

*Newport Independent Schools*  
DIRECTOR of PUPIL PERSONNEL and STUDENT SERVICES REPORT  
11/15/2017

- **TSA Security Audit – I have met with Inspector Joseph Bolser of Homeland Security and Transportation Safety Administration. He has agreed to conduct a security audit of our bus service and the Intermediate/Welcome center complex. This is available to us through a grant that he receives from his agencies. Inspector Bolser and his team is in the district this week looking at our policies and how we handle security in our buildings and on the buses. While this is an optional audit I feel that it will help us find our weaknesses in protecting out students so that we can change our policies and procedures to be more effective.**
- **Court Filings –With Col. Wills acting as our court Liason we have been doing a better job of staying on top of our truancy. Currently we have filed on 22 cases this year. Part of the increase in filing is due to the County Attorney asking us to file at 6 unexcused absences rather than the 9 unexcused absences when we filed in the past. This decision is based on the new procedure for truancy cases to fist be reviewed by the FAIR team and assigned diversion prior to the case going to the judge. While this process does prevent further truancy for some without going to court, the process takes longer and the students that do not respond to the process will accumulate many more days by the time the see the judge. It is our hope that by filing on students\parents earlier and giving them the chance to avoid court it will reduce our truancy rate.**
- **Kelly’s Kids – Kelly’s Kids has been very active already this year. A group of 6 Kelly’s Kids were chosen to go on a field trip to see the food court at Boone County high School. This group brought information back to the rest of the group and they are getting input into the design of the cafeteria renovation for the High School. We are currently doing the sign up and preparing for Kelly’s Kids to help out again with the Victorian Christmas Tour along with our Administrative staff. This year the East row is allowing us to set up an additional table for Kelly’s Kids to sell Christmas Ornaments to benefit the Newport Educational Foundation.**

**Newport Primary School Family Resource Center Board Report – 11/9/17**  
**Molly B. Wesley**

**Services directly provided by FRC:**

- Molly has done 28 home visits so far this school year (11 to contact parents to complete FRAM forms; 8 regarding attendance; 5 regarding returned mail; 2 regarding a new baby in the household; and 2 to make contact with a parent who was not able to be reached by telephone).
- Riverfront Kiwanis vouchers (\$30 to either Burlington Coat Factory in Latonia, or to Kmart in Edgewood) – 25
- Molly distributed four \$30 vouchers for shoes, through the Charities Guild of Northern Kentucky

- 283 items of clothing were distributed to students from the FRC clothing closet, for accidents that occurred during the school day, or for students wearing clothing inappropriate for the weather, etc.
- Molly assisted in obtaining clothing for 38 students from the Care Closet, a voluntary organization that matches donations with needs in the community.
- Sara Collini is a Masters in Social Work student at NKU, and Molly is providing weekly supervision as her daily tasks/activities (Tue-Wed-Thurs) are being supervised by Kristy McNally.
- Facilitated the collection of school supplies for students at NPS, donations made by: 5 private local residents, St. John's Church in Newport, BB&T Bank in Newport, The Optimist Club, John R Little VFW Auxiliary, Living Church, PeP Promotions
- August 4 – The FRC hosted a luncheon for the bornlearning Implementation Team, to review the 2017-2018 workshop series.
- August 8 - The FRC hosted a luncheon for all classroom teachers who have an Adopt a Class partner, along with their partners, for preliminary planning for the school year. Molly provided lunch, class rosters, background check forms, school district calendar, daily schedules, and any support needed for the Adopt a Class matches to plan for the year. NPS currently has 16 Adopt a Class matches
- Newport Central Catholic sophomores are matched with NPS 2<sup>nd</sup> graders as pen pals for the school year, and this relationship culminates on February 27<sup>th</sup> with the NCC students coming to spend the morning with their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade "pals," doing activities.
- Molly has had 2 pair of eyeglasses repaired for student.
- Molly distributes Powerpacks (provided by the Freestore Foodbank) every week to students identified as chronically hungry
- Molly accessed (from the Care Closet) two air mattresses for two separate NPS students in need of temporary beds
- Molly has accessed backpacks for 14 students
- Molly referred 3 families to Brighton Center's Stable Families program, which supports families who have students at NPS and are at risk of homelessness
- Molly has talked with the investigators or ongoing workers through the Cabinet for Health & Family Services regarding 2 families who have children attending school at NPS.
- Molly distributed 2 Kroger gift cards for purchasing Pull Ups for a special education student at NPS
- July 12 – Molly spoke at an evening meeting of the East Row Pool and Social Club – talked about Newport students/families and ways the group could collaborate with NPS/FRC.
- July 17-18 – Molly attended the mandatory Victory Over Violence conference in Covington.
- August 3 – Molly attended the new teacher meeting at NPS and talked to new faculty about the FRC programs and services.
- August 14 – Molly coordinated district and community volunteers to work at the Poverty Simulation provided to the Newport School staff who had not participated in the Spring, and checked in volunteers on the day of the Simulation.
- August 16 – Molly picked up clothing, socks, underwear, belts, and fleece jackets from the Assistance league of Greater Cincinnati

