

# Netherwood News

*May 2026*

**Hello Netherwood Knoll Families,**

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

## **Reminders for May and June:**

- No School on May 25, Memorial Day
- June 1st: 1st Grade Field Trip to the Madison zoo
- June 5th: 3rd and 4th grade Field Trips to local community parks
- June 9th: Picnic and Game Day, (Rain Date: 6/10)
- June 11th: Last Day of School

As a reminder, pets and other animals should not be brought to school during student drop-off and pick-up times. While we know many families enjoy including pets in daily routines, the presence of animals can create safety concerns and may impact students or staff with allergies, fears, or sensitivities.

Per Oregon School District Board Policy 722, animals that are not approved under district policy are not allowed on school property during the school day while students and staff are present, including outdoor areas used for arrival and dismissal. Service animals are the exception as allowed by law.

We appreciate your partnership in helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all students, staff, and families.

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Emily Tech

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NKE Principal

Administrative Intern

School Counselor

School Psychologist



# Important Information

## NKE Student Art Recognition

In support of our NKE Forward Madison and Rally Madison Flag Contest winners Maddy Klein and Graham Schnelle, please join us at the recognition game on Saturday, May 16th at 5 pm at Breese Stevens Field. Maddy will also be recognized at the Rally Madison game on Saturday, May 23 at 6pm at Breese Stevens Field. Prior to the game starting winners will walk on the field with their flag designs!



## Lost and Found

**Your Kids' Stuff Misses Them Too!** Please stop into 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 which is June 11th.**

## Guest Bus Riders

(Riding a bus the student is NOT assigned to)

**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.** A parent/guardian must contact the school and confirm that they are giving permission for their student to ride home on a specific bus. Notes must bring their note to the main office, who will in turn contact the parent and confirm that they have given permission. Then, the main office will fill out a "Bus Pass" slip. **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.**



## Greetings NKE Caregivers,

In April, we were able to finish our K-2 well being check-ins and 3rd and 4th grade completed the Panorama surveys. It was a great way to check in with students.

Our May focus will be careers and citizenship. We will be exploring and introducing careers and how to be good citizens in our communities.

What is citizenship?  
Being an active and responsible member of the community.

**CITIZENSHIP - Habit of Character**

SEL LEARNING TARGET

"I can show **CITIZENSHIP** by being a good role model, demonstrating positive behavior, and encouraging others to do the same."

I can tell you what I'm learning.  
I can tell you why I'm learning it.

"I'm learning about citizenship."



Mrs. Tech will be returning from maternity leave at the end of the month. For now, please reach out to Ms. Maria Guerrero at [mggonzalez@oregonsd.net](mailto:mggonzalez@oregonsd.net) with any comments or concerns.

# NKE Rotation Updates

## Art

- As a thank you to 3rd/4th grade students who participated in the Madison Forward Soccer contest, all students will receive one free admission. Check your classroom teacher newsletter.
- 4th grade will be painting ceramic desserts with realistic colors and starting paper mache.
- 3rd grade will be learning Origami, art of folding paper.
- 2nd grade will be learning advanced symmetry with mixed media.
- 1st grade will be studying composition, overlapping and facial expression drawing.
- Kinder will be learning how lines create letters and organic shapes.

## Physical Education

In May, we will be participating in many different activities including, baseball skills, invasion games, hockey skills, outdoor activities and the BIKE RODEO

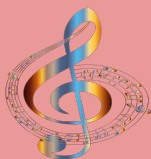
- **Baseball Skills** - Students will be able to practice hitting balls, fielding, and partner activities
- **Invasion Games** - Students will learn to play offense and defense and do activities such as capture the flag and steal the bacon
- **Hockey Skills** - Students will learn the fundamental hockey skills, and do different drills and small sided games
- **The BIKE RODEO** is an awesome activity that 2nd 3rd and 4th graders participate in where they practice and learn bike safety and riding skills



# NKE Rotation Updates

## Music

- In all grades, we will be reviewing grade-level concepts from throughout the year in rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, melody and harmony.
- Kindergarten will be doing some farm songs, ocean songs, and family songs.
- 1st grade will be doing some songs about birds to coordinate with their EL learning all year.
- 2nd grade will continue working on melody and harmony, adding instrumental accompaniment to songs they sing.
- 3rd and 4th grade will be doing some folk dancing, reviewing note names and playing review games.
- 4th grade will be creating personal playlists that explore mood in music through the Zones of Regulation.



## World Language

- Kindergarteners are wrapping up our unit on tacos and will soon begin learning about different farm animals.
- 1st graders are finishing up learning about zoo animals and next will be exploring different places in a community.
- 2nd and 4th graders are focusing on weather and clothing and making connections to different places around the world.
- 3rd graders are learning about different places in a home and the community.



# NKE Rotation Updates

## Library/Technology

Only four more weeks of borrowing books left in the year!

Here are a few of the lessons we completed in the library in April:

- Fourth grade started a mini-research project on the countries of the world.
- Third grade learned about copyright, Creative Commons licensing, and how to format images and text in Google Drawing.
- Second grade completed the early levels of [Code.org](https://code.org)'s CS Express course and started building cubes with 3Doodler 3D pens.
- First grade did lessons on code sequences using the Kodable app and prepared to build bubble wands using 3Doodler 3D pens.
- Kindergarten started coding sequences on Kodable and is now learning how to use the camera in Seesaw to share information with others.

All grade levels read picture books to celebrate Arab American Heritage Month, National Poetry Month, and the Habit of Character: Compassion.

The most circulated books in April were *Butt or Face?* (nonfiction), *Odder* (fiction), *Bubbly Beautiful Kitty-Corn* (picture book), and *Kristy and the Walking Disaster* (graphic novel).



Thank you all so much for your generous support at the Book Fair! We were able to buy more than \$2500 in new books for teachers' classrooms because of you!

# OREGON PTO NEWSLETTER

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

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## PTO PULSE

Last PTO meeting (for elections and voting!):  
Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30 @ Kiser Park Shelter (245 Brook St)

### **BOARD POSITIONS OPEN!!**

**\*Vice President and Treasurer\***

**Please reach out if interested! The PTO cannot operate without these positions filled!**

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!**

## MAY DINE OUTS

*Pours for a Purpose Fundraiser:*

Lazy Squirrel in Paoli (25%)

Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 5:00-8:00pm

Papa Murphy's 5/13 10-8p

20% of sales; order online & use code "GIVE20"

## SAVE THE DATES:

*Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week:*

May 4th-8th

**5 days of spoils!**

**Donations needed to make this happen!**

**Oregon Community FUN RUN!!**

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00

**Check your email for more details and to register!**

## **JOIN OUR MAILING LIST:**

**Via the Web:** [www.oregonpto.org/join-mailing-list](http://www.oregonpto.org/join-mailing-list)

**Via Email:** [Vickie Roloff \(secretary@oregonpto.org\)](mailto:Vickie.Roloff@oregonpto.org)

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