

Newport Independent Schools
DIRECTOR STUDENT SERVICES REPORT
8/22/2018

Madame Chair, ladies and gentlemen of the board, it is great to be back with you all doing a full time job, part time. We are off to another great year in the Newport Independent School District. I want to commend all of our service providers (FRYSC's, Homeless Coordinator, 21st Century Coordinator and the School Nurses) for the great job they did all summer and support our great Home Visit Day, Newport National Night Out on August 7, 2018 and our opening day activities at the high school on August 14, 2018. Again, this is a relatively short report because we have only been in session for six days.

Obviously, with only six days of school my attendance report is only a small summary for now. Nevertheless, there are some positive signs.

- ✓ Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:
 - As of August 17, 2018, the following were distributed to students:
 - 8 clothing vouchers (\$30 at Burlington Coat Factory or the K-Mart in Edgewood)
 - 13 items of clothing from the FRC clothing closet (many thanks to all of the individuals who donate their gently used clothing and shoes to the FRC)
 - 9 referrals have been made to the Care Closet for clothing
 - 1 voucher has been issued to a NPS student for eyeglasses at LensCrafters
 - 4 packs of underwear have been given to students
 - 6 backpacks
 - Fifteen NPS classrooms are participating in partnerships through the Adopt a Class program, including Crossroads Church, Mars Chocolate, United Way, Citibank, Brighton Center, USI Insurance, Red Hot Promotions (The Think Shop), PricewaterhouseCoopers, Christ's Chapel, US Bank, Movement Church, Clerk's Office at the US Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, and the Cincinnati Reds
 - MANY thanks to the following organizations for assisting us in our mission to provide school supplies to all students at no charge: Newport Police Department (Cram the Cruiser), 7 Hills Church, PeP Promotions, 4 individuals, Ashland Inc., Keturah Street Church of God, Crayons to Computers, Movement Church, and Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles
 - Lunch Buddies (Big Brother Big Sister, school-based mentoring) have begun spending 45-minutes together at lunchtime each week, and applications have gone home with students who may be matched with a Lunch Buddy. Three Lunch Buddy matches are continuing at NPS from last school year.

- 15 students are walking to the Boys & Girls Club after school with B&G Club staff
- NPS students are able to receive mental health therapy on-site through Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health, MEBS & Associates, NorthKey, and our school counselor. Many students also see outside agencies (i.e., Holly Hill) for therapy.
- July 17-19 – Molly attended the annual FRYSC conference in Louisville, KY (Victory Over Violence)
- July 26 – Molly spoke to all new teachers about FRYSC services and programs
- August 2 – Molly met with the Boys & Girls Club staff about school year programming
- August 7 – Molly participated in Home Visit Day and Newport National Night Out
- Molly distributed and re-collected yard signs for Newport Schools' Home Visit Day
- August 9 – Newport Primary School Open House – the following organizations were in attendance at Open House, to share information with families about their programs: Girl Scouts, Care Source Humana, Big Brother Big Sister, Brighton Center, Care Closet, Keturah Street Church of God, Cabinet for Health and Family Services foster care, NorthKey, Mebs and Associates, Salvation Army, Rotary Club, Campbell County library, Boys & Girls Club, Children Inc.
- August 10 – Adopt a Class planning luncheon with classroom teachers (catered by Webb's BBQ)
- August 15 – Molly attended the Safety Net Alliance meeting at St. John's Church
- August 17 – Molly picked up clothing donation from the Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati
- ✓ Upcoming Classes/Programs:
 - August 22 – Samaritan's Feet will be coming to NPS to measure every student for a new pair of shoes
 - August 28 – Bornlearning Implementation team meeting
 - September 6 – Region 4 FRYSC Coordinator's meeting
 - September 18 – Adopt a Class building Coordinators and team leads breakfast
 - September 27 – Family Fun Night at NPS – focus on grandparents
 - October 16 - Bornlearning Academy workshop #1
 - November 13 – Bornlearning Academy workshop #2
 - November 29 – Region 4 FRYSC Coordinator's meeting at Gateway Technical College
 - November 29 – Family Fun Night at NPS – focus on Dads
 - December 1 – coat distribution at NPS with St. Vincent de Paul
 - December 3 – Bornlearning Academy workshop #3

