

Newport Independent Schools
DPP AND STUDENT SERVICES REPORT
9/26/2018

Madame Chair, ladies and gentlemen of the board. Excellent news continues in the Newport Independent School District. As usual, I want to compliment all of our service contributors for the outstanding job they continue to do for our students and families. As customary, there are many substantial services and events that are occurring that I am happy to relate. They are as follows:

- ✓ **NSTEP (Newport Service, Tools and Empowerment Project) Coordinator, Kristy McNally:**
 - **52 new residence/affidavit checks**
 - **Diversity Wildcats (after school programming for students exp. housing instability) at both NPS and NIS**
 - **Stock the Kitchen-now offering access to Infinite Campus so parents can access their students grades/attendance/behavior**
 - **Stock the Kitchen serving +/- 350 individuals a month**
 - **Parent Support Group-starts in conjunction with Bornlearning Oct. 16**
 - **Attending new teacher meetings to learn more about Kagan/Growth Mindset to make sure it is incorporated in Diversity Wildcats**
 - **Attending the Bowles Diversity Conference on 9/21/2018**
 - **Rolling Wildcat hoping to make its debut on the NHS Family Showcase**
 - **79 students currently McKinney-Vento**
 - **Working with Welcome House to get housing for an unaccompanied 18 year old student experiencing housing instability**

- ✓ **Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:**
 - **As of September 20, 2018, the following were distributed to students:**
 - **2 clothing vouchers (\$30 at Burlington Coat Factory or the K-Mart in Edgewood). Riverfront Kiwanis has budgeted the NPS/FRC with \$2,000 to use in vouchers during the 2018-2019 school year.**
 - **134 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)**
 - **1 referrals have been made to the Care Closet for clothing, and 2 bags of clothing have been delivered for students referred last month**
 - **1 voucher has been issued to a NPS student for eyeglasses at Lens Crafters**
 - **4 backpacks**
 - **August 22 – Samaritan’s Feet came to NPS to wash students’ feet, and to measure every student for a new pair of shoes, and send them home**

with a new pair of shoes! Many community partners were also involved in making this happen!

- **August 28 – Bornlearning Implementation team meeting to kick off recruitment for the 2018-2019 workshop series!**
- **September 4 – Molly (and school staff, Stacey Wells) attended a Safety Meeting at the Cabinet for Health and Family Services regarding a NPS student who has been removed from her parent’s custody and placed with a family member while the Cabinet investigates.**
- **September 4 – Girl Scout volunteer recruitment night was held at NPS, and 12 families attended, who are interested in being more involved with the Girl Scouts**
- **September 6 – Newport hosted the Region 4 FRYSC Coordinator’s meeting at the main training room at the Welcome Center**
- **September 10 – Molly (and Shirley) attended an event at Corpus Christi Apartments to meet the NKU President, Ashish Vaidya.**
- **September 11 – All Newport families – approximately 60 adults and approximately 80 children - who have EL students (English Language Learners) were invited to attend a meeting at NPS. Molly and Amber provided pizza and water for dinner, and Skool Aid activities to entertain the children during the meeting. In addition, community partners came to present information about programs the families may be interested in for themselves and/or their children: Brighton Center HIPPY, Boys & Girls Club, 21st Century Community Learning Center, Bornlearning Academy, and BB&T Bank on Monmouth Street.**
- **September 14 – Molly and Amber sat at a table during the Brighton Center’s annual Community Celebration to promote the Bornlearning Academy.**
- **September 18 – Adopt a Class building Coordinators and team leads attended the annual Symposium and breakfast at Xavier University**
- **The Villa Madonna Student Council had a spirit dance for students, and donated the \$450 earned at the dance to the NPS/FRC! Thank you to the many young people who made this happen!**
- **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, 5 individuals, Ashland Inc., Keturah Street Church of God, Crayons to Computers, Movement Church, and Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Costco, and most of**

the Adopt a Class partners have supplied items to their adopted classrooms

- **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, North Key, and our school counselor. Many students also see outside agencies (i.e., Holly Hill) for therapy.**
- **Students at NP continue to be encouraged to recycle items at school, and to continue to collect plastic lids to recycle into additional “Buddy Benches” and/or other furniture for the school.**
- **Molly and Amber are discussing ways to change the Holiday Assistance program to better encourage parental involvement at school prior to receiving Holiday Assistance.**

