

Netherwood News

December 2024

Hello Netherwood Knoll Families,

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

Celebrations from November Include:

- All School Paw-Party (See pictures below!)
- Kindergarten 50's Day
- 1st Grade walked over for a field trip to the Fire Station
- 4th grade visited the Overture Center
- Thanksgiving Holiday

Things we are looking forward to in December Include:

- 4th Grade Choir and Orchestra Concert on 12/03
- 4th Grade Kindness Retreat on Friday 12/06
- Our next round of Literacy Assessments / Screeners
- 2nd Grade Field Trips to the UW Geology Museum
- Optimist Awards
- Winter Holiday Break! See you Next Year!

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



Lindsay Eimerman

Lisa Lucas

Emily Tech

Kelsey Antoniewicz

NKE Principal

Administrative Intern

School Counselor

School Psychologist

More Important Information

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 /Winter Gear

With the cold weather, 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. Sign up [HERE](#)

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 or by phone at 608-835-4181.

A note from: YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Greetings NKE Caregivers,

November wrapped up our last two Bullying Prevention lessons.

In December, lessons will focus on reviewing the Zones of Regulation and managing big feelings with calming strategies.

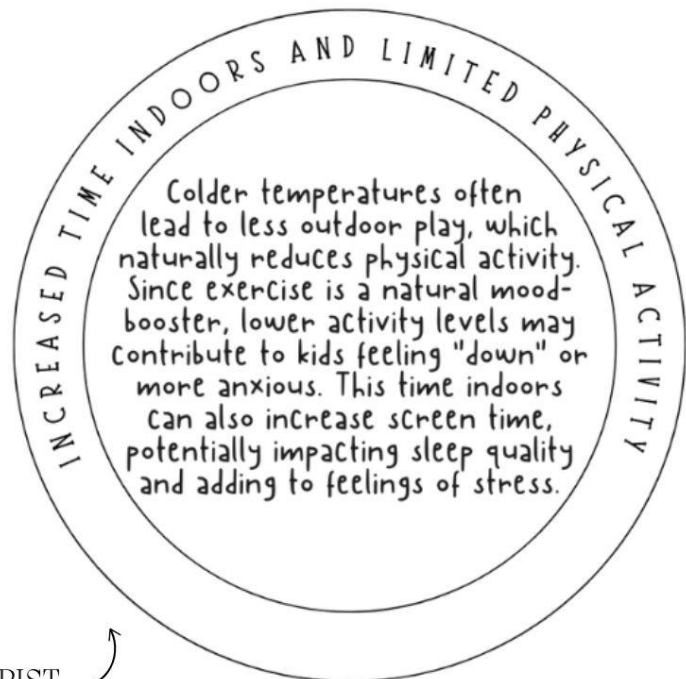
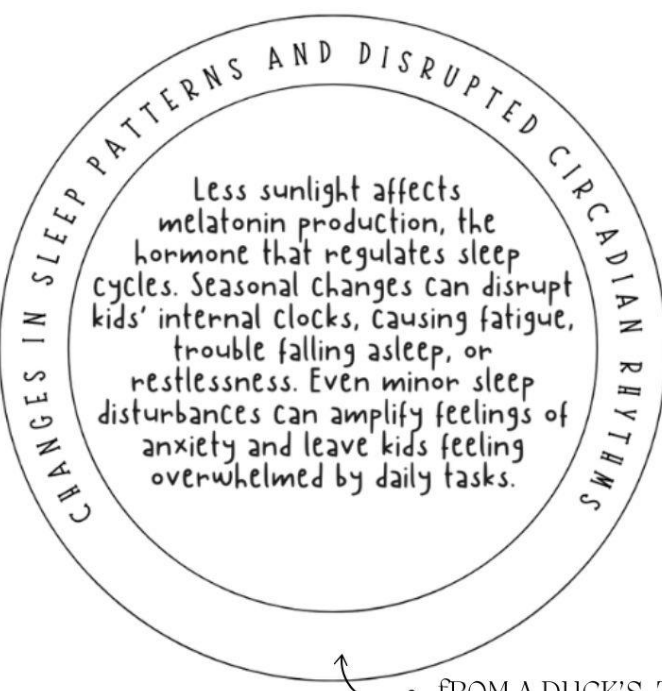
While this time of year is fun and exciting, I recognize that it can also be a stressful and hard time of year for students and their families. If there is a way I can support you and your student(s), please don't hesitate to contact me.



With Gratitude,
Mrs. Emily Tech

Less Sunshine = More Big Feelings...

Did you know that children can experience seasonal depression and anxiety?



• FROM A DUCK'S THERAPIST

OREGON PTO NEWSLETTER

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

December 2024

PTO MEETINGS:

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

February 19
March 19

April 16
May 21

UPCOMING DINE OUTS:

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

Sugar River Pizza Verona from
11 am – 9 pm on February 4, 2025

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 donate at any time for any reason.** Checks can be sent to your school's office or you can Venmo or PayPal us @oregonpto.

