

Netherwood News

April 2025

Hello Netherwood Knoll Families! Welcome to April!

Highlights from March include:

- OSD attended the Math AL Conference at Union South, with every participant earning a medal!!
- 4th Grade Students' collaborative art project with FORWARD Madison
- 2nd Grade Field Trip to Anderson Farm Park

Upcoming Spring FYIs:

- March 31 - April 4 - Spring Break
- April 8th - 17th - FORWARD Assessments in 3rd and 4th Grade
- April 22nd: 5K Field Trip to Anderson Farm Park
- April 25th: 4th Grade FT to OHS performance of The Lion King
- April 29th: All OSD Art Show at OHS 4:30-6:30 pm

Important Pool Circle Drop Off Reminder

If you use the pool circle drop off area in the morning to drop off your student, please remember that drop off times are 7:35AM to 7:50AM. If you enter the lot after 7:50AM, please circle around and drop off at the front of the building!

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

- No School-Spring Break, March 31 - April 4
- First Day Back to School After Spring Break, April 7
- No School-Professional Development Day, April 18
- NKE Choir/Orchestra Concert at NKE Big Gym, May 5, 6:30PM

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.

Lost and Found

Your Kids' Stuff Misses Them Too! Please stop in to NKE to look over the many items in our Lost and Found. **All items not claimed will be donated on the last day of school.**



More Important 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.

Summer Anxiety Group

The UW-Madison School Psychology Training Clinic (SPTC) is offering a four-week long evidence-based anxiety intervention program this summer. There is a group for children entering grades 2-4 and a group for children entering grades 5-8. Sessions will take place on UW's campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5pm or 5-6pm from June 17th - July 17th. The registration deadline is May 1st. Follow [this link](#) to learn more about the groups and register your child.

OSD Summer Semester

The Summer Semester general session for students in 4K - Grade 8 will run from July 7 through August 1. The first session is July 7-18 and the second session is July 21 - August 1. The goals of our summer program are to promote a love of learning, support continuous growth and to maintain connections with students. Courses will be offered in-person at Oregon High School.

Use your student's grade for the 2024-2025 school year when planning and registering for classes. Click below for more information-







Summer Semester Family Guide

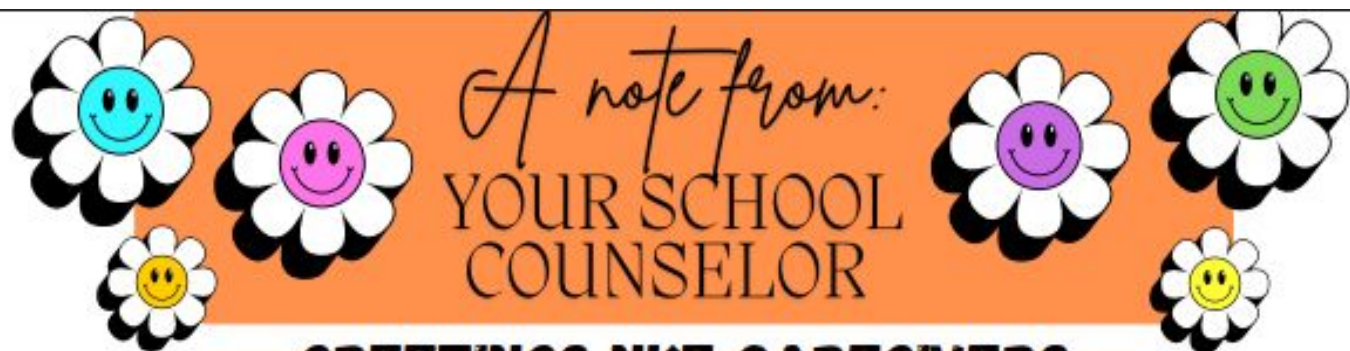
Summer Semester Timeline-

- February 21: Course offerings available to browse
- April 8, 6:00 pm: Summer class registration begins
- May 7: Summer class registration ends
- May 19, 6:00 pm: Swim class registration begins (in-district families)
- May 21, 6:00 pm: Swim class registration begins (out-of-district families)

MATH CONNECTIONS

newsletter

This Month's Focus:	THE POWER OF THINKING TASKS - PART 2		
What is it?	Thinking Tasks are exactly what they sound like - Tasks that get mathematicians THINKING! 😊		
Why is it important?	Learners begin to recognize that all math problems can be solved in multiple ways and they learn the importance of making their thinking visible and verbal through the use of sketches, pictures, numbers, equations and verbal processing.		
Task to Try at Home Together	At The Fair - How many different rides can you go on if you have 10 minutes and 3 tickets (1 per ride)?		
	Roller Coaster		6 minutes
	Bumper Cars		5 minutes
	Ferris Wheel		2 minutes
	Teacups		4 minutes
	Swings		1 minute
	Merry-Go-Round		3 minutes
Source	★ Mathematics Tasks for the Thinking Classroom, Grades K-5 by Peter Liljedahl and Maegan Giroux		



GREETINGS NKE CAREGIVERS,

April lessons are a continuation of our unit on Child Protection and Personal Safety. An informational sheet was sent home on February 11th via Infinite Campus email.

The lessons will cover the following topics: The Touching Rule (April), Practicing Staying Safe (April) and Reviewing Safety Skills (May). A homelink is sent home after each lesson to help strengthen understanding and give an opportunity to have further discussions at home. These papers are not meant to be returned to school.

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

 With Gratitude,
Mrs. Emily Tech

DECLUTTER YOUR MIND WITH MINDFULNESS!

