



NESTUCCA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Inspiring individual excellence, instilling diligence,
and initiating life-long learning.*

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March 3, 2022,

NESTUCCA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY,

The information I intend to share today will be met with relief for some and cause angst for others. Some of you will believe it has not happened soon enough, while others may choose to continue the practice. This has been the greatest challenge of the entire pandemic, creating a system where all feel safe and heard. Regardless of your stance on this announcement, I do believe this is a step towards our community emerging from the pandemic and moving forward with the intent to make the best situation possible for our students.

As you have all heard, the State of Oregon is lifting the indoor mask mandate for public places on March 12, 2022. Under this new direction, school districts now have the ability to examine local conditions, such as the vaccination rates of staff and students, community spread rate of COVID 19, and the state provided metric used to measure the risk of transmitting COVID 19. (See below)

Currently, our county is in the "Medium" risk zone. When our county resides in this zone, the recommendation is to make masking indoors optional. On Monday, March 14, 2022, all people coming into the Nestucca Valley School District facilities will have the **option** to mask or not mask. Students riding the school bus also have the **option** to mask or not mask. As we make this major transition, we ask that all staff, students, and families respect the personal choices that are made individually.

As a district, we stand ready to support those families that still wish to have their children mask while at school. We have been actively speaking with our students about how at this point, masking is a family choice and each family has different variables to consider. Multiple levels of mitigation strategies will continue to be in place as we move forward, even if mask wearing is not universal.

One important reminder is that the OAR 333-019-1015, mandating masking, is not being terminated. The rule still exists so in the event that rapid spread of COVID 19 begins again, the mask mandate would be reinstated. As a result of low COVID 19 numbers in our community, the district will also be allowing people wishing to volunteer to apply for a religious or medical exemption from the vaccine mandate. This OAR 333-019-1030 is still in full implementation, so if interested in seeking an exemption to volunteer, please contact the district office.

Announcements like this always bring questions to the forefront. That is why I am communicating today, so that next week questions can be addressed before March 14, 2022 arrives.

Our educators and families are ready to engage in school where we can see each other smile again and invite our community in for large events! One of the first invitations will be to our March 15th 5th-8th

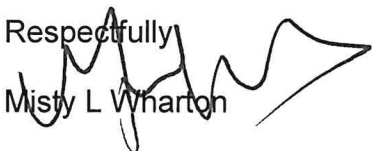
grade band concert. The concert will be held in our new gym. Also, be on the lookout for an invitation, in the month of April, for an Open House to our finished K8 facility.

Next week, we will release more information. If you have questions, please ask so that we can consider that in our communication next week. Submit questions to: questions@nestucca.k12.or.us or call (503) 392 3194.

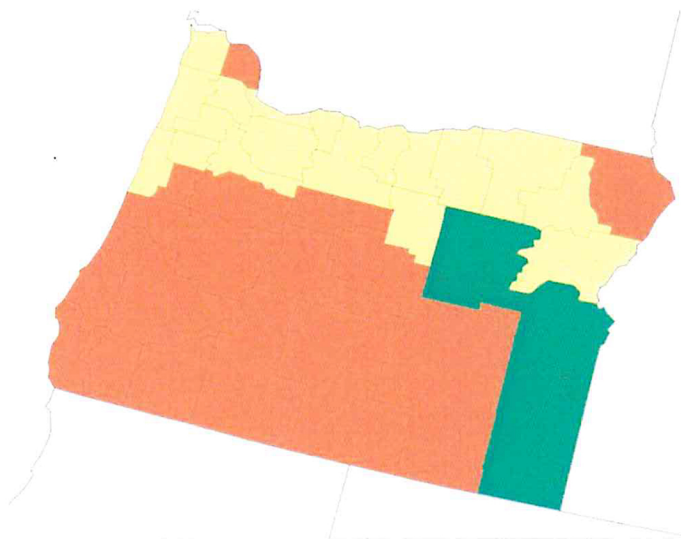
Have a wonderful weekend!

