



Go Wolves!

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Spring Break?

Newberg is bringing in the Spring with a little snow. It was a surprise for all of us, but it sure was beautiful!



BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE

CALENDAR:

Mar 26-30 Spring Break



Apr 3 Blue on 2 Day

Apr 4 Late Start

Apr 8 Easter

Apr 11 Site Council

Late Start

End of Qtr 3

Conferences 4-8pm

Apr 12 Conferences

11:30 to 3:30pm

No School

Apr 13 No School

Apr 16-20 Dornbecher Week

Apr 18 Late Start

Apr 19 PTO 6:30pm

Make the Difference!

PBR's for the month of MAR: Madison Hergert, Natalie Peterson, Midelyne Kassahn, Alex Evernden, Jaycie Simmons, Molli Hicks, Victor Lopez, Andrew Cartales, Natasha Reichenbach, Marcus Dufour, Zak Jauregui, Kelli Davis, Lauren Krebs, Brandon Takahashi, Kyle Homer, Montana Hess, Brooke Hansen, Katie Kisling, Michael Tarakhchyan, Dominik Guess, Eric Weiler, and David Terrill. Great job!!

Volunteer Opportunity

Thank you to Diana Takahashi and Amy Haney for taking the first couple of shifts running our after school student store. After seeing the number of students interested in after school goodies, we are still looking for more volunteers to assist with the store. It doesn't hurt to have two people each day.

If you are looking to volunteer for the school please contact Mary Reohr at reohrm@newberg.k12.or.us. We currently have other volunteer opportunities in our after school homework club, and in our classrooms.

Franco's Corner



Happy Friday to All of You and Happy Spring Break!

Sex Education

House Bill 2509 requires age-appropriate comprehensive sex education to be taught starting in the 6th grade. Mrs. Ceder and Mrs. Housgard wrapped up the one week 6th grade unit on sex education last Friday. The first week we get back from break, 8th grade students will participate in a one week Sex Education unit followed by a one week Health education unit. Mr. Brill will be teaching the units. As per the letters that were mailed out, parents may opt their students out of the Sex Education unit with a written letter or a phone call to our office. All 8th graders are expected to be a part of the Health unit.

8th grade-April 2-April 11th

7th grade-April 16-April 27th

Re-adjustment in Spring Parent Conferences

Last week in my Friday Folder I communicated our times for Spring Conferences. Unfortunately we will not have as much time to conference as originally expected. Our adjusted conference times will be:

April 11th: 4-8 PM in the Commons and the Gym

April 12th: 11:30-3:30 PM in the teacher classrooms

As previously communicated, we will send specific invitations to students with one or more F's for the 3rd quarter. We realize that this is a shortened time period for conferences. If you cannot make it during either of these times please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers directly, or contact the counseling office at 503-554-4607 to arrange a meeting.

It is hard to believe that we are already at Spring Break. Again, I want to thank all of you for your support to your students and to our school. We truly have a tremendous student body, and caring and supportive staff. On behalf of the staff, I want to wish all of you a safe, restful, and rejuvenating Spring Break. Hopefully you will be able to find some sun somewhere!

After School HW Club

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 PM. A late bus is provided.

Absences

Please be cognizant that we are extremely vigilant in regards to attendance. The following is the list of reasons the state provides as excusable absences:

- Student illness
- Illness of an immediate family member
- Emergency
- Doctor/Dental Appointment
- Death of an immediate family member
- Court summons
- Satisfactory arrangements, made in advance with the school for other reasons

State Testing Information

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PRINCIPAL

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We are on the WEB!!!

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www.newberg.k12.or.us/cvms

We will begin our 2nd round of state testing the week of April 9th in Math and Science. This week and the week we get back from break will be reserved for makeups in reading. I will let you know what classes are testing the following week so you can re-enforce the importance of eating breakfast, and getting a good night's sleep beforehand. Attendance is obviously very important! The following teachers will be testing their Math and Science classes the week we get back from break:

- Ms. Boles (Math)
- Ms. Garland (Science)
- Mrs. Holstrom

What Parents Can Do At Home

- Acknowledge test-taking anxiety as normal, but stay positive.
- Encourage your child to think positive thoughts like "I can do this!"
- Give compliments for effort: "I'm proud of how hard you have studied."
- Go over the test-taking tips with your child.
- Adequate rest makes a difference! Make sure your child goes to bed at a reasonable time; being active earlier in the day (not right before bed) can help kids get to sleep.
- Nutrition also influences how well children do on test; a good breakfast is important, but a large meal right before the test can be distracting.
- Your child should wear comfortable clothing for long test-taking periods.
- Help your child learn how to relax. Some find it helps to take a few deep breaths before starting the test; others like to imagine a peaceful place like the beach or park.

End of the 3rd Quarter

The end of the 3rd quarter is April 11th with the 4th quarter beginning on April 16th. Being that we are on semesters, the grade your student receives this quarter is considered a progress grade. Grades do start over at the quarter to give the students a fresh start, however, at the end of the year, the 3rd and 4th quarter grades will be averaged in figuring your student's 2nd semester grade.

Washington DC

-Washington DC garage sale fundraiser will be held on April 14th from 8 AM-3 PM in the CV commons.

Did you know?

Beginning in Spring 2015, this year's 8th graders will be the first students to take assessments on the new Common Core state standards in Reading, Writing and Math. Unlike this year and in previous years, students will only be allotted one opportunity per year to take and pass these assessments or be at risk for not graduating high school with a standard diploma. Along with passing these assessments, students must also accrue 26 high school credits to graduate. The stakes are indeed quite high and we are all feeling a sense of urgency to respond.

Mountain View and Chehalem Valley Middle Schools are committed to ensuring that ALL students are on track for high school graduation when they leave our schools. As a result of this continuing commitment both schools are looking in depth at how we do business. We are working collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) where we are unwrapping standards, creating common assessments, and sharing instructional strategies. Both schools are also in the midst of conversations centering around grading practices and student interventions. In a nutshell, we want to make sure that we have enough supports for struggling students and more avenues for all students to extend their learning.

In the coming months we will begin the process of outlining our new grading guidelines and the implementation plan for next year. The intent of these new guidelines is to make sure that grades are accurate indicators of your student's academic progress in meeting the new core standards. We will be increasing the accountability at the middle school level. Our motto and philosophy will center around the belief that High School Graduation Starts Today. So, stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

What Teachers Have To Say About CV Students

Mrs. Spang: David Terrill spent time after school helping clean and organize my classroom! Thank you.

Mrs. Romo: Dominik Guess has been staying on top of his work and is getting good grades. He is a hard worker!

Mrs. Goehler: Eric Weiler is an outstanding student in math. His attention to detail, excellent organization and top-notch respectful behavior make it delightful to have him in class. I predict he will go far in math!

Mr. Sanders: Michael Tarakhchyan is an excellent musician who is extremely faithful. He has not missed a jazz band rehearsal and always gives 100%.

Mrs. Spang: Brooke Hansen took time to help a new student feel welcome in our class. Such a thoughtful thing to do.

Mrs. Rice: Lauren Krebs has such a positive attitude and work ethic. Keep it up!

Mrs. Goehler: Kyle Homer lately has been offering answers and participating in a thoughtful manner. Good job Kyle!