

Netherwood News

February 2026

Hello Netherwood Knoll Families,

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

January 2026 Celebrations:

- 4th Grade Character / Kindness Event
- All School Assembly, including a performance from the 4th grade Choir
- Successful completion of our Hold and Lock Down, Safety Drills

Reminders:

- Kindergarten Winter Sing performances
- Swim begins! Students should bring a swimsuit to leave at the pool for the duration of the swim unit. The pool will wash suits each week.

Upcoming Events:

- Mid February: 2nd Grade Field Trip to Olbrich Gardens
- Orchestra Recital, NKE Big Gym at 6:30 PM on March 3, 2026
- No School, Spring Break, March 30-April 3, 2026

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

Lindsay Eimerman

Lisa Lucas

Emily Tech

Kelsey Antoniewicz

NKE Principal

Administrative Intern

School Counselor

School Psychologist



Important Information

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).



Reporting an Absence

Please call the attendance line at 835-4100 if your child is going to be absent from school. It is fine to inform your child's teacher of an absence but you must call the attendance line to report the absence. If your child is sick, please leave a voicemail with your child's symptoms. An absence due to a medical appointment (doctor, dentist, orthodontist) will be excused with a medical excuse. Medical excuses can be emailed to jks@oregonsd.net or faxed to 608-835-7827

Guest Bus Riders (Riding a bus student is not assigned to ride)

In order for a student to be a guest rider on a bus, that student has to have an official "Bus Pass" that they receive from the main office of their school. In order for a student to ride a bus that they are not assigned to ride, their parent/guardian must contact the school and confirm that they are giving permission for their student to ride home on a particular bus. If the parent sends a note with the student to school giving permission, that student will have to give the note to the main office who will in turn contact the parent and confirm that they have given permission. Once that confirmation happens, the main office will fill out a "Bus Pass" slip and give it to the student. The student will give that pass to the driver of the bus. Any student that does not have an office bus pass from the office will not be permitted to ride the bus.

A note from:

**YOUR SCHOOL
COUNSELOR**

Greetings NKE Caregivers,

We are continuing our child safety unit. February's lessons will continue with Safe and Unsafe Touches and the No Touching Rule. An informational sheet was sent home early January via email.

The 4th grade students participated in Character retreat where they were invited to come together in community and shared experience. The retreat was led by our Student Services team, NKE staff, and 19 high school student volunteers.

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.

FEBRUARY'S HABIT OF CHARACTER:



INTEGRITY

Acting honestly even
when it's hard and no
one is watching



 With Gratitude,
Mrs. Emily Tech

NKE Rotation Updates

Art

- 4th grade will be creating a ceramic vessel using a variety of clay building techniques.
- 3rd grade will be creating a personalized ceramic tile using clay building techniques.
- 2nd grade will be learning how to create texture by using repetitive lines.
- 1st grade will be using the clay pinch pot technique to create an animal.
- Kinder will be learning pinch pot method and creating texture with clay.

Physical Education

- In February we will be participating in our swimming unit!! 1st-4th Grade students will get to swim during the swim unit.
- We will be working on different things including
 - Water Safety
 - Basic Swim Strokes
 - Getting in and out of the pool safely
 - Floating on our back
 - Playing games and water activities
 - Submerging face and head in the water
 - Locker Room Safety and Rules
- Kindergarten students will stay in the gym and participate in different spatial awareness and movement activities.
- We will focus a lot on sportsmanship and moving safely around the gym space.



NKE Rotation Updates

Music

- In Kindergarten, music students have been preparing for their Winter Sing Concerts!
- In 1st grade, students will be continuing to work on their aural skills of being able to recognize timbre of instruments with activities like the '*Instrument Wall*'.
- In 2nd grade, music students will be working on creating sound effect stories with short fairy tales.
- In 3rd and 4th grade, music students will be finishing up their piano keyboarding unit and singing rounds/canons.



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, soon we'll be 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 personality traits to share about themselves and others.



NKE Rotation Updates

Library/Technology

Thanks to everyone who took great care of their library books over the winter break! Check in with your students – what are they borrowing from the library now?