- ✓ **Newport Intermediate School FRC Coordinator, FRC Onkst reports:**
 - As of 8/17/18- Services provided directly by FRC for the 2018-2019 school year:
 - Care Closet Referrals for clothing- 31
 - Lenscrafter eye glass vouchers – 6
 - Clothing/ School supplies during school hours- 16 students
 - Power Packs provided for NIS students – 93 students are currently receiving Power Packs on Fridays
 - Lakeside Christian Church packed almost 300 food packs for NIS with food donated from Professional Firefighters' food drive.
 - 22 Home visits to assist students and families –(attendance, address, neglect, clothing, FRAM form, checking on students on testing days, etc.)
 - 2 FRAM Forms collections
 - FRC purchased school supplies for all 485 students to begin the school year.
- ✓ **Additional activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved since last report:**
 - Family Night- Summer Celebration
 - 550 participants
 - Free books to all students
 - 21st Century Summer Program
 - FRC chaperoned swim lessons.
 - FRC purchased science programming.
 - FRC purchased Skool-Aid physical fitness programming.
 - Kentucky Dance Institute
 - FRC chaperoned students attending camp at Murray State University for a week in July.
 - Students lived in the dorms, ate at the college cafeteria and took classes at the university.
 - A Novel Lunch
 - FRC hosted a summer book club with lunch for 6 weeks.
 - 5-8 participants at each event
 - Open House- FRC planned NIS' open house event.
 - Resource Fair in the gym
 - Book giveaway hosted by Curriculum Coach
 - Parent and child activities in the gym
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters Lunch Buddy Program
 - FRC coordinated with NIS staff the moving of the BBBS room to a larger room to provide more space for our matches to meet.
 - Adopt a Class
 - Thirteen classes sponsored
 - FRC is working to re-match three of these classrooms since the previous teacher left.
- ✓ **Upcoming Events:**

- 8/27/18- Samaritan's Feet Shoe Distribution for all NIS students
- 9/10/18 at 11 am- Family Resource Center Advisory Council Meeting
- 9/27/18- September Family Night/ Title I Night
- ✓ **Newport High School YSC Coordinator, Donna Watts reports:**
 - Received school supplies from the following community partners:
 - Sharon Hall's Day Care Center
 - Newport Police Department
 - Chick Fil-A Restaurant
 - KyFRYSC Grant
 - 7 Hills Church
 - Keturah Street Church of God
 - Dr. Heather Orman's family
 - Target Department Store
 - Brighton Center, Inc.
 - Care's Closet
- ✓ **NSTEP (Newport Service, Tools and Empowerment Project) Coordinator, Kristy McNally reports:**
 - 38 home visits completed for new enrollments with affidavits
 - Current number of students exp. homelessness/living in transition (number will increase daily from this point as students are identified.
 - 21 – NPS
 - 10 – NIS
 - 9– NHS
 - National Conference Oct. 27-Oct. 31- Anaheim, CA
 - Stock the Kitchen is open 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. NEW LOCATION-former Head Start Room
 - Serving 40 +/- families
 - New this year----Looking to offer computer access for when families come in they will be encouraged to sit down with staff help, to look at Infinite Campus and look over their child's grades, attendance, and behavior
 - Classes/Programs:
 - Diversity Wildcats in partnership with UpSpring
 - Will serve NIS students exp. Homelessness
 - Will meet twice a week
 - Start up of after school program to serve students at NPS who are exp. homelessness (still in planning stages)
 - College and Career focus for NHS students exp. homelessness (in planning stages)
 - Parent Support Group, starts Oct.
 - Introducing----The Rolling Wildcat!
 - Our very own "Food Truck/Trailer" thanks to the Kroger Foundation