Respectfully

Misty L Wharton



Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines• Get tested if you have symptoms• No mask recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions• Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines• Get tested if you have symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wear a mask indoors in public• Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines• Get tested if you have symptoms• Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness



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Dear Nestucca Community,



We are Nestucca High School's Class of 2024. We are hosting a fun community event ... **Cinco de Mayo Family Bingo Night** held on

Saturday, May 7th, 5 to 7 p.m. We are coming to you to see if you would be willing to make a donation for either a door prize or a bingo/loteria reward for the winners. The profits will go to support our sophomore class, the Class of 2024.



The types of prizes we are looking for are gift cards or certificates, apparel (sweat shirts or t-shirts), packaged food or snacks, and board/card games. Some prizes will be included in baskets. Possible baskets we are looking to create would be for a Date Night, Outdoor (survival kit, fishing pole, tackle box, ax, gloves, fishing line, and boots), Game Night, Movie Night, and Cheese Basket and Mother's Day (Dia de las Madres). We would like there to be prizes for all ages.

Besides playing bingo/loteria, we will have many delicious foods to go along with the theme of the event. Families are invited to come, play and have fun together. We hope you can join us in the fun.

Sincerely,
Class of 2024!



5th-8th Grade Band Info from Ms. Stirling!

We have some fun and exciting events coming up for the 5th -8th Grade Bands!

Band Students in Grades 5-8 will present their **LIVE, IN-PERSON** Concert Tuesday March 15 @ 7:00 pm in the New Gym at the K-8 School.

The 5th grade beginning band will open our concert, followed by the beginning 6th Grade band. To finish, the 7th & 8th Grade band will perform.

I am very proud of the progress we have made this year. It truly is amazing to watch & hear the musical growth from a 5th grade beginner to an 8th grade accomplished player.

Here are some reminders:

Students please arrive by 6:40

7th & 8th Grade Band - Concert Black attire

5th & 6th Grade Band - Look your best!

And one of the best parts of our concert-treats made by Sandy Porter will be available after the concert!

Tuesday April 19, the 7th & 8th Grade Band will travel to Forest Grove High School to play in the District III MS Music Festival! (Times for the Festival TBD, depending on what time we are scheduled to play for the judges.)

Thursday May 19 the 6th Grade Band will travel to Astoria for the Developing band Festival. More information as we near the performance dates.

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Great Job NHS Speech Team!

Nestucca's back-in-action Speech Team had their first chance to compete in-person last weekend (as opposed to our previous online tournaments)! The McMinnville Invitational took place Feb 12th at McMinnville HS.

This tournament was postponed from two weeks earlier, as the host herself got Covid the week it was originally scheduled.

Lionel Brown, Alison Blair, Neri Tate Ramirez, Brooklynn Goodwin, and Kaitlyn Osias all performed well on their speeches. Most team members entered two events. Kaitlyn and Alison took 4th overall in duo interp, and Kaitlyn took 3rd overall in Poetry.

Competition was with all schools 1A to 6A, with several Portland schools there: to have placed is an incredible feat at such a large tournament.

Districts is next, on April 2nd!



Alison Blair & Kaitlyn Osias



Speech Team: (From left) Alison Blair (11), Brooklynn Goodwin (11), Kaitlyn Osias (12), Neri Tate (9), & Lionel Brown (11)



Kaitlyn Osias with her award!



HEY SENIORS! Need help with the FAFSA or ORSAA?

Check in with Mrs. Higdon if you have questions
or need help with the process, it can be a little intimidating!

Completing the FAFSA, which stands for **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**
(or in some cases the **ORSAA** which stands for **Oregon Student Aid Application**)

is the first step in securing **Financial aid** for your college tuition,
certificate program, or trade school.

It is worth your time in \$\$\$ for school next year

FIRST STEP: Create a Federal Student Aid ID at

<https://studentaid.gov>

Make sure you **DO NOT** use your school email since you will lose access
to that once you graduate.

Visit **OREGON GOES TO COLLEGE**
if you would like more info on how to apply.





Nestucca Valley
Early Learning Center

FEBRUARY 2022!

What We've Been Up To!

Lo Que Hemos Estado Haciendo!

From Teacher Ashlee: Food Roots came to visit the first week of February. Students listened to a book about what plants need to grow. As a class, they discussed what they learned from the book. After that, students got a chance to make bean buddies. The kids loved wearing their bean around their neck the rest of the day. The following week a student brought their bean buddy to school and we got to see how much it grew. As a class, we have been making our own classroom books. The week before Valentine's we talked about the people we love and why we love them. Then we made a classroom book, this time they drew someone they love. We started a book study the week of the 14th, we read "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus". We focused on the story elements as well as retelling the story. Each student made his or her own props from the story to help with the retell of the book.