Here is what we have been doing in the library in January:

- Kindergarten has been reading books about how animals adapt in winter, finishing their introduction to Code-and-Go Mice, and thinking about what Media is and how we use it.
- First grade has been learning about fairy tales and folk tales while comparing and contrasting versions of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*.
- Second grade has been reading about changes in dinosaur science over time, and getting ready to record a video about the Bone Wars.
- Third grade started coding Dash robots and began to evaluate this year's Primary Level Golden Archer nominees.
- Fourth grade read narrative nonfiction by Jason Chin, talked about reliable sources of information, and explored Britannica School online.

The most circulated books in January were *Cute Animals that Could Kill You Dead* (nonfiction), *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: No Brainer* (fiction), *The Island Before No* (picture book), and *Sisters* (graphic novel).



Visit the Oregon Public Library! In addition to the library's collection, you can also download ebooks and audiobooks for children!

[Oregon Public Library Children's Page](#)

[WPLC Online Kids' Collection](#)

OREGON PTO NEWSLETTER

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

FEBRUARY 2026

PTO MEETINGS:

Please join us on Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30 at Bodihow!

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 17th at the Oregon Public Library

FEBRUARY DINE OUT

Tuesday, Feb. 3rd:

Sugar River Pizza!

10% of sales, 11:00a – 9:00p

Dine in or carry out!

DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME

The PTO runs fundraisers throughout the school year to provide financial support to Netherwood, Prairie View, and Rome Corners Intermediate.

You can donate at anytime for any reason! Checks can be sent to your school's office, you can **Venmo** at **oregonwipto** or use **PayPal** (**oregonpto**).

WE NEED AND APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

SAVE THE DATES:

Wednesday, March 11th

Great Dane Fitchburg

(10% of sales, 4-10p)

Monday, April 13th

Culver's Oregon

(10% of sales, 4-8p)

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST:

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

Via Email: Vickie Roloff (secretary@oregonpto.org)

CONNECT WITH US:

Website: www.oregonpto.org

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President: Liane Rhodes (president@oregonpto.org)

Community Education and Recreation

THE OREGON GAMES

>>> Minute Madness Edition

Saturday, February 28th

When: 9:30-11:30am

Where: Rome Corners Intermediate School

What: Play short games with local organizations!

Who: All ages!

FREE!

Sponsored by
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WellnessCoalition



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?

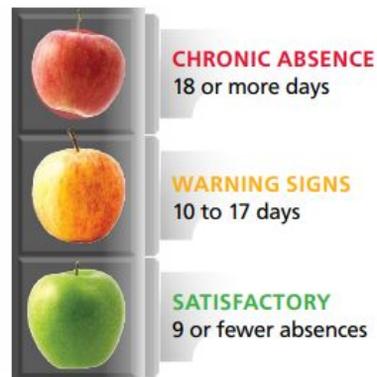
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being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

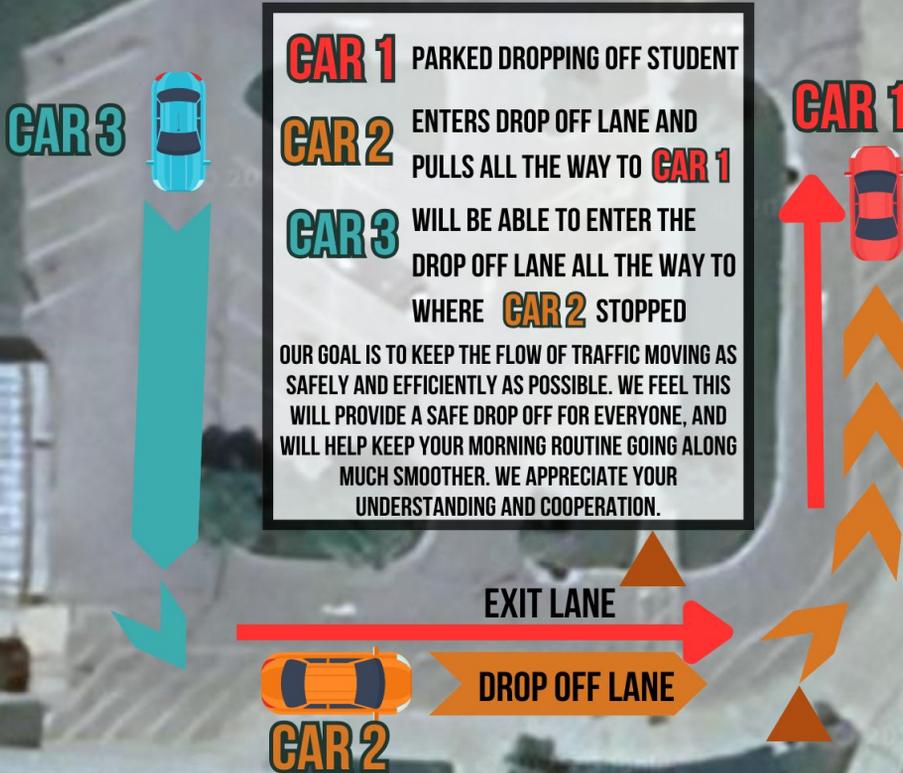
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school 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.

