

# Netherwood News

November 2024

Hello Netherwood Knoll Families,

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

## Celebrations from October Include:

- OSD Homecoming Parade and celebrations
- Guest Speakers in 1st Grade
- NKE **Glow** and Dance Party
- Caregiver Conferences



## Things we are looking forward to in November Include:

- 50's Day Celebration in Kindergarten
- All NKE Paw Party on 11/26
- Thanksgiving Holiday 11/27 - 11/29



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

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# 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?

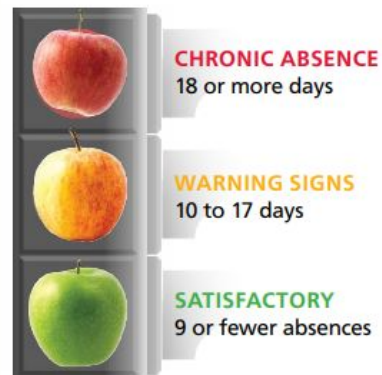
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being 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](http://OregonSD.org/health).

## **Upcoming Important Dates:**

- No School 11/1
- No School-Thanksgiving Break 11/27-11/29
- Choir/Orchestra Concert at OHS PAC at 6:30 PM 12/3
- No School-Winter Break 12/23-12/31

## **Remember to Dress Your Children for Colder Weather**

The changing elements of our Wisconsin weather sometimes means a child would be faced with colder or wetter conditions at mid-day than when he/she left in the morning. Please send your child with warm clothing and gear as every class has two daily outdoor recesses (weather permitting).



# More Important Information

## WINTER GEAR

Although we are just entering the fall season, we are already planning ahead for the winter season. If you are in need of winter coats, snow pants, boots, and or gloves for your student(s) please contact the school social worker Katie Bland via email at [kmbland@oregonsd.net](mailto:kmbland@oregonsd.net) or by phone at 608-835-4181.

## HEAD LICE INFORMATION

Around this time of year we receive questions about head lice. In accordance with the most recent health guidance from the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), the [OSD Head Lice Policy](#), does not require students with head lice to stay home from school because lice is neither a health hazard nor sign of poor hygiene. Rather, students are to be treated at home after school and may return after being treated with a lice killing agent. Below are some resources about head lice, including how to examine and treat it:

- [How to Examine for Head Lice](#)
- [Head Lice: What Parents Need to Know](#)
- [CDC Information](#)

## LIONS CLUB OPERATION WARMTH

It is that time of year again. Cold weather is approaching and we need to make sure the kids are warm. This year, we ask that all donations be delivered to Netherwood Knoll Elementary (NKE) vestibule. We are asking for new, gender neutral items please.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4CACAB22A7F94-52628803-operation#/>

A note from:

## YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR



### Greetings NKE Parents and Guardians,

November will wrap up our last two Bullying Prevention lessons. The students will be learning about refusing bullying and being a supportive bystander to help stop bullying. As always, children are most successful with these skills when they are reinforced often and in many different environments.

Third and fourth grade students are always welcome to attend our YANA Meetings. YANA [an acronym] stands for: You Are Not Alone, is a group centered on inclusion, spreading kindness and growing together. The group will meet during the 3rd and 4th grade lunch recess, twice per month on Thursdays. **All students are welcome.**

In October, staff and students were invited to participate in a school wide bulletin project (NKE Be- Leaves in Me) that highlights things students like about themselves, strengths, and positive affirmations. This project encourages positive self- talk and the open discussion about how we can boost self- esteem and confidence.



### Did you know?

The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.  
and  
"Jingle Bells" was originally a Thanksgiving Day song.



With Gratitude,  
Mrs. Emily Tech

# 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:

<b>November 20</b>	<b>April 16</b>
<b>February 19</b>	<b>May 21</b>
<b>March 19</b>	

## UPCOMING DINE OUTS:

**Pizza Pit Oregon** all day on November 13, 2024

**The Wine Reserve** from 4-10 pm on December 12, 2024

## DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME

The PTO runs fundraisers to provide financial support to Prairie View, Netherwood, and Rome Corners. Donations are always welcome (in lieu of fundraiser participation OR in addition to!). **You can Venmo us @oregonpto anytime for any reason.**

## SQUARE 1 ART FUNDRAISER:

Personalized order forms will be sent home in mid-November for families and caregivers to order keepsakes and gifts displaying their student's artwork. Order items early if interested in giving as gifts during the holiday season.

## JOIN OUR MAILING LIST:

**Via the Web:** [www.oregonpto.org/join-mailing-list/](http://www.oregonpto.org/join-mailing-list/)

**Via Email:** Julie Klein ([secretary@oregonpto.org](mailto:secretary@oregonpto.org))

## CONNECT WITH US:

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# NKE Rotations Updates

## Art

- All NKE Art students have finished Square 1 Art. Information will be coming home soon!  
Order deadline is November 28th.