- August 16 – Molly worked at the NPS Open House, and facilitated the Care Closet being available to assist families with accessing gently used clothing items for students.
- Advisory Council meetings:
  - 1) September 21
  - 2) November 15
- Molly collected Household Income Forms as they were submitted with other school paperwork, reviewed the information on the forms, contacted families whose forms were partially or incorrectly completed, and conducted home visits to households who had not submitted forms.
- September 26 – Molly attended the Brighton Center Annual Board Dinner at the Syndicate
- October 19 – Molly attended the mandatory Regional meeting of Region 4 FRC Coordinators in Lexington
- Bornlearning Academy workshop series – promoted amongst Early Childhood community partners all summer, and distributed information about enrollment at locations where families with young children frequent
  - 1) October 10 – 85 people in attendance (22 adults participated in workshops or Parent Support group; 39 children participated in Skool Aid activities or child care; 7 Christ's Chapel volunteers prepared and served the meal; 5 Brighton Center Youth Leadership Development youth assisted in caring for the children younger than Kindergarten; 1 Cooperative Extension staff provided a mealtime activities for children finished eating; 4 child care staff; 1 bornlearning Facilitator; 2 bornlearning Coordinators; 1 bornlearning Spanish translator; 1 parent support group facilitator; 2 Skool Aid staff).
  - 2) November 7 – 78 people in attendance (22 adults participated in workshops or Parent Support group; 31 children participated in Skool Aid activities or child care; 7 Christ's Chapel volunteers prepared and served the meal; 4 Brighton Center Youth Leadership Development youth assisted in caring for the children younger than Kindergarten; 1 Cooperative Extension staff provided a mealtime activities for children finished eating; 4 child care staff; 1 bornlearning Facilitator; 2 bornlearning Coordinators; 1 parent support group facilitator; 2 Skool Aid staff; 1 Brighton Center YLD staff; 2 Children Inc. staff).
- October 30, 2017 – Site Visit by Freestore Foodbank regarding the PowerPack program
- Facilitating matching NPS students/families with local community partners interested in providing Christmas gifts and/or food. At this writing, the following community partners have requested information in order to provide gifts and/or food: PeP Promotions, John R. Little VFW Auxiliary, East Row Pool and Social Club, Free Feet Inc., Scarf It Up, St. Mary's Church in Alexandria, Newport Fire Department, 1 private Newport resident, Big Brother Big Sister, St. Therese parish, Toys for Tots

**Additional activities hosted, or which the FRC Coordinator was directly involved:**

- Back to School Bash – August 10<sup>th</sup> at NHS – Molly attended planning meetings; assisted in making purchases; recruited volunteers to distribute fliers, staff the sign-in table, and assist with set up and clean up; and coordinated community partners to be available at the Back to School Bash to distribute information about their programs.