Morning Drop off Update



CAR 1 PARKED DROPPING OFF STUDENT

CAR 2 ENTERS DROP OFF LANE AND PULLS ALL THE WAY TO **CAR 1**

CAR 3 WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER THE DROP OFF LANE ALL THE WAY TO WHERE **CAR 2** STOPPED

OUR GOAL IS TO KEEP THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC MOVING AS SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE. WE FEEL THIS WILL PROVIDE A SAFE DROP OFF FOR EVERYONE, AND WILL HELP KEEP YOUR MORNING ROUTINE GOING ALONG MUCH SMOOTHER. WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION.

- ### NKE/PVE MORNING DROP OFF
- ALWAYS PULL UP TO NEAREST CAR IN FRONT OF YOU NO MATTER WHICH SCHOOL THE STUDENT ATTENDS.
 - **DO NOT EXIT YOUR VEHICLE IN DROP OFF LANE.** PLEASE USE A PARKING STALL IF YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE.
 - ALWAYS HAVE YOUR CHILD EXIT THE VEHICLE ON THE PASSENGER SIDE.
 - PLEASE ENTER THE DROP OFF LANE WITH A SLOW SPEED.
 - CHECK YOUR SURROUNDING BEFORE EXITING THE DROP OFF LANE.
 - USE LEFT LANE TO EXIT ONLY UNLESS GIVEN OTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
- ▲ DROP OFF STAFF**



AUTO 1 ESTACIONADO DEJANDO A UN ESTUDIANTE

AUTO 2 ENTRA EN EL CARRIL DE DESCENSO Y AVANZA HASTA EL FINAL. **AUTO 1**

AUTO 3 PODRÁ INGRESAR AL CARRIL DE DESCENSO HASTA DONDE SE DETUVO. **AUTO 2**

NUESTRO OBJETIVO ES MANTENER EL FLUJO DE TRÁFICO DE LA MANERA MÁS SEGURA Y EFICIENTE POSIBLE. CREEMOS QUE ESTO PROPORCIONARÁ UNA DEJADA SEGURA PARA TODOS Y AYUDARÁ A QUE SU RUTINA MATUTINA SEA MUCHO MÁS FLUIDA. AGRADECEMOS SU COMPRENSIÓN Y COOPERACIÓN.

- ### ENTREGA MATUTINA DE NKE/PVE
- SIEMPRE DETENGASE AL AUTOMÓVIL MÁS CERCANO FRENTE A USTED, SIN IMPORTAR A QUÉ ESCUELA ASISTA EL ESTUDIANTE.
 - **NO BAJE DE SU VEHÍCULO EN EL CARRIL DE DEJADA.** POR FAVOR, USE UN LUGAR DE ESTACIONAMIENTO SI NECESITA SALIR DE SU VEHÍCULO.
 - SIEMPRE HAGA QUE SU HIJO SALGA DEL VEHÍCULO POR EL LADO DEL PASAJERO.
 - POR FAVOR, ENTRE AL CARRIL DE DEJADA A VELOCIDAD LENTA.
 - REVISE SU ENTORNO ANTES DE SALIR DEL CARRIL DE DEJADA.
 - USE EL CARRIL IZQUIERDO PARA SALIR, SOLAMENTE MENOS QUE LE DEN OTRAS INSTRUCCIONES.
- ▲ PERSONAL DE DEJADA**