

Newport Independent Schools
DIRECTOR STUDENT SERVICES & DPP REPORT
12/12/2018

Madame Chair, ladies and gentlemen of the board. Exceptional news endures in the Newport Independent School District. As usual, I want to commend all of our service providers for the noteworthy job they continue to do for our students and families. As usual, 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).

<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
▪ 37 - NPS	40 NPS	45 NPS
▪ 30 – NIS	36 NIS	38 NIS
▪ 22– NHS	31 NHS	39 NHS

- 20 MV students have withdrawal so far this year
- 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:
 - Assisted with Reality Store
 - Assisting with purchase of gaps and gowns
 - Diversity Wildcats in partnership with UpSpring
 - Meets Mondays and Thursdays
 - Diversity Wildcats-lead by myself and Molly Wesley
 - Meets Tuesdays
 - NHS Support Team at NHS (for MV Students) starts January 15, 2019 in partnership with UpSpring
 - Parent Support Group, started November 13, 2018 (9 parents)
Next Meeting will be on December 11, 2018
 - Rolling Wildcat made its 2nd debut at NPS Family Night on November 29, 2018
- Next: NIS Family Night is December 11, 2018
- Attendance/Behavior:
 - Member of SST (student Support team) at NHS –duties assigned at each meeting
 - Member of NIS attendance committee-duties assigned at each meeting
 - Member of NPS attendance Committee-duties assigned at each meeting
- Transportation:
 - Assisting 3 other school districts:

- Cab provided (one way) for 4 families (Kenton County/Covington/Dayton)
 - Cab provided (one way) for 2 families (Newport)
 - Transporting 3 NHS students from Homeward Bound
- Donations/ Current Partners:
 - Care Closet Richardson Family
 - UpSpring Le Soup
 - Bartlett Family Terry Dawson
 - Butler Foundation CBRE
 - Harlow HRK
- ✓ Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:
 - As of November 30, 2018, the following were distributed to students:
 - 91 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, including the Hosea Project Movers, who donated 20 BOXES of girls underwear – of various sizes – to the FRC)
 - 4 backpacks
 - 16 total home visits during this time: 4 home visits for attendance/residency, 5 home visits to deliver Thanksgiving food, and 7 home visits to make contact with parents/guardians for “other” reasons
 - 1 \$30 voucher to Burlington in Latonia was distributed for clothing
 - 2 vouchers for replacement eyeglasses were distributed
 - 2 referrals to BornLearning
 - 1 assistance with residential water shut off
 - 84 Power Packs per week are given to NPS students on Fridays
 - 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. At least once a 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!
 - Thirteen (13) 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, Therapeutic Collaborative) 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. To date, 204 children are being matched with organizations and/or individuals for Holiday food and/or gifts
- Molly serves on the NPS attendance committee, with Brian Zepf, Brenda Elgin, Mr. Atkins, Debbie Roaden, 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.
- To date, Molly has worked with Debbie Mollette (and the organization through which her dog was certified as a therapy dog) for a variety of dogs to come to visit the special needs students in Ms. Zimmerman’s classroom, on 8 separate days!! More dates will be scheduled after the New Year!
- The Newport central Catholic sophomores have written their first pen pal; letters to the NPS 2nd graders! These “buddies” will be coming to visit for a morning in February!
- November 12 – Veterans Day event at NPS – Molly hosted the reception for Veterans and their families in the cafeteria after the ceremony
- November 13 – BornLearning Academy workshop #2 – Eighty-one (81) people were in attendance at the second BornLearning Academy! Two (2) Brighton Center youth participating in Youth Leadership development, 1 Brighton Center YLD staff, 7 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, 2 Cooperative Extension staff (1 to discuss nutrition information, and 1 to facilitate activities for children finished eating dinner before going to their activities), 2 BornLearning Coordinators (Molly and Amber), 1 Administrator (Mrs. Hayden), 8 adults participating in the Parent Support Group, 16 adults participating in the BornLearning workshop, and 33 children 5th grade and younger.

- November 27 – Molly attended the monthly Service Providers Meeting facilitated by Colonel Wills
- 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 