SAVE THE DATE:

Infinity Martial Arts Drop & Shop Fundraiser – December 8

Infinity Martial Arts Lessons & Uniform Promotion – January through March 15

Fosdal's Donut Delivery – February 22

Fun Run – May 31

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST:

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

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

CONNECT WITH US:

Website: www.oregonpto.org/

Facebook: oregonpto

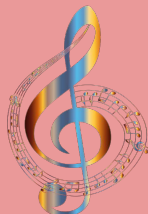
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President: Laura Reese (president@oregonpto.org)

NKE Rotations Updates

Music

- 3rd and 4th graders have been working on improvisation using the pentatonic scale, as well as learning about/reviewing singing in a round. (Example song: Ram Sam Sam)
- 2nd graders just finished up our "statue garden" rhythm activity and are exploring the use of tempos and dynamics. (Example song: Austrian Went Yodeling)
- 1st graders are putting those rhythms to use and adding in melodic patterns and varying tempi (Example song: Presto Largo)
- Kindergarteners are working on learning about melodic contour with solfège and listening for the speed or tempo of the music (Example songs: Whacky Do Re Mi, I Know A Little Turkey)
- Reminder: MUSIC CLASS TALENT DAY is coming up for grades 1-4. This is just for their music class right before Winter Break!



World Language

- Kindergarteners are learning to share what they like to do in Spanish, as well as learning about different games played around the world.
- 1st graders are learning about family and pets while exploring different types of family activities around the world.
- 2nd and 4th graders are continuing to learn about a healthy diet and will explore food pyramids from other countries.
- 3rd graders are continuing their "All About Me" unit describing themselves.



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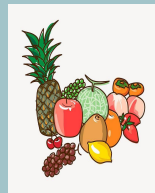
Art

- 4th Grade will be finishing up Self Portraits and starting Weaving.
- 3rd Grade will be creating a Color Wheel Optical Illusion using color mixing.
- 2nd Grade will be using repeating lines to create texture for a Winter Bear.
- 1st Grade will be finishing up Leaf Rubbings and learning about Vincent Van Gogh to create their version of Starry Night.
- Kindergarten will be learning about the artist Andy Warhol and Pop Art to create their hand prints.



Physical Education

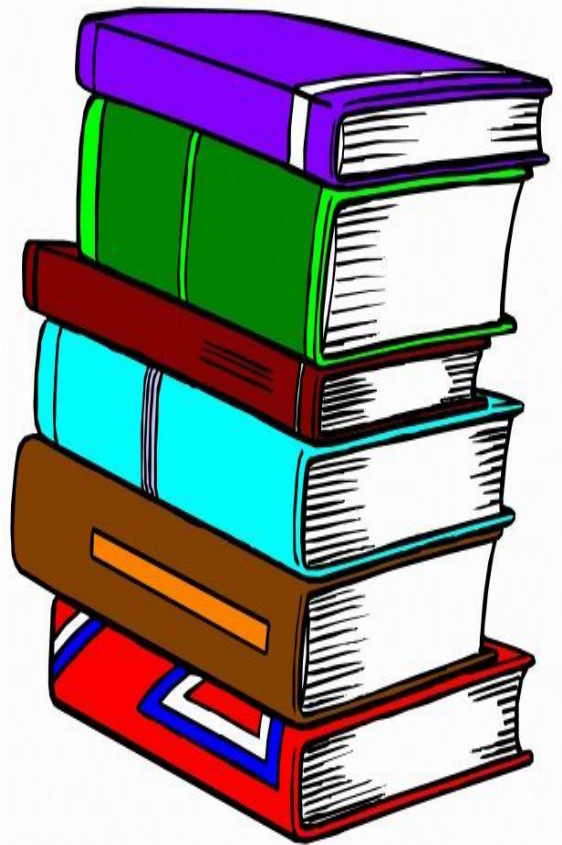
- In December we will be finishing Swimming and starting units such as Winter Activities and Nutrition.
- Kindergarteners will be in the Gym and working on a TON of different things including
 - Spatial Awareness
 - Warm Up Procedures
 - Tag Games and Invasion Games
 - Locomotor Skills
- **Winter Activities**
 - We will be doing different activities associated with winter and snow
- **Nutrition**
 - 3rd and 4th Graders will be talking about healthy lifestyle choices and the fitness components
 - Kindergarten and 1st grade will be talking about healthy food choices and activities they can do outside of school



NKE Rotations Updates

Library/Technology

- In December, 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 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!





OREGON/BROOKLYN LIONS CLUBS OPERATION JOY TOY 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 would like 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.

If you prefer to make a cash donation, please mail a check directly to Oregon Lions Club, PO Box 215, Oregon, WI 53575.

Donations accepted through December 17th.
Thank you so much for your support!