- **Funded by a grant from the Kroger Foundation-\$30,000 grant (\$10,000 given over a 3 year period- We've already received the 1st \$10,000 during the 2017-2018 school year)**
 - **The Rolling Wildcat can be booked for various school events such as Open Houses, Family Nights, End of Year Celebrations, Homecoming, National Night Out and so on...**
 - **Main focus (Kroger Corporation's main focus) is to distribute food... my main focus... to do WAY more than that! This was not created to give an image of "we're so poor..." This was created to bring some more fun, creativity, programming into our school and community events... with the end goal—provide food for families/students.**
 - **Our hopes are:**
 - **Restaurants take interest and want to hand out for example "cheese coney" on a Friday after school**
 - **Access to wifi, so at various events parents and or students will access to computers to access IC while at a family event**
 - **The Rolling Wildcat will carry portable tables, chairs, shelving and a sound system!**
- ✓ **NISD 21st Century – Coordinators Erin Comfort and Kim Ward report:**
 - **Club Update: All 21st Century Afterschool Clubs begin no later than 9/5/2018**
 - **143 NHS students involved in after school activities (7th -12th grade only)**
 - **243 NIS students participated in programming during the 2017-2018 school year.**
 - **206 NPS students participated in programming during the 2017-2018 school year.**
- ✓ **NPS Clubs:**
 - **Morning Program-an early morning program beginning at 6:50 am that provides students the opportunity to jumpstart their day by participating in educational games, homework help and a healthy breakfast. Programming began August 15th.**
 - **Chorus- 2nd grade students will meet with Ms. Bacon to prepare for future musical performances for school peers, family and community members.**
 - **Lexia Club- select students that score low in reading will meet for Reading Invention after school using Lexia.**
 - **Kindermusik- Nancy Knauf will meet with students to improve literacy skills/math skills through movement and music.**
 - **Coding Club- students will meet on Wednesdays with Shane Campbell to learn basic computer programming using sequencing skills, counting and problem solving.**

- **FitKids-** Haley Coleman will teach primary students what it means to be fit and healthy- students will participate in group exercise and learn about healthy eating habits.
- **Boy Scouts-** New Pack 3514 (both boys and girls) will meet weekly after school to learn about character development, citizenship training and mental/physical fitness.
- **Girls Scouts-** our newly formed Troop will meet weekly to discuss how to become a confident future leader- students will participate in various service projects.

✓ **NIS Clubs:**

- **Movin' in the Morning Program-** an early morning program beginning at 6:50 am, students will participate in stations in the gym designed to get them up and moving! A classroom is also available to students to provide homework assistance. Students will also be provided with a healthy breakfast prior to the beginning of class. Programming began on August 15th.
- **Diversity Wildcats – Partnering with UpSpring, and NSTEP-** This Club works with students experiencing homelessness and coaches them on global thinking rather than local.
- **Pitch Perfect Chorus -** students will meet weekly with new music teacher Mr. Black to prepare for future performances.
- **Youth Leadership Development -** 5/6th grade students meet at the Brighton Center on both Monday and Wednesdays.
- **Mad Science-** 3rd/4th grades students perform experiments to unravel forensic mysteries with Ms. Claire from the Campbell County Extension Office.
- **Yearbook Club-** Ms. Oliva Wilson and students will meet to produce the NIS yearbook- students will learn to improve their skills in both photography and writing.
- **FAR Club – Friends and Readers-** a reading intervention program designed for select 3rd graders struggling in reading.
- **Additional programming is currently in the planning stages:** Art Club, Martial Arts and 5th Grade Band. More details to come!

✓ **NHS Clubs:**

- **Youth Leadership Development-** 7th/8th grade students meet with Brighton Center leaders on site, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **Newport Strong- (Health and Wellness Club)-**Nate Green is meeting with students to create healthy exercise habits Mon/Wed/Fri
- **Photography Club-** students meet on Monday's to learn the basics of digital photography.
- **Teen Coalition-** Teen Leadership program with Brighton Center
- **Video Game Design-** Students work with SkoolAid to learning the technical side of designing video games.
- **Saddle Club-** Campbell County 4-H program is teaching Newport students all about horses. Students will visit local farms as well as the Kentucky Horse Park.

- **Sewing Club-** Senior Citizens come from the Extension office to teach sewing lessons.
- **Cooking Club-** 4-H works with our students to help them create healthy habits in the kitchen. Students involved receive cooking lessons and a cookbook.
- **Morning and Afternoon Tutoring –** Designated staff are assigned tutoring times to meet with students to help increase academic achievement.
- **SHIFT-** Student heading into future transitions will work with the Keturah Church of Newport. They will be learning how to handle tough situations that they will encounter during their teen years.