

**April 2025**

**DATES TO REMEMBER THIS QUARTER**

**Events:**

* Last Day of School: June 10, 2025

**School Board Meeting:**

* Monday, June 23, 2025

**Back To School Dates**

* August 20, 2025 - Back to School BBQ 5:30 pm
* September 2, 2025 - First Day of School- Pre- Kinder

**Elementary**

Elementary Wing Newsletter addition for March 2024

Students participated in an assembly honoring past presidents. The elementary class practiced patriotic songs during class time with Mrs. Montes, learning when they were written. The children performed the songs with excitement for the assembly.

Our students were so excited to take part in the Presidents Bowl this year. The students in the middle school chose the presidential facts for the first through fourth grade students to study. The students enjoyed quizzing each other during class time.

 One student from each of the first, second, third and fourth grade was chosen for each of two teams during the assembly.  The two teams competed to be the first to answer the questions during the President’s Bowl at the assembly. Our classes were very supportive of the teams. All classes enjoyed the event.

The WIDA testing sessions have started for all elementary and middle school. Students third grade and up are using the practice tests to prepare for the SBAC which will take place later this Spring.

**Counselors Corner: Mrs. Desirae Bear Eagle, MSW**

Hello, ?ehé, waỳ xast sxlxẛalt,

This school year has been a focus on personal character traits, and learning how to apply the lessons they learn in Social Emotional Learning classes to their daily routine. Here is a list of resources that are available to your students:

We have our Clothing Closet- This is open to all students and families. We have bins that include all types of clothes (pants, pj’s, cut offs, dresses, tops, sweaters, shoes and some household items curtains). If you as a parent need to come and look for some clothing, please contact me and I would be happy to show you what we have and allow you time to shop. This is always open, and we hope to have summer hours to assist with school clothes.

We have our online or text supports for students who are experiencing anxiety, depression, feeling down, or just needing someone to talk to outside of school hours. We can text: NATIVE to 94449 for health and wellness tips. Text: 2SLGBTQ to 9449 or ALLY to 94449. Colville Tribal Behavioral Health 634-2610 or Okanogan Behavioral Health 509-826-6191 or 24hr Crisis Line 1-800-852-2923 or call 988.

Here are some help with Drug and Alcohol & Tobacco call 1800-662-HELP (National Institute on Drug Abuse for Teens or Text DITCHVAPE to 88709 for help with smoking, vaping, and opiods. We also have teens and dating call or text or chat 24/7 1-844-7NATIVE to Strong Hearts Native Helpline, Love is Respect call 24/7 1-866-331-9474.

I also wanted to remind you of our new tip line. The tip line is located on our Nespelem School webpage, you will look for a picture (as seen in this letter titled Stop Bullying). This tip line allows you to use your name or remain anonymous about any type of bullying or threat to the safety of the school or student(s). You just need to click on the red button that reads “stop bullying”.

 

**We’re a community and let’s remind each other its ok to ask for help when we need it**.

Please continue to stay healthy and safe, and if you’re in need of any resources please reach out.

Thank you, Qe ‘ci’yew’yew, nínwiʔs łwikn̓tsn,

Desirae Bear Eagle, MSW Nespelem  School Counselor dbeareagle@nsdeagles.org (509) 634-4541 ext 137

 **Middle School**

3rd Quarter Newsletter,

Nespelem Middle / High School Spring Quarter Newsletter

We have some exciting updates and announcements to share with you this month!  Our students are engaging in various educational activities and opportunities now and in the upcoming months that are helping them grow academically and socially.  Here is a look at what is happening:

**SBAC State Test Preparation**

Our students are diligently preparing for the upcoming SBAC state test.  The practice sessions are designed to help students navigate the test effectively and provide them with practice prompts.  We are collaborating with our students on these questions to ensure they are confident and successful.

**FBLA Club for 7th & 8th Grades**

We are thrilled to announce the invitation for our 7th and 8th grade students to join the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club!

This club will meet once a week for the rest of the year.  During these sessions, students will learn about the expectations and opportunities within FBLA, fostering leadership and business skills.

**7th Grade Hamilton Musical Trip**

In April, our 7th grade students will be attending the Hamilton Musical.  This field trip is part of their study of the American Revolution, providing a dynamic and engaging way to connect their learning to real-world experiences.

