico. We are even participating in our own Symbolic Migration!
- Kindergarten and 1st grade students will be learning how to share their interests in Spanish. Kindergarten has been learning all of their colors too!
- 2nd and 4th grade students will be learning all about a healthy diet, body and mind. First, we will be exploring a well balanced meal and sharing what foods we like in Spanish.
- 3rd grade students will be learning to talk about themselves; first up: their appearance and their personality.

NKE Rotation Updates

Library/Technology

- Kindergartners have learned how to take care of books and are exploring new areas of the library each week. We are learning about the author Yuyi Morales and the illustrator Christian Robinson.
- First graders have reviewed how to check out books and take good care of them, and have had their tablet bootcamp. In October, we will be exploring fiction and nonfiction books, and the nonfiction website PebbleGo.
- Second graders have reviewed library procedures and started learning about how Chromebooks are different than tablets. During October, we will spend time in the nonfiction section of the library and compare books and PebbleGo as sources of information.
- Third and fourth graders have been reviewing how information is organized in the library and enjoying the Dewey Decimal Rap. In October, we will begin Typing Club activities and think about our reader identities. We will explore popular fiction genres and create presentations on Google Slides.

OREGON PTO NEWSLETTER

Parents and teachers of Netherwood Knoll Elementary, Prairie View Elementary, and Rome Corners Intermediate Schools

PTO MEETINGS:

Join us in-person in the NKE Library or via Google Meet beginning at 6:30 pm on the following days:

October 16	March 19
November 20	April 16
February 19	May 21

UPCOMING DINE OUTS:

North and South Verona from 4-9 pm on October 9, 2024

Pizza Pit Oregon all day on November 13, 2024

CLUB'S CHOICE FUNDRAISER:

The Club's Choice catalog fundraiser has traditionally been our biggest fundraiser of the year. Our goal is to **raise \$10,000** from sales and donations. Our sale begins on Oct 15 and ends on Oct 30. Items purchased must be picked up at RCI on Dec 4.

SQUARE 1 ART FUNDRAISER:

All students will work on their Square 1 Art artwork at school during September and October. In mid-November order forms will be sent home for families and caregivers to order keepsakes and gifts displaying their student's artwork.

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST:

Via the Web: www.oregonpto.org/join-mailing-list/

Via Email: Julie Klein (secretary@oregonpto.org)

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Website: www.oregonpto.org/

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NKE Book Fair

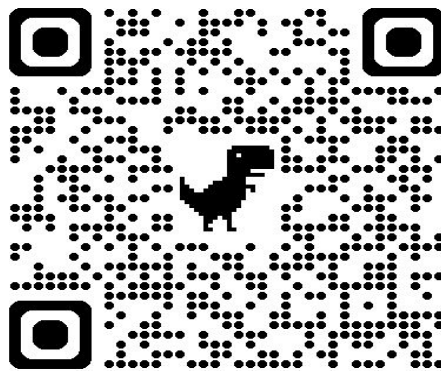
BOOK FAIR

NETHERWOOD KNOLL LIBRARY

October 24th & 29th

3:00-7:00 PM

Book Fair is open during Parent/Teacher Conferences. If you are unable to attend, you can shop at:



MATH CONNECTIONS

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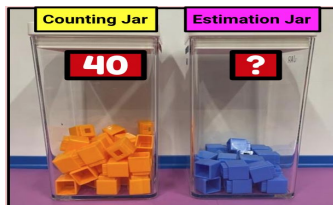
This Month's Focus:

THE POWER OF ESTIMATING

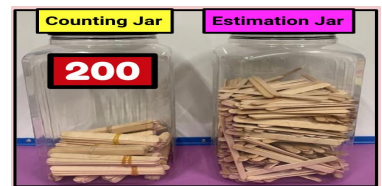
Why?

The skill of estimating is a powerful tool to help build number sense - how we understand and work with numbers. Estimating also helps us understand the magnitude or size of a number and be able to visualize that amount. Just think about how often we, as adults, estimate in our daily lives! Each month, all Netherwood Knoll learners and staff have an opportunity to practice this!

September Estimation Jars



Kindergartners started the year working with numbers less than 50.



1st through 4th graders are working with much larger numbers.

September Winners

Kindergarten: (Answer was 25)

- ★ Isabelle P. (24: -1)
- ★ Mason S. (26: +1)

So Close!

- ★ Noah T. (23)
- ★ Gigi M. (21)

1st - 4th Grade: (Answer was 439)

- ★ 4th: Hannah M. (437: - 2)
- ★ 4th: Ella A. (437: - 2)

So Close!

- ★ 4th: Layla F. (443)
- ★ 3rd: Evie C. (433)
- ★ 2nd: George Y. (445)

Oregon Youth Center

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TAILGATE

Party



FOOD, KONA ICE, GAMES, RAFFLE, & MORE!

Oct. 11

110 N Oak St

4-6 pm

Oregon

www.oregonyouthcenter.org

SHOUT OUT TO HY-VEE FOR MAKING THIS COOKOUT POSSIBLE

Visit the OYC Facebook page for a complete list of raffle prizes!

ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT OYC PROGRAMMING & CENTER UPGRADES

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Get Your Kids Up to Date on Vaccines at School Clinics

As the back-to-school season kicks off, Public Health Madison & Dane County is holding a series of school [vaccine clinics](#) to help parents get their kids up to date on immunizations. The clinics are being held in partnership with SSM Health, UW Health, Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD), Verona Area School District (VASD), and Group Health Cooperative (GHC).

“Partnerships like this reflect our commitment to ensuring that every child in our community has access to illness-preventing and potentially life-saving vaccines,” said Janel Heinrich, director of Public Health Madison & Dane County. “By teaming up, we can make it easier for families to protect their children against preventable diseases as they return to the classroom this fall.”

“SSM Health is proud to come together with our community partners for these essential school vaccine clinics,” says Megan Timm, SSM Health Wisconsin Regional Director of Community Health. “By breaking down access barriers for our community members we are providing critical access and illness prevention for local students, their families, and the community as a whole.”

All vaccines that are required for school will be available, including meningitis and pertussis, as well as COVID-19, flu, [and more](#). The vaccines are free and available for school-aged kids 5 and older. Appointments are strongly recommended and can be scheduled [online](#). The clinics will be held at the following locations and dates:

- **Monday, October 7:** Mendota Elementary School (4002 School Rd, Madison) from 12:00pm to 4:00pm
- **Monday, October 14:** Leopold Elementary School (2602 Post Rd, Madison) from 4:00pm to 7:00 pm
- **Monday, October 15:** Sugar Creek Elementary School (740 N Main St, Verona) from 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- **Saturday, October 19:** Holtzman Learning Center (333 Holtzman Rd, Madison) from 10:00am to 2:00pm
- **Monday, October 21:** Holtzman Learning Center (333 Holtzman Rd, Madison) from 8:00am to 12:00pm
- **Saturday, October 26:** Savanna Oaks Middle School (5890 Lacy Rd, Fitchburg) from 12:00pm to 4:00pm

At these school clinics, we can vaccinate you if you do not have insurance, are under 19 and are Alaskan Native or American Indian, have BadgerCare, Quartz, GHC, or Dean insurance. Children can still receive routine childhood vaccines at no charge through the [Vaccines for Children Program](#).