

Newport Independent Schools
DIRECTOR STUDENT SERVICES & DPP REPORT
10/24/2018

Madame Chair, ladies and gentlemen of the board. Excellent news continues in the Newport Independent School District. As usual, I want to commend all of our service providers for the remarkable job they continue to do for our students and families. As normal, there are many significant services and happenings that are occurring that I am happy to relate. They are as follows:

- ✓ NSTEP (Newport Service, Tools and Empowerment Project) Coordinator, Kristy McNally:
 - 4 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).
 - 37 - NPS
 - 30 – NIS
 - 22– 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 close to 300 individuals
 - 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
 - Meets Mondays and Thursdays
 - Diversity Wildcats-lead by myself and Molly Wesley
 - Meets Tuesdays
 - College and Career focus for NHS students exp. homelessness (in planning stages)- will partner with UpSpring and hope to start early November
 - Parent Support Group, started Oct. 16 (10 parents)
 - Introducing---The Rolling Wildcat!
 - Our very own Food Trailer thanks to the Kroger Foundation-waiting on its vinyl wrap from Hedge Hog signs and will make its debut at the NIS Family Night Nov. 25th
 - The Rolling Wildcat can be booked for various school events such as Open Houses, Family Nights, End of Year Celebrations,
 - Hopes:
 - Restaurants take interest and want to hand out for example “cheese coneys” on a Friday after school....

- Access to Wi-Fi, 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, sound system!!!
- ✓ Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:
- As of October 18, 2018, the following were distributed to students:
 - 9 clothing vouchers (\$30 at Latonia 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.
 - 131 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)
 - 3 referrals have been made to the Care Closet for clothing and household items this last month
 - 4 backpacks
 - 3 home visits for attendance, 2 home visits for ill students, 8 home visits for FRAM forms
 - Cabinet for Health and Family Services contacted the FRC regarding 5 students
 - Molly put out a plea on Facebook for donations of girls leggings, and received donations from several community folks, near and far (including 2 personal neighbors and one of Molly's college roommates from Florida!)
 - Fifteen NPS classrooms are participating in partnerships through the Adopt a Class program, including Crossroads Church, Mars Chocolate, United Way, Citibank (2), Brighton Center, USI Insurance (2), 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
 - Eight (8) 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.
 - 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.
 - Students at NPS 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 changing ways to the Holiday Assistance program to better encourage parental involvement at school prior to receiving Holiday Assistance.
- September 26 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting – workplans reviewed
- September 27 – Family Fun Night at NPS – focus on grandparents – 168 people signed in – thank you to Keturah Street Church of God for serving cookies to go with the hotdogs and chips!!!
- September 28 – attended Conference at NKU put on by the Bowles Center for Diversity Outreach
- October 16 - Born Learning Academy workshop #1 Seventy-seven (77) people were in attendance at the first Born Learning Academy!
 - Three (3) Brighton Center youth participating in Youth Leadership Development, 1 Brighton Center YLD staff, 6 Christ's Chapel volunteers to prepare and serve food, 5 child care workers, 1 Spanish translator, 1 workshop facilitator (Kate), 2 Skool Aid staff to facilitate activities for school-aged children, 1 Cooperative Extension staff to facilitate activities for children finished eating dinner before going to their activities, 2 Born Learning Coordinators (Molly and Amber), 1 Administrator (Mrs. Hayden), 10 adults participating in the Parent Support Group, 11 adults participating in the Born Learning workshop, and 33 children 5th grade and younger.
- ✓ Upcoming Classes/Programs:
 - November 13 – born learning 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 – Born Learning Academy workshop #3
- ✓ Newport Intermediate School FRC Coordinator, Amber Onkst reports:
 - Care Closet Referrals for clothing- 63 students
 - LensCrafter eye glass vouchers – 6
 - Clothing/ School supplies during school hours- 153 students
 - Power Packs provided for NIS students – increased to 104 students are currently receiving Power Packs on Fridays
 - 76 Home visits to assist students and families – (attendance, address, neglect, clothing, FRAM form, checking on students on testing days, etc.)
 - 493 FRAM Forms collections
 - Lice Kits- 7
- ✓ Additional activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved since last report:

