

*Newport Independent Schools*  
DIRECTOR of PUPIL PERSONNEL and STUDENT SERVICES REPORT  
5/23/2018

- **School Table Top Safety Exercise** – Each of our schools completed their tabletop exercise and a Reflective session was held last week to review each school's weaknesses discovered in this exercise. With this data, the schools will be revising their School Safety Plans and entering data into the Navigate system. At the start of school next year staff will be trained on the School Safety Plans and the Navigate App. Drills will be conducted with the navigate app and staff members will get experience calling some drills.
- **2017-18 Attendance** – With the last attendance month not yet complete we are showing a loss of 57 in membership; but, a loss of 100 in ADA. We have met our district goal of 94% attendance as all schools have improved their percentage since last year.
- **Move up Day** – We are all set for Move up Day on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Each of the schools has their plan in place and are ready to receive the new students for a few hours on that day.

**Newport Primary School Family Resource Center Board Report – 5/17/18**  
**Molly B. Wesley**

**Services directly provided by FRC:**

- Molly has done 117 home visits so far this school year (to complete FRAM forms, to deliver attendance letters (62), to verify residency when mail is returned (7), to contact parents when a phone number is not working, to deliver Christmas gifts, to have special education paperwork signed, etc.)
- Riverfront Kiwanis vouchers (\$30 to either Burlington Coat Factory in Latonia, or to Kmart in Edgewood) – 33
- Charities Guild of Northern Kentucky \$30 vouchers for shoes at Burlington Coat Factory – 7
- 739 items of clothing have been 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.
- The FRC assisted in obtaining clothing for 50 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 provided weekly supervision, and her daily tasks/activities were supervised by Kristy McNally. Sara graduated with her Masters in Social Work on May 12.
- On May 16, Molly and Kristy McNally interviewed a NKU MSW student for a potential internship position for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Newport Central Catholic sophomores were matched with NPS 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students as pen pals for the school year, and this relationship culminated 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.
- The FRC distributes PowerPacks (provided by the Freestore Foodbank) to at least 75 students (identified as being chronically hungry) each week
  - The FRC has provided backpacks to at least 24 students. The FRC also collects donations of backpacks to have available in the supply room for teachers to access for students who need one.
  - Advisory Council meetings:  
September 22  
November 15  
January 24  
March 21  
May 9
  - March 1 – Molly attended the Region 4 FRYSC Coordinators meeting at the Grant County Board of Education
  - Twenty-six children younger than Kindergarten participated in the 2017-2018 bornlearning Academy workshop series with their parents! A total of 56 children (birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) and 37 adults participated in the workshops or the Parent Support Group.
  - Molly has been connecting community members with mattresses, box springs, bed platforms, and odds and ends furniture items that were donated by Wayfair through Mrs. Hayden.
  - The FRC has assisted at least 5 families in repairing or replacing broken eyeglasses.
  - The FRC has provided families with lice treatment advice, toiletries, laundry soap, Pull Ups, etc.
  - For 6 weeks in January and February, Molly recruited and assisted with an after school Girl Scout program called “Think like a Toy Designer. Several NHS students volunteered to assist as well. More than 60 girls participated each week!
  - Molly submitted a revised FY18 budget and funds were reinstated
  - FRYSC Continuation Program Plan for FY19-20 was submitted March 1<sup>st</sup>

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

- Molly collaborates with Cabinet for Health & Family Services workers when investigations are occurring in households where NPS students live
- The FRC makes referrals to the District’s “Stock the Kitchen” food pantry.
- The FRC occasionally visits the homes of NPS families who have a new baby in the family, to provide resources, baby items/supplies, and to refer to early intervention/education programs.
- 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 (30), Children Inc., Salvation Army (4), and Brighton Center).

- NPS employees continue to access the Employee Assistance Program through St. Elizabeth Hospital, allowing them (and their household members) to get 8 free sessions with a mental health provider. The FRC pays for this service with non-grant money.
- The FRC assists in recruiting referrals for NPS students who could benefit from a Lunch Buddy (weekly mentoring 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.). Currently NPS has 21 students matched with Lunch Buddies, and 5 students are on the waiting list.
- The FRC assists in obtaining commitments, space, referral processes, etc. for community mental health organizations (NorthKey (25) is on site 5 days a week, NKU counseling department, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health (8), Mebs and Associates (5)).
- On April 6, Molly attended the Blue Ribbon Ceremony at Tom Gill Chevrolet, to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- In April, 3 parents were trained as Girl Scout leaders, and NPS has a Daisy Troop with 12 girls as members!!!!
- On April 11, 27 preK and K students enrolled at the Open House, 2 students' families attended who are already enrolled in K due to being in Preschool here this year, and referred one family to Head Start who is not eligible for our Preschool.
- On April 17, Molly attended a planning meeting for another project with NKU Scripps Howard Service Learning staff. Six-to-eight Newport students and 6-8 Bethel, OH students will meet together for 5 weeks over the summer to collaborate on a sculpture project that will facilitate dialogue between the two communities.
- April 18 – Final Family Fun Night at NPS. About 200 people were in attendance for Arts & Sciences Night!
- May 7 – Movement Church was at NPS for a Day of Service, and Molly went in to assist in organizing the teams to do the various projects
- During the week of May 7, the FRC assisted with Teacher Appreciation Week by organizing Movement Church and Keturah Street Church of God to provide treats for teachers. The FRC also provided gift bags of classroom supplies for all staff.
- Molly recruited parents to assist with the May 11 NPS Site Based Decisionmaking Council parent election.
- On May 14, the Scouts presented information at the morning meeting to recruit K & 1<sup>st</sup> grade boys and girls to join the Cub Scouts for several summer activities and a troop in the Fall.

- May 15 – Muffins with Moms – 8:15 a.m. – Approximately 229 “moms” attended!!
- On May 15 at 3:30, Molly attended a McKinney Vento information session facilitated by Kristy McNally.

**Upcoming events:**

- **May 29 – Move Up Day 9:30-1:30**
- **May 31 – 10:30 - NHS graduation walk at NPS**
- **June 1 – Field Day**
- **June 4 – Awards Day and Last Day of School**
- **On June 11, Kristy McNally and Molly will deliver 500 pounds of plastic caps and lids to Evansville, IN to have recycled into a “Buddy Bench” for the NPS playground!**
- **July 9 – August 2 – Me and My School will meet Mon-Thursday mornings at NPS for 2018-2019 Kindergarten students to attend as a transition program into school!**
- **August 7 – 5:00 - National Night Out at Target**
- **The FRC is in discussion with Ashland about partnering to provide school supplies to NPS.**