De La Maestra Ashlee: El programa de raíces de comida nos visitó en la primera semana de Febrero. Los estudiantes escucharon un libro de lo que necesitan las plantas para crecer. como clase, discuten sobre lo que aprendieron del libro. Después, los estudiantes tuvieron la oportunidad de hacer un amiguito de frijol. A los niños les encantó traer a su amiguito de frijol colgado en el cuello el resto del día. La semana siguiente un estudiante trajo su amiguito de frijol a la escuela y nos tocó ver cuánto había crecido. como clase, hemos estado haciendo nuestros propios libros de la clase. La semana antes de

san valentín hablamos sobre las personas que queremos y porque las queremos. Después hicimos un libro de clase, esta vez dibujaron a alguien que aman. Empezamos un estudio de un libro la semana del 14, leímos el libro que se llama "No Dejes Que La Paloma Maneje El Bus". Nos enfocamos en los elementos de la historia, al igual que en volver a contar la historia. cada estudiante hizo sus propios accesorios de la historia para ayudar a contar la historia.

From Teacher Autum: February was a busy month in Teacher Autum's classroom. We worked on learning different techniques to manage our emotions. One of our favorite techniques is taking a big breath, and then blowing out our pretend birthday candles. We have been working on understanding empathy by connecting our own personal experiences with the experiences of others. Our favorite motto is "if it's not something we would want said/done to us, it is not something we should say/do to others." This month we also celebrated black culture, by reading picture books that show the joys and challenges that kids of all races, ethnicities, and cultures can relate to as they learn and grow. One of our favorites that created great discussion is "I am enough." By Grace Byers.

▶ Grace Byers Reads "I Am Enough" | Boo...

De La Maestra Autum: Febrero fue un mes ocupado en la clase de la maestra Autum. Trabajamos en diferentes técnicas para manejar nuestras emociones. Una de nuestras técnicas favoritas es respirar profundo, y "soplar las velas al pastel" al soltar el respiro profundo. Hemos estado trabajando en entender la empatía por medio de conectar nuestras propias experiencias personales con las experiencias de otros. Nuestra frase favorita es "Si no es algo que quieres que te digan o hagan, no es algo que deberías hacer o decir". Este mes también celebramos la cultura de los afroamericanos, lo hicimos con leer libros de fotos que enseñan las alegrías y retos con los que niños de todas las razas, etnicidades, y culturas se pueden relacionar al tiempo de aprender y crecer. Una de nuestras favoritas que

creo buena discusión es “Yo Soy Suficiente”. Por:
Grace Byers.

▀ Grace Byers Reads "I Am Enough" | Book...

en la vida de los niños y las familias de nuestra clase. Otra razón por la que me encanta mi trabajo es por las maravillosas personas con las que trabajo se han vuelto una segunda familia para mí

Staff Spotlight/Atencion al personal

Natasha Durgan



My family and I moved from Alaska in January of 2016. My husband and I have five children, three sons and two daughters. We also have one granddaughter; we enjoy spending as much time with her as we can. When I am not at work, I enjoy spending time on the beach and going on adventures with my husband and kids. I am an instructional assistant at Nestucca Valley Early Learning Center. I love my job because I enjoy being able to make a difference in the lives of the children in our classrooms and their families. Another reason I love my job is because the amazing people I work with have become a second family to me and my family.

Mi familia y yo nos mudamos de Alaska en el 2016. Mi esposo y yo tenemos 5 hijos, 3 niños y 2 niñas. también tenemos una nieta; nos gusta pasar el tiempo con ella cuando podemos. Cuando no estoy trabajando, disfruto pasando tiempo en la playa o descubriendo aventuras con mi esposo y mis hijos. Soy asistente instruccional en el Centro De Aprendizaje Temprano del valle de Nestucca. Me encanta mi trabajo porque disfruto de hacer una diferencia



*Happy
St. Patrick's
Day*

**From Your
Cloverdale
Nestucca
Valley
Lions**

