

# Netherwood News

*February 2025*

Hello Netherwood Knoll Families,

## Celebrations from the past few weeks Include:

- Returning to school after Winter Holiday
- Successful completion of our winter Lock-Down Drill
- 3rd and 4th Grade Nature Club
- Kindergarten Sings in music class
- 1st - 4th Grade YANA Club at recess
- STAR Assessments (2nd- 4th Grade)
- Report Cards sent home

In the coming weeks we will welcome a new Health Assistant to Netherwood, as Health Assistant Julie Hagstrom is retiring after 28 years. Thank you for your patience as the new staff learns the Health Office "ropes". :)

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



# Important Information

## Upcoming Important Dates

- February 11 - Parent/Guardian Conferences 3:00-7:00 PM
- February 13 - Parent/Guardian Conferences 3:00-7:00 PM
- February 17 - No School, Staff Professional Development

## 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 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](#)

## **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.



# A note from: YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR




*Greetings NKE Caregivers,*

This month, our lessons will focus on managing hurt, anxious, or strong feelings. We are also excited to begin our child safety unit. The first lesson will be "Ways to Stay Safe." An informational sheet will be sent home in mid-February, prior to the start of these lessons. The lessons will cover the following topics: Ways to Stay Safe, The Always Ask First Rule (March), Safe and Unsafe Touches (March), The Touching Rule (April), Practicing Staying Safe (April) and Reviewing Safety Skills (May) Please keep an eye out for the informational sheet, as it will provide you with more details and guidance.

I am thrilled to share that YANA (You Are Not Alone) has had a wonderful turnout! The students are excited about their upcoming meetings and the connections they are making with me and their peers. It is heartwarming to see our school come together to play, socialize, and be in each other's company

February is Black History Month, a time to celebrate the achievements of African Americans and their central role in U.S. history. This month of observance has inspired communities nationwide to host local celebrations, lectures, and performances. We encourage you to engage in discussions about this important history with your children.

Please reach out with any concerns, I appreciate all of the support and collaboration to support our students.



Show love through  
acts of kindness  
this Valentine's Day



6 more weeks  
of winter?

**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**



With Gratitude,  
Mrs. Emily Tech



# OREGON PTO NEWSLETTER

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

February 2025

## 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:

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

**Great Dane Fitchburg** from  
4 pm – 10 pm on March 12, 2025

**Seven Acre Dairy Company** from  
4 pm – 9 pm on April 9, 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:

**Fosdal's Donut Delivery** on February 22. Visit our website ([www.oregonpto.org](http://www.oregonpto.org)) for the links to order donuts and to volunteer to help with this fundraiser.

**PTO Fun Run** on May 31. Please consider volunteering **and** running or walking! Contact Kelly at [OregonPTOFunRun@oregonpto.org](mailto:OregonPTOFunRun@oregonpto.org) to volunteer or with any questions.

## 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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**BRIDGING**  
*Brighter Smiles*

Let's Celebrate.....

# NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

## TIPS FOR PREVENTION



### BRUSHING

Brushing your teeth twice daily is the best way to take care of your teeth.



### FLOSSING

Floss inbetween all your teeth at least once a day



### EAT A BALANCED DIET

Avoid sugars, soda and juice



### PREVENTATIVE CARE

See your dental provider every 6 months for a check-up

## RECEIVE PREVENTATIVE CARE WITH BRIDGING BRIGHTER SMILES RIGHT AT SCHOOL

- Teeth Cleaning
- Oral Health Education
- Silver Diamine Fluoride
- Referral Assistance
- Oral Screening
- Dental Sealants
- Fluoride Varnish
- Sealant Retention Check

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NOW**



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★ BRIDGING BRIGHTER  
SMILES IS COMING TO  
*Netherwood Knoll*

*Elementary*

♥ *February 21* ♥



♥ We offer preventative dental services at school,  
during the school day.

Teeth  
Cleaning

Oral  
Screening

Oral  
Health  
Education

Dental  
Sealants

Silver  
Diamine  
Fluoride

Fluoride  
Varnish

Referral  
Assistance

Sealant  
Retention  
Check

♥ **ENROLL NOW** ♥

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WITHOUT BADGERCARE

NO COST FOR STUDENTS  
WITH BADGERCARE



BRIDGING  
Brighter Smiles

FOR QUESTIONS CALL 262-896-9891

# NKE Rotations Updates

## **Music**

- After their Winter Sing concerts, Kindergarteners will be exploring melodic contour and dynamic contrast.
- 1st graders will be recognizing vocabulary about tempo and dynamics with Saint-Saens' Carnival of the Animals.
- 2nd graders will be working on making soundscapes by adding instrument sounds to stories.
- In 3rd and 4th graders are finishing up the piano keyboarding unit and will be doing some folk dancing.



## **World Language**

- Kindergarteners are starting to learn about family members and pets in Spanish. We will be sharing if our family is big or small.
- In 1st grade, we are learning about the different places in our school and connecting to activities we do there.
- 2nd and 4th graders are learning about body parts and healthy activities!
- 3rd graders are learning about family and pets that they have or want.





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## Art

- **At the end of January and into February students will be starting the Ceramics unit.**
  - 4th will be using slab, coil, scratch/attach methods to build a vessel.
  - 3rd will be using slab, scratch/attach methods to create a tile.
  - 2nd will use the coil method to create a heart.
  - 1st will use the pinch pot, scratch/attach methods to create a mouse.
  - Kinder will use texture to create a pendant and a pinch pot.



## Physical Education

- End of January and beginning of February we will be participating in Gymnastics and Tumbling!
  - All grades will be focusing on safety, balances, rolls
  - 3rd and 4th graders will perform gymnastics routines for their class
  - 1st and 2nd graders will be learning what a routine is and stringing moves together
  - The big focus for gymnastics is Safety! We will focus on keeping our head/neck safe and landing on our feet



- We will also be participating in NINJA WARRIOR Courses including;
  - Climbing Ropes
  - Cargo Net
  - Rock Wall Climbing
  - Lava Rock Jumping
- Scooters!! - We will be doing some different scooter games after gymnastics



- Some activities we do!
  - Mario Kart!
  - Spiderman Tag
  - Relay Races
- Hockey is at the end of February!
  - We will be doing activities that help our stick handling, passing, and shooting at the goals!



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## Library/Technology

**4th Grade:** Fourth graders have been learning about how to cite their sources; there are a lot of details to include when sharing where you found your facts. In February, we will learn about the difference between primary and secondary sources and practice using Google Docs.

**3rd Grade:** Third graders have been comparing and contrasting sources of information, and continuing to practice typing skills. In February, they will learn how to design and create using 3D pens, and learn about the ALA children's book awards.

**2nd Grade:** In February, second graders will learn about algorithms and coding using Dash Robots. We will review how to use PebbleGo for research and discover more book series in the Fiction Favorites section.

**1st Grade:** First graders will take a closer look at Stacy McAnulty's nonfiction books. They are learning about algorithms and coding, and learning how to control Ozobot robots.

**Kindergarten:** Kindergartners have explored computer language on Kodable and learned habits readers use to choose new books. In February, they will learn more about staying safe online and take a closer look at nonfiction text features.

– Mrs. Timmins



**Come experience the fair during  
Caregiver Conferences.**

**February 11th and 13th**  
**Every purchase benefits our  
school.**