Body Scan: Sit with your child and take turns naming where you feel tension in your body. Then, focus on releasing that tension.

Breath Counting: Count to 5 with each inhale and exhale. If the mind wanders, gently bring it back to the count.

Gratitude Practice: End the day by naming three things that went well, helping to shift focus away from worry.



OREGON PTO NEWSLETTER

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

April 2025

Meetings: Join us in-person in the NKE Library or via Google Meet beginning at 6:30 pm on **April 16 & May 21**

Volunteers: We are recruiting volunteers for the 25-26 board and other roles. If you are interested, contact president@oregonpto.org

UPCOMING DINE OUTS:

Seven Acre Dairy Company from 4 pm - 9 pm on April 9, 2025

Culver's Oregon from 4 pm - 8 pm on May 12, 2025

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK:

The Oregon PTO will coordinate daily spoils at Netherwood Elementary, Prairie View Elementary, and Rome Corners Intermediate schools the week of May 5-9. Please consider signing up as a **volunteer** (sign up forthcoming) or making a **monetary donation** to help cover the costs of these daily spoils. Checks can be sent to your school's office or you can Venmo or PayPal us @oregonpto.

SAVE THE DATE:

Oregon Community Fun Run on May 31. The Oregon PTO will be partnering with the Brooklyn PTO and the Forest Edge PTO to make this a community wide event. Please consider volunteering **and** running or walking! Visit our website to register and learn more:

<https://www.oregonpto.org/community-fun-run-2025/>

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST:

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

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

CONNECT WITH US:

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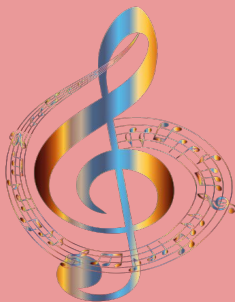
Instagram: oregonpto

President: Laura Reese (president@oregonpto.org)

NKE Rotations Updates

Music

- Kindergarteners are doing lots of bunny songs and working on singing independently
- 1st graders are creating DMSL songs and playing them on barred instruments
- 2nd graders are learning songs about the Earth.
- 3rd graders are learning about instrument families and finishing up our dance unit.
- 4th graders are reviewing instrument families and creating Rondo form pieces.
- 3rd and 4th graders will also be playing ukuleles soon!



World Language

- Kindergartners are learning to share what foods they like! In particular, ingredients in tacos!
- 1st graders are learning about zoo animals and their habitats!
- 2nd and 4th graders are focusing on clothing and what to wear in different climates.
- 3rd graders are learning about different rooms in a home!



NKE Rotations Updates

Art

- 4th Grade will be finishing up abstract art and using acrylic paint to add realistic colors to their clay pies and cakes.
- 3rd Grade will be learning how to create collagraph prints.
- 2nd Grade will be learning how to color mix using the color wheel.
- 1st Grade will be learning how to glaze clay and create observational drawings.
- Kinder will be learning how lines create shapes using the Alphabet.



Physical Education

- In April, students in Physical Education will be working on; Invasion Games, Football Skills, Fitness Stations, and Soccer Skills
- Invasion Games include
 - Steal the Bacon
 - Capture the Flag
 - Different Tag and Capture activities.
- Football Skills
 - K-2nd Grade students will work on throwing a football at targets and catching from a standing partner
 - 3rd-4th Graders will work on football skills and different positions
- Fitness Stations

NKE Rotations Updates

Library/Technology

The Big Cheese by Jory John and Pete Oswald won the 2025 Golden Archer Award! NKE/s winner was ***Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider***.

Third and fourth grade students will continue to explore the research process, with a focus on selecting sources, during library time. We will also design 3D printing projects with Mr. Ryan's instruction and support.

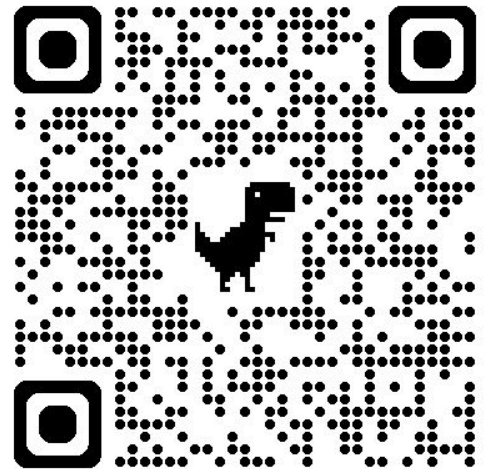
2nd Graders will learn basic functions in Google Docs and program Dash robots in the library. We will compare and contrast text features in PebbleGo and traditional nonfiction.

1st Graders will use PebbleGo to create slides in Seesaw. We will explore Early Reader and Fiction Favorite series and review strategies for finding good-fit books.

Kindergarten: Kindergartners will read examples of expository nonfiction and practice using Seesaw to share facts they learn. We will also practice coding with Code-and-Go Mice.

– Mrs. Timmins

Do you have an Oregon Public Library Card? Take a look at the free audiobooks available to download here:



**HOP INTO SPRING WITH
A HEALTHY SMILE!**

BRIDGING BRIGHTER SMILES
is coming to
**NETHERWOOD KNOLL
ELEMENTARY**



APRIL 8

**NO COST FOR
STUDENTS
WITH
BADGERCARE**

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STUDENTS
WITHOUT
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| Silver Diamine
Fluoride * | Oral Health
Education |
| Sealant Check * | Fluoride Varnish
Retention |
| Teeth Cleaning * | Referral Assistance |

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Bridgingbrightersmiles.org/forms

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