Netherwood News January 2025

Hello Netherwood Knoll Families,

Нарру 2025!

Celebrations from December Include:

- 4th Grade Choir and Orchestra Concert on Tuesday 12/03
- 4th Grade Kindness Retreat on Friday 12/06
- Optimist Awards on Friday 12/20 (See picture below!)



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

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Important Information

Upcoming Important Dates

- No School on Monday, January 20
- No School on Tuesday, January 21, Staff Professional Day

Alternative After School Plans

If you have any updates to your student's after school plan, ie getting picked up instead of the bus, please communicate this with the office by sending in a note in the morning. This helps ensure that teachers receive the message. If there are unexpected changes, all communication must be done through the office by calling (608) 835-4191. Teachers may not have an opportunity to check email throughout their busy day and this helps up make sure the message gets to students.

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.



More Important Information

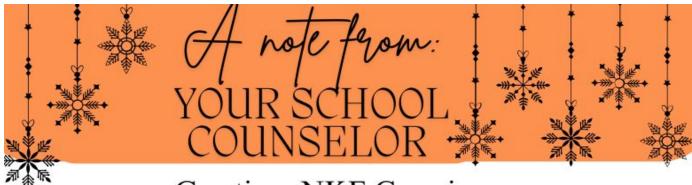
Head Lice Information

Around this time of year we receive questions about head lice. In accordance with the most recent heath guidance from the <u>American</u> <u>Academy of Pediatrics</u>, the <u>OSD Head Lice Policy</u>, 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
- <u>CDC Information</u>

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.



Greetings NKE Caregivers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the new year!

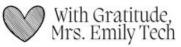
As we begin this month, our counseling lessons will focus on managing big feelings such as anger, frustration, and disappointment. We believe it is crucial for our students to not only excel academically but also develop emotional intelligence. This includes:

> Recognizing and identifying emotions Setting and achieving positive goals Feeling and showing empathy for others Establishing and maintaining positive relationships Making responsible decisions

A celebration in December- Our fourth graders had a successful kindness retreat in which helped to strengthen friendships and community spirit.

While this time of year can be filled with excitement, we also understand it can bring stress for students and families alike. If there's any way I can support you or your student(s), please don't hesitate to reach out.

As we set our sights on the new year, it's a perfect opportunity to reflect on our achievements and set new goals. Encourage your child to think about what they want to accomplish this year, both academically and personally. Setting small, achievable goals can lead to great successes!





NKE Rotations Updates

Music

- All music students will be working on TIMBRE (different instrument sounds) with the Instrument Wall, listening for classroom instruments and identifying them by sound only.
- In music class, 3rd and 4th graders are continuing to compose and play their own music (using treble clef staff and keyboard instruments, some adding chords!) They have also been singing rounds and canons (Ask to hear Ram Sam Sam or Black Socks)
- 2nd graders will be exploring Peter and the Wolf and reviewing DYNAMICS and TEMPO. Ask to hear the Wolf Game song!
- 1st graders and Kindergarteners are singing, moving, playing and listening for TEMPO (speed) and DYNAMICS (volume). Ask to hear the Grizzly Bear song!
- Kinder is also prepping for the Kindergarten Winter Sing!

World Language

- Kindergarteners are continuing to grow stronger in sharing their interests in Spanish. We are exploring how other children play around the world.
- In 1st grade, we are learning about all kinds of pets - in Spanish and American Sign Language too!
- 2nd and 4th graders are learning about the parts of the body and some healthy habits!
- 3rd graders are learning how to talk about themselves. Soon we will share different personality traits





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- 4th Grade will be working on weaving and braiding then moving onto abstract art.
- 3rd Grade will be finishing up **Optical Illusions and starting clay** building.
- 2nd Grade will be learning and practicing value shading with oil pastels.
- 1st Grade will be finishing up Starry Night City and moving onto perspective aerial view.
- Kinder will be learning how to fold and cut geometric shapes to create snowflakes.



Physical Education

- January is here!! We are ready for some new activities.
- Kindergarten-4th Grade will be working on many different thinas!!
 - BOWLING!
 - Black Out Bowling
 - **Bingo Bowling**
 - **GLO-BOWLING!!**
 - Frisbee Throwing
 - **Target Practice**
 - Different **Disc/Frisbee** activities
 - **GYMNASTICS!!**



During Gymnastics, we will work on Tumbling, Balances, and Gymnastics





grades will start on January 22nd and go until February 10th

Gymnastics for all

- **Events**
- During this time, students will make **Gymnastics routines** that they can share with their class Towards the end of gymnastics we will also do a short Dance unit and
 - NINJA WARRIOR COURSE!!

participate in a

NKE Rotations Updates

Library/Technology

- The new year is here! Does your family set reading goals in the new year? Ms Timmins is going to try to read one new children's book each week of 2025!
- Remind your students to exchange their winter-break books for new selections!
- All students will start the new year learning about the research process: we ask questions, find sources, search for answers, and then share what we've learned.
- Talk to your child about your favorite sources of information – which websites, people, news organizations, and publishers do you trust most? How do you decide?



NKE's second book fair will be here soon! Please stop by the library during student-led conferences on February 11th and 13th to discover the new titles available from Scholastic!