- **Club 312** -The FRC co-hosts an after-school program on Wednesdays and approximately 20 students attend weekly.
- **HEARTS tutoring**- The FRC has arranged for 7 students to have individualized tutoring. This program has moved on-site to better serve NIS students.
- **Christmas Assistance**- FRC's at both Primary and Intermediate have developed a program to hold parents accountable to participating in student's academics in order to receive assistance for Christmas.
- **Thanksgiving Assistance**- FRC has secured 82 food boxes along with Turkey's from Remke to distribute for Thanksgiving
- **Family Night**- FRC planned and hosted our first family night of the school year focusing on a growth mindset and mindfulness. Parents participated in a session with curriculum coach on how to practice growth mindset in the home and then completed activities with their children to practices the skills taught.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters**- FRC has referred six new students to the program.
- **Fall Dance**- FRC is providing supplies and assisting with ticket sales for the 5th and 6th grade dance.
- **Born Learning**- Newport Primary and Intermediate hosted the first Born Learning workshop of the year. This workshop targets parents with children birth to five years of age and provides education on making everyday moments into learning opportunities. There were ten participants. Dinner and childcare was provided to all participants.
- **Parent Support Group**- FRC hosted the PSG which is facilitated by Kristy McNally. There were ten participants. Dinner and childcare was provided to all participants.
- **Sponsors**- FRC has secured two new partner churches who will be donating their time and supplies to varying events run from the FRC.
- **Kentucky Association of School Social Workers**- FRC attended the KASSW fall conference in Georgetown.
- **21st Century**- FRC has been contracted to assist with the writing of the 21st Century CLC grant. FRC attended the RFA meeting in Frankfort.
- **Big Smiles**- FRC is currently accepting applications for the free dental clinic that will be held in January.
- **Adopt a Class** - FRC hosted two meetings for new matches with teachers and their Adopt-A-Class sponsor.
- ✓ **Upcoming Events:**
 - 10/22-10/23/18- 21st Century Multi-state conference
 - 10/25/18- October Family Night- Trick or Treating
 - 10/29-10/31/18- FRYSC Fall Institute
 - 11/13/18- Born Learning and PSG Session 2
- ✓ **Newport High School YSC Coordinator, Donna Watts reports:**

- Made 4 Referrals for eye examines
- 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 & physical health agencies
- Coordinator attended monthly Service Providers meeting
- Coordinator attended meeting with Angie Smith from Junior Achievement
- Coordinator attended meeting with Whitney Thacker, manager at Jersey Mike's
- Coordinator attended meeting with Kristina VanDruten, general manager at Donatos Pizza
- Posted Employment opportunities for: Jersey Mike's, Donator's Pizza, McDonalds, Dewey Pizza, Big Lots Odd Lots and Kroger's.
- Coordinator completed on Center of Operation Page for FRYSC
- Coordinator attended "A Wired Family" meeting sponsored by middle school 21st Century Director
- Coordinator attended NHS 21st Century Advisory meeting
- Hosted College and Military Expo – 15 Colleges attended – 3 Trade Schools Coordinator invited Dennis Keene and Rachel Roberts to be our guest.
- Mr. Keene attended the Expo.
- 2 Event Chaperoned
 - Latino Conference at NKU – took 25 students
 - Anthony Munoz Foundation Seminar – took 16 students
- Additional Activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved?
 - 2 Upward Bound Meetings
 - Spoke to 9 students about attending NPS FRC Born Learning Program
 - Promoted FAFSA Night at Brighton Center
- ✓ Upcoming events of notes for this and next month
 - Red Ribbon Week Awareness Week – October 22nd – 26th
 - Campbell County Drug Free Alliance Summit – October 23rd
 - STEM Day at NKU – October 26th
 - FRYSC Fall Institute in Louisville, KY – YSC closed October 29th – 31st
 - Upward Bound meeting – November 1st
 - Young Women Lead Conference – November 2nd at NKU
 - Services Providers Meeting – November 8th
 - Reality Store Workshops – November 8th and 9th
 - Campbell County Cooperative Extension Focus Group – November 9th