✓ **Upcoming Classes/Programs:**

- **September 24 – Boy Scouts to recruit students during Monday Morning Meeting in the gym**
- **September 26 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting**
- **September 27 – Family Fun Night at NPS – focus on grandparents**
- **September 28 – Diversity Conference at NKU**
- **October 16 - Bornlearning Academy workshop #1**
- **November 13 – Bornlearning Academy workshop #2**
- **November 14 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting**
- **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, Amber Onkst reports:**

- **Care Closet Referrals for clothing- 60 students**
- **LensCrafter eye glass vouchers – 6**
- **Clothing/ School supplies during school hours- 108 students**
- **Power Packs provided for NIS students – 97 students are currently receiving Power Packs on Fridays**
- **46 Home visits to assist students and families – (attendance, address, neglect, clothing, FRAM form, checking on students on testing days, etc.)**
- **483 FRAM Forms collections**
- **Lice Kits- 7**

- ✓ **Additional activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved since last report:**
 - FRC is supervising a MSW practicum student from NKU who will be assisting in the FRC as well as mentoring students referred by school counselor.
 - Samaritan's Feet Shoe Distribution
 - Every student at NIS received a new pair of shoes.
 - Masonic Lodge and the FRC have coordinated a bike for attendance program again for this school year.
 - Care Closet-FRC is expanding to have an on-site closet available for students who have clothing needs.
 - Club 312 the FRC co-hosts an after-school program on Wednesdays and currently 30 students registered to attend weekly
 - HEARTS tutoring the FRC has arranged for 6 students to have individualized tutoring
 - Adopt a Class
 - Three new teacher's matched with an adopter
 - FRC attended the Annual Adopt-A-Class Symposium
- ✓ **Upcoming Events:**
 - 9/27/18- September Family Night/ Title I Night
 - 9/28/18- Kentucky School Social Work Conference
- ✓ **Newport High School YSC Coordinator, Donna Watts reports:**
 - Newport Primary School and Newport Intermediate School were each awarded a KDE *Fresh Fruit/Vegetables Grant* on August 23rd. NPS (\$26,800); NIS (\$19,850). Funds w/be utilized to provide students with fresh fruit/vegetable snacks each day during the school year.
 - Newport High School YSC:
 - NHS YSC received donations from the following:
 - 7Hills Church
 - St. Elizabeth Hospital
 - Secret Closet, Care Closet
 - Newport Police Dept
 - Chic Fil-A
 - NKOA
 - NPS teachers
 - Donna Arnzen-Dahmann
 - Dr. Orman's family
 - Kia Gearding's family
 - Erin Comfort's family
 - Newport Food Pantry.
 - Continue to make Attendance Home Visits
 - Continue to make Basic Need Home Visits
 - YSC continues to provide school supplies, school uniforms, bus tokens, food and hygiene products for students and families
 - YSC continues to provide school supplies to teachers and staff

- Coordinator continues to refer students to local mental and physical health agencies
- Coordinator attended weekly NHS Faculty Meeting
- Coordinator attended monthly FRYSC District & FRYSC Region 4 Meeting
- Coordinator completed Impact Report for FRYSC
- Coordinator completed on Center of Operation Page for FRYSC
- Coordinator held Advisory Council Meeting
- Coordinator helped with Homecoming Pep Rally, Parade and Dance
- Coordinator purchased items for Newport High School Showcase
- Coordinator purchased items and continues to help with Student of the Week celebration
- Coordinator attended Safety Net Alliance Resource Fair
- 1 Event Chaperoned
- Transported a family to Children's Hospital
- Upward Bound Recruitment and Upward Bound Meetings
- Drill Team/Majorette Recruitment
- Bornlearning Recruitment
- Homecoming Dress giveaways
- Northern Kentucky Youth Leadership Alliance
- ✓ Additional activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved since last report:
 - After-Prom Parent and Alumni meeting
 - Leadership Workshop at the University of Cincinnati
 - YSC Advisory Council meeting
 - Latino Conference and College tour at Northern Kentucky University
 - Anthony Munoz Conference
 - NHS College, Military and Career Fair
 - FRYSC Fall Institute in Louisville, KY
- ✓ NISD 21st Century – Erin Comfort, NHS and Kim Ward, K-8 Coordinators report:
 - Club Update: All 21st Century Afterschool Clubs begin 8/27/18.
 - 200+ NHS students registered in an after school clubs, 8th- 12th grade
 - NHS Club of the Month: The Equine Club, also known as, “Horse Club” is run by the Campbell County Extension Office. Members meet once a week on Wednesdays. Don and Claire, 4H representative educate students on what it takes to own and care for a horse. Each week that students meet, they discuss types of horses, and all the different farms that raise horses here in Northern Kentucky. Every other week the club heads out to a different farm and students get hands on experience working with the owners and the horses. This opportunity is uniquely special for our inner city children to experience. They get the chance to learn about other ways of living, as well as what it takes to care for horses.

