

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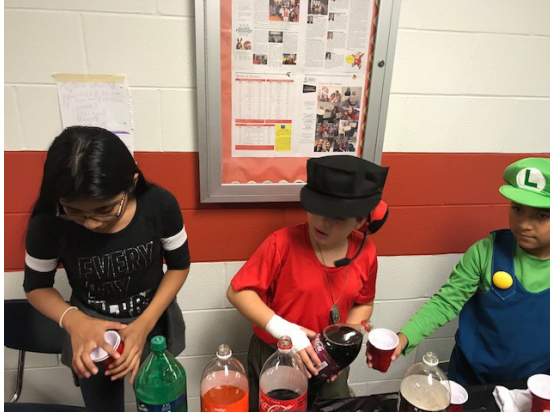
Madame Chair, ladies and gentlemen of the board. Excellent news continues in the Newport Independent School District. As usual, I want to commend all of our service providers for the remarkable job they continue to do for our students and families. As normal, there are many significant services and happenings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

- ✓ Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:
 - As of November 9, 2018, the following were distributed to students:
 - 101 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)
 - 2 backpacks
 - 8 home visits for attendance/residency, 1 home visit for field trip
 - 2 referrals to Stock the Kitchen
 - 1 referral to school transportation
 - 1 referral to Scholar House
 - 1 assistance with residential water shut off
 - 84 PowerPacks per week are given to NPS students on Fridays (The 2018-2019 PowerPack application was submitted on 10/23; the annual Freestore Foodbank Site Visit at NPS was on October 30)
 - Sixteen 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, Prysmian Group (formerly General Cable), Clerk's Office at the US Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, and the Cincinnati Reds. Each month, a different Adopt a Class partner is being featured on the school's website and Facebook page, as a way to recognize their contributions to NPS students!
 - Nine (9) Lunch Buddies (Big Brother Big Sister, school-based mentoring) are spending 45-minutes together at lunchtime each week, and applications have gone home with students who may be matched with a Lunch Buddy in the future.
 - 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. Molly received calls regularly from case managers at Mebs, regarding common clients.
 - 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.

- Molly serves on the NPS attendance committee, with Brian Zepf, Brenda Elgin, and Kristy McNally
 - The Campbell County Public Library's annual "Drop Your Drawers" campaign has begun collecting underwear to distribute amongst the Campbell County Family Resource Centers.
 - The Newport Police Department are participating in "No Shave November" for a fee, and donating money raised to the FRYSCs in Newport, to be housed at NPS/FRC but to support all district families.
 - October 25 – The 6th Circuit Court of Appeals donated some laptops to the FRC, that will be offered to parents engaged in leadership positions and bornlearning Academy monthly workshops
 - October 25 – Molly spoke at the National 2Gen Peer Learning Site Visit about the two-generational approach to programming, illustrated by several collaborative efforts between the FRYSC and Brighton Center.
 - November 8 – Molly attended the monthly Service Providers Meeting facilitated by Colonel Wills
- ✓ Upcoming Classes/Programs:
- November 13 – bornlearning Academy workshop #2
 - November 14 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting
 - November 15 – Brighton Center's HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters – home visitation program for 3-5-year-olds and their families) program participants and staff will come together for Thanksgiving dinner at the NPS cafeteria from 6:00-8:00
 - November 29 – Region 4 FRYSC Coordinator's meeting at Gateway Technical College
 - November 29 – Family Fun Night at NPS – focus on Dads
 - December 1 – 9:00-noon - coat distribution at NPS with St. Vincent de Paul (thank you to Newport Fire Department for matching each donated coat with the purchase of a new one for the event)!
 - December 3 – bornlearning Academy workshop #3
- ✓ NISD 21st Century – Erin Comfort and Kim Ward, Coordinator reports:
- Club Update: All 21st Century Afterschool Clubs run from 2:45-5:00, M-F.
 - 120+ NHS students participating, average 26 a day in an after school clubs, 8th-12th grade.
 - Club of the Month- I Imagine Launch Pad
 - The I. Imagine Launchpad is a once a week photography education after school program. The program is devised of a yearlong curriculum where students begin learning the fundamentals of composition, technical photography, editing, and graphic design. With each lesson students are challenged to apply their skills through projects via community engagement. Each year I. Imagine will partner with local businesses, which express need for photography and graphic design. Students will learn to manage clientele and solve problems in the community utilizing the lessons from class. The

Launchpad aims to provide a holistic approach to practical visual arts education as a passion and career. In addition, this year's class will focus on community partnerships as students will learn all steps from development to publication of client-based photography and graphic design through our collaborative pet lover's cookbook project: *Bone Appetite*. This project is a comprehensive yearlong project, which aims to connect each photographer with local restaurants to showcase the photo studio and design expertise of the students (imagine a German shepherd posing in a cookbook product photo with a plate of wiener schnitzel from Covington's Wunderbar).

- Students from grades 9 through 12 will complete the program with experience in publishing, photography, and graphic design. Upon completion, alumnae will have the opportunity to mentor the next class of artists in hopes to build an ever-growing community of artistic and professional collaboration. The course will be dual taught by professional educators and visual art interns from local universities to proudly connect students to their work and foster an environment of friendly collaboration. Five students from Newport High School have been chosen to participate in this program. They will receive a Tank bus pass to take them to and from club each week.
- 2018-2019 K-8th Fall Programming began on Wednesday September 5th
- Newport Primary- currently 149 students have participated in early morning/after school programming
- Newport Intermediate- currently 209 students have participated in early morning/after school programming
- Newport NHS 7th/8th grade – approximately 67 students have participated in activities
- New after school activities beginning in January: Chess Club, Sprouts Cooking Club, Mommy and Me Cooking and Nutrition, Sewing Club
- Event Highlight: 21st Century joined forces with Ms.Gubser and the Gifted/Talented students to organize a Fall Dance for 5th/6th grade students on Friday October 26th from 5-7pm. This was the first school dance at the Intermediate School in years! The dance was mainly organized by the students- the music, drinks, decorations, tickets sales were all student led! Over 100 students attended, some opting to wear costumes, and student behavior was great! Since the dance was such a success, we are currently discussing the possibility of a Masquerade dance in March. The dance gave our students a greater sense of community with in the school, encouraged students to use their social skills and helped boost morale!



✓ NSTEP (Newport Service, Tools and Empowerment Project) Coordinator, Kristy McNally reports:

- 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).
- | <u>October</u> | <u>November</u> |
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| ▪ 37 - NPS | 40 NPS |
| ▪ 30 - NIS | 36 NIS |
| ▪ 22- NHS | 31 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.
 - Serving close to 300 unduplicated individuals
- 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 start date of Jan. 2019
 - Parent Support Group, started Oct. 16 (10 parents) Next Mtg Nov. 13th
 - Rolling Wildcat made it's first debut at NIS Family Night Oct. 25th
 - Next up: NPS Family Night Nov. 29
- Attendance:
 - Member of SST (student Support team) at NHS
 - Member of NIS attendance committee
 - Have requested to participate in NPS attendance Committee
- Transportation:

- Assisting 2 other school districts:
 - Cab for 2 students (Kenton Cty/Covington)
 - Gas Card 1 family (Kenton Cty)
- Transporting 3 NHS students from Homeward Bound
- Donations:
 - Since 2016, NSTEP has received over \$10,000 in donations from community members, businesses and foundations.
 - Thanks to these donations we have been able to help support families with a down payment on new apartment, pay a month of rent and or utilities to keep a family stable, pay for prom, various dances, cap and gown and senior week for seniors.