- ✓ **NISD 21st Century – Erin Comfort, NHS and Kim Ward, K-8 Coordinators report:**
 - **Club Update: All 21st Century Afterschool Clubs began on 8/27/18.**
 - **200+ NHS students registered in an after school clubs, 8th- 12th grade**
 - **Club of the Month- Teen Coalition**
 - **Teen Coalition is a program that is ran with our grant partners, The Brighton Center. There are currently around 20 students enrolled in this club and about 10 attend on a regular basis. Teen Coalition runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45-5:00. In this club students learn the importance of service learning, college and career preparation as well as job readiness skills. This after school program is also in charge of providing our families at Newport with 6 skill building actives throughout the school year, currently they have hosted one event, FAFSA night that occurred October 18th at the CET building**
 - **2018-2019 k-8th Fall Programming began on Wednesday September 5, 2018**
 - **Newport Primary- currently 136 students are participating in early morning/after school programming**
 - **Newport Intermediate- currently 151 students are participating in afterschool programming, an additional 60+ students participate in the Morning Program at NIS**
 - **Newport NHS- 7th/8th grade – approximately 27 students are participating in activities**
 - **New After School Clubs: NPS Girl Scouts Troop, NIS Girl Scout Mad Science STEM Program**
 - **Club Highlight:**
 - **POWERHOUR Boys Club with Mr. Tay was developed with the idea to reach out to a population of students that normally would not stay for after school activities. Twelve boys, many with behavioral issues, were hand selected to participate in this weekly club. Tay Glen is a part time bus monitor for Newport Schools, basketball/football coach and is known by many of our students. He meets with the students each Thursday to participate in sports related activities while also working on building teamwork and leadership skills. Mr. Tay is a great mentor for students that may not have a positive male role model in their lives.**



- ✓ **Newport Independent School District Health Services (School Nurses):**
 - **Mrs. Kim Weaver, RN, BSN and School Health Coordinator & Ms. Pam Pedigo, RN, BSN for Newport Primary School Report:**
 - 148 students seen for sick visits
 - 5 scheduled medications given daily
 - Vision screenings
 - Dental paperwork completed for Northern KY Health Department
 - 26 students not compliant for immunizations
 - **Mrs. Kim Weaver, RN, BSN for Newport Intermediate School Reports:**
 - 177 sick visits
 - 12 scheduled meds given daily
 - 1 daily medical procedure
 - Arc meetings
 - Medicaid Billing
 - Continued work on compliance for physicals and immunizations
 - Scheduling appointments for the Nurse Practitioner
 - Vaccine training completed logs ordered vaccines to be ordered when data logs are received
 - Drug testing completed working on the 7 positive results with 4 being positive on 2nd round of testing. Continue work with Athletic Director and the Principal at High School regarding policy. Results confirmed on October 5th.

- **Ms. Liz Tanner, Nurse Practitioner via Christ Hospital at the School Based Health Center**
 - **From my September 26, 2018 report to date include:**
 - **64 student sick & physical visits**
 - **3 staff member sick visits**
 - **Ms. Pam Pedigo, RN, BSN (Newport High School) Reports:**
 - **269 Nurse visits at NHS**
 - **7 daily scheduled meds**
 - **Continue update on Health Plans**
 - **Arc meetings**
 - **Vision Screenings for further student testing**
 - **Vaccine training completed for Asst. back up Coordinator**
 - **156 students not compliant at this time for vaccines**
- ✓ **You now have the second month of attendance and it is the best it has been in over ten years. I want to commend Mr. Atkins and Mr. Seiter and their school teams as both schools are over our district goal of 96% for grades K-6. After a fantastic first month, NHS has fallen off below its goal of 94%. Nevertheless. Dr. Orman and her team are doing a great job.**