- 122 students participated in 21st Century Summer Programming K-8th grade
- 2018-2019 Fall Programming began on Wednesday September 5th
- Newport Primary- currently 133 students are participating in early morning/after school programming
- Newport Intermediate- currently 137 students are participating in afterschool programming, an additional 60+ students participate in the Morning Program at NIS
- Newport NHS- 7th/8th grade – approximately 25 students are participating in activities
- Club highlight: The Fishing Club had 5th and 6th grade students from NIS unplugged from technology and enjoying a beautiful afternoon fishing on Thursday, September 16, 2018. Adam Wise, Nate Green, and Kimberly Ward took selected students on a fishing field trip to Southgate Community Center fishing lake. This was the first time fishing for many of our students! NHS student volunteers showed our younger students how to bait hooks, cast and reel in fish. Fishing teaches our children how to appreciate the outdoors, learn patience and perseverance! The Fishing Club will meet 1-2 times per month, weather permitting.



- ✓ Newport Independent School District Health Services (School Nurses):
 - Mrs. Kim Weaver, RN, BSN and School Health Coordinator (Newport Primary School & Newport Intermediate School) Reports:
 - 160 Nurse visits at NPS & four students for daily medication
 - 343 Nurse visits at NIS & eleven students for daily medication & one daily medical procedure

- One student at the Primary requires a daily medical procedure and 8 students require daily medication.
- Both nurses are notifying families of required health records that are needed and assisting in scheduling school physicals.
- Mrs. Kim Weaver also reports:
 - State approval given for Vaccines in clinic
 - State Audit from Vaccine Committee 10/2
 - OSHA will be making surprise visit this fall paperwork completed
 - Teacher medication training completed at Primary 9/11
 - Teacher medication training scheduled Intermediate 9/27
 - Drug testing for all students participating in extra-curricular activities at high school scheduled
 - Supplies ordered and bought for all health offices and clinic
 - CPR training completed
 - Medicaid Med EZ training completed. District billing would not be possible without the School Health Coordinator's signature on documents assisting the district gaining over \$230,000 dollars last year
 - 85 students at NPS, 88 at NIS and 116 at NHS are out of compliance with vaccines. Phone calls have been made to parents and guardians, letters have been mailed and appointments will be scheduled with Nurse Practitioner when vaccines arrive.
 - NKY Health Department providing dental services scheduled for Nov13-16 at NPS
 - Autism training scheduled for PD day in September by Children's Hospital Team
 - Continue following up regarding daily medications and IHP's for students and 504 students
 - Continuous input in IC for health records and medical conditions
- Ms. Liz Tanner, Nurse Practitioner via Christ Hospital at the School Based Health Center
 - From February 2018 through May 2018 193 visits were made which included:
 - 102 sports physicals
 - 91 sick visits (12 were staff members)
 - From August 16, 2018 to date include:
 - 58 visits
 - 16 sports physicals
 - 42 sick visits (1 staff member)
 - and Ms. Laura Huss, Nurse Practitioner (District Wide)
- Ms. Pam Pedigo, RN, BSN (Newport High School) Reports:
 - 269 Nurse visits at NHS

- ✓ **You now have the first month of attendance and it is good. While we are down 20 students and our attendance rate is up 1.44% from this time last year, I don't worry much at this moment. Nevertheless, I want to commend Dr. Orman and her team. It is the highest first month for the high school in almost ten years! Obviously, we need to continue the push to attain our goal of a 95% attendance rate for our district. Throughout the district we are changing the climate of expectations and as we do so we will see that increase in student attendance.**