**8th Grade Presidential Knowledge Bowl**

The 8th grade is hosting our annual Presidential Knowledge!  This year, they’ve added an exciting twist with a costume contest.  Students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite presidents for the assembly, adding an element of fun and creativity to the event.

**Upcoming Field Trips for 9th grade and up**

Our High school students have two enriching field trips planned for this Spring.  One focuses on the Native Hemp Symposium, offering an in-depth look at sustainable practices and agriculture.  The second trip will explore various career opportunities taught at both Spokane Community and Spokane Falls Colleges, helping students envision their future pathways.

We are proud of the hard work and enthusiasm our students are showing in their learning journeys.  Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child’s education.  If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact us.

Best regards,

Lisa Vaughan

Leslie Moses

Debbie Bays

Cindy Fry

**Principal’s Points:**

Attendance Matters

Student attendance is a big piece in the building blocks for student learning. If students are not in attendance, they cannot engage in learning. Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) states that students who miss just 2 days per month for any reason, are less likely to read at grade level.

Nespelem School District makes contact with families daily to communicate about any unknown student absences. If the absences continue to occur, the school may invite the parent and student to a meeting to discuss the barriers that are preventing the student from attending school regularly. If absences continue, students are referred to the Community Engagement Board and then reported to the courts for truancy.

How can you help?

Plan appointments for outside of school hours, or on Fridays when possible. Call the office and communicate the reason for your student’s absence at (509) 634-4541. If your student is having issues at school, please reach out to your student’s teacher, the school counselor or the school administration to help resolve any concerns. If transportation is a concern, please reach out to us and we will work with you to solve your transportation needs.

Let’s work together to help your student achieve academic success.

Attendance Matters. Every student, every day!

**Superintendent:**

This Spring at Nespelem School District

Nespelem School District has many events taking place this spring.  Track will start very soon and continue through April.  After spring break at the beginning of April, Parent Teacher Conferences will take place.  Please watch for a note from your students’ homeroom teachers.   We will also have Native Week, as well as a Career Fair, here on campus during the month of April.  Multiple CCT Departments will send representatives in to meet with students and discuss internship opportunities.  In May, the High Schoolers will have the opportunity to attend Prom at Northern Quest, with several other schools.  The STEM Fair will also be held this spring in May and also the first High School Graduation in 56 years.  Finally, in June, Eighth Grade Promotion will be held in the gym the week before students are released for the summer.  Summer school will follow, through the end of June.  This summer, construction will begin on the new CTE Facility.  There are also several field trips planned for individual classes throughout the spring, which homeroom teachers will advertise. Enjoy the warmer weather!

Dr. Effie Dean

**Wanting To Help?? Here’s How You Can Help…**

We are looking for presenters to share information with students in our upcoming career fair.  Your expertise is very valuable in providing details that showcase your profession as students consider possible careers for their future.

We will have tables available for presenters to set up displays and share information. Students will stop by to visit with you and learn more about your career.

**Event Details:**

Nespelem School Career Fair

* Date: May 14th, 2024
* Location: Nespelem School Gymnasium
* Session 1: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (First Group)
* Session 2: 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (Second Group)

If you are interested in helping us with this event, please contact the school at (509) 634-4541.  We look forward to partnering with you to provide a meaningful and impactful event for Nespelem students.

Sincerely,
Debbie Bays (CTE Teacher)
Desirae Bear Eagle (Counselor)
Keta Cline (Assistant Principal)

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**Information from the Nurse:**

HEAD LICE UPDATE-

A nationwide shortage on NIX continues!  We will be sending home with every family a new remedy-vinegar!  We will send a bag with a spray bottle of half vinegar and half water, a shower cap and a nit comb.

1.  In shower wet hair and spray head with vinegar solution-it may sting eyes so be careful!

2.  Put shower cap on head and wait 10 minutes-

3.  Rinse hair -

4.  Shampoo hair-

5.  Use nit comb and comb out hair completely!

6.  Do this weekly-check scalp and discontinue if red.

This should help detach the lice from the hair-

Lice do not fly-they crawl so please continue to pull hair back!

Thanks for checking your child's hair weekly!

Wash coats/hats in hot water weekly!  We have about 100 coats in lost and found!

We are all in this together!

Robin and Siggy