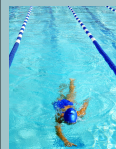


- 4th grade will be learning facial proportions by creating self portraits.
- 3rd grade will be learning parts of a landscape by using the artistic style of Alma Thomas.
- 2nd grade will be learning about the art of Batik, color mixing, and value shading to create a pumpkin.
- 1st grade will be learning complex lines and shapes to create an expressive monster.
- Kinder finished up Line Sculptures and will be learning about organic shapes and color mixing.



## Physical Education

- November is Full of Fun!!!
- 1st - 4th Grade will be participating in the Swimming Unit!
  - 1st and 2nd Grade focuses on safety, getting comfortable going in and out of the pool, swim stroke basics, and fun activities!
  - 3rd and 4th Grade focuses on swim strokes, safety (especially in and around the deep end and well), fun activities, and distinguishing the different swim strokes.
- If you have any questions during swimming, please reach out to me at [tdsteinmetz@oregonsd.net](mailto:tdsteinmetz@oregonsd.net)
- Kindergarteners will be in the Gym and working on a TON of different things including
  - Spacial Awareness
  - Warm Up Procedures
  - Tag Games and Invasion Games
  - Locomotor Skills



# NKE Rotations Updates

## Music

- All music students have been exploring musical cultures from around the world and making connections with music that is similar and different to things they are familiar with.
- In music class, 3rd and 4th graders recently finished up rhythm stations and are learning/reviewing note names of treble clef staff to start our composition unit.
- 2nd graders have been working a lot on using new rhythm patterns (half and whole notes and rests), creating ostinato accompaniments and moving and listening to various tempi.
- 1st graders are using their new rhythms (Quarter notes, quarter rests and 2 eighth notes) to create and perform patterns. They also are working on So, La , Mi songs and reading basic melodic contour on a staff.
- Kindergarteners are exploring high and low pitch, 4 different voices, fast/slow contrasts and learning how to play many classroom instruments together.



## World Language

- Kindergarteners are learning to count with our calendar routine and how to share their emotions. Next they will share what they like to do!
- 1st graders are sharing their interests. Soon, we will be practicing family words.
- 3rd graders have mastered our interest words and will focus on physical appearance traits soon.
- 2nd and 4th graders continue to learn about healthy foods and look at foods from other countries!





# NKE Rotations Updates

## Library/Technology

- In November, kindergarteners will learn about the differences between fiction and nonfiction. They are also using Chrome tablets to share information about themselves.
- First graders will be reviewing question words and learning about different sources of information: other people, books, and favorite websites.
- Second graders will review question words and compare the information they find in books and on PebbleGo. They will also start practicing ten-finger typing on their keyboards.
- Third graders will learn about fiction genres in the library. Knowing the story elements we like best helps us find new books to read.
- Fourth graders will review fiction genres in the library and begin learning about the research process. Finding the answers to our questions starts with making a plan.



**THANK  
YOU**

for supporting  
our Book Fair!

#ScholasticBookFairs

Thank you for making our book fair amazing! Some of the funds we raised were used to purchase new books for classroom libraries. Enjoy reading your child's new books!

# MATH CONNECTIONS

newsletter

This Month's  
Focus:

## THE POWER OF COUNT - AROUNDS

What is it?

Count Arouns are powerful math routines that help learners become more comfortable and confident with mental counting. Think - Skip counting by 2s, 3s, 5s as an example. To try it at home: Start by stating what you're going to count by: "We're going to count by 3s, starting from zero, 3..." then the second person would say "6", the next, "9" and so on. Many people can join this game! Once your learner is comfortable with the routine, try changing it up and start the count at a different number! :)

Why is it  
important?

Learners begin to recognize patterns by strengthening the sequences after repeated practice. The more we practice the more automatic we become with these patterns. It helps our youngest learners begin to add and subtract small numbers and it can help our older learners work with multiplication, division and fractions!

Ideas to Try

- Count by ones, tens, twos, threes, etc. starting at zero (0, 10, 20...).
- Count by ones, tens, fives, twos, threes, etc., starting at various points (4, 14, 24, 34... or 324, 328, 332...).
- Count backwards by ones, tens, fives, and twos starting at various points (112, 106, 100, 94...).
- Count by halves, fourths, eighths, thirds, sixths starting at zero or various points. (0,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ...)
- Count by whole numbers by hundreds, thousands, or millions, starting at various starting points.

Where / When You  
Can Try This  
Strategy

- ★ While taking a walk
- ★ Tossing a ball back and forth
- ★ Stuck in traffic/In the Car
- ★ Doing chores together