- Initiated and paid for a contract with St. Elizabeth Healthcare to provide an Employee Assistance Program to the NPS staff and their households – each person receiving services gets up to 8 sessions with a mental health provider
- The FRC assists in supporting systems for community after school programs to recruit, enroll, communicate, and transport students from school to their programs (i.e., Boys & Girls Club provides staff to meet 30 NPS students at school, and accompany them walking to the B&G Club on school days; Children Inc. provides on-site and traditional after school child care for 19 students; Salvation Army send a staff member in a van to transport 7 students there on school days).
- The FRC assists in obtaining commitments, space, referral processes, etc. for community mental health organizations (i.e., NorthKey is on site 5 days a week, NKU counseling department, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health, Mebs and Associates) to be able to serve 26 students (NorthKey – 12; Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health – 6; NKU – 3; Mebs and Associates – 5) during the school day at school.
- Molly assists in recruiting referrals for NPS students who could benefit from a Lunch Buddy (weekly mentor through Big Brother Big Sister of Greater Cincinnati), and then provides support as the BB/BS staff match students with adult mentors (i.e., space, schedule, communication with teacher, communication between BB/BS staff and families, etc.). To date, NPS has had 20 students matched with Lunch Buddies this school year.
- Molly initiated several activities around recycling at NPS, in collaboration with NPS Administration and Newport City staff: plastic lids to upcycle into a “Buddy Bench” for the playground; the acquisition of a 4-yd (then upgraded to a 6-yard) recycling dumpster for the building’s recyclables to collect for pick up (i.e., paper, plastic beverage containers, glass bottles, AND student milk cartons)!!
- August 17 – Molly attended the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Advisory Council meeting.
- Newport Service Providers meetings attended:
  - 1) August 21
  - 2) September 18
  - 3) October 23
- August 29 – Molly attended the mandatory Region 4 FRC Coordinators meeting at General Butler State park
- September 12 – Molly participated in the Trauma and Resiliency Yoga training.
- September 12 – English Language Learner family meeting – the FRC provided snacks, invited community partners who provide service and programs to Spanish-speaking families, and provided Skool Aid programming to school-aged children during the workshop.
- September 27 – Molly attended the Family Fun Night, and Keturah Street Church of God, who provided hot dogs & hamburgers and buns and chips!
- October 3 & November 1 – every NPS student (Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) was able to watch the Kids on the Block puppet show, which is offered through Family Nurturing Center and is a child abuse education and awareness program using life-sized puppets to give children tools to recognize, resist and report child abuse.
- October 31 – 1:00-2:30 - participated in the NPS “House” Activity involving staff and students doing activities together in their “house.”

- November 9 – 9:00-12:30 – Molly attended a training on Social Work ethics, required for her license.
- November 10 – 8:00-4:45 – Molly attended a training offered at NKU, by the Ohio River Valley Addiction Research Consortium, about “Evidence-Based Research on Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.”

**Upcoming events:**

- November 14 – Licking Valley Girl Scouts will be presenting information about Girl Scouts to NPS girls, hoping to develop a troop available to NPS girls.
- November 15 – 11:20 a.m. – NPS/FRC Advisory Council and 21<sup>st</sup> Century CLC Advisory Council meeting
- November 20 – Newport Service Providers meeting
- November 20 – Family Fun Night – Thanksgiving theme – Keturah Street Church of God will be providing beverages
- November 30 – Region 4 FRYSC Coordinators meeting – General Butler State Park
- December 2 – 9:00-noon – NPS cafeteria will be opened up, and St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting their annual coat distribution for adults and children
- December 5 – 5:30-7:30 - bornlearning Academy workshop #3

**Newport Independent School District Health Services (School Nurses):**

- **Mrs. Kim Weaver, RN (Newport Primary School & Newport Intermediate School) Reports – This School Year:**

- **131 Nurse visits at NPS**
- **293 Nurse visits at NIS**
- **Attendance has been good overall.**
- **Students are being sent home with strep, asthma, and upper respiratory symptoms**
- **Obesity and High Blood Pressure is a health concern for many of our students.**
- **The Primary School administers medication to 12 students every day for chronic health concerns.**
- **Nursing procedure required to be done daily for 1 Primary student.**
- **Reviewed all Emergency Enrollment Forms and entered information into Infinite Campus. Many parents have not returned the forms and many of the contact numbers we have are incorrect.**
- **Entered all Preschooler and Kindergartener health information into Infinite Campus.**

- Mailed letters requesting missing mandatory state documentation of immunizations and physicals: 40 a Preschool, 111 Primary, and 120 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.
  - First round of drug testing for high school sports completed in October.
  - Have completed and approved 120 claims for billing Medicaid.
- **Ms. Laura Huss, Nurse Practitioner (District Wide Support at Intermediate School Health Center) – This School Year:**
    - 150 Total visits to Health Center
    - 72 ill student visits
    - 32 School physicals
    - 34 Sports physicals
    - 12 Staff
- **Mrs. Kaye Bergman, RN (Newport High School) Reports - This School Year:**
    - 628 Nurse visits at NHS
    - The High School administers daily medication to 5 students.
    - There are 2 diabetics at the high school that require daily monitoring and insulin calculation and administration. Teaching them self care and healthy choices in eating and preventing ill effects of diabetes is part of the daily responsibilities.
    - One student requires an extensive nursing procedure several times a month.
    - Have written 11 Individual Health Plans so far.
    - Reviewed Emergency Enrollment Forms and entered health information into Infinite Campus.
    - Have completed and approved 212 claims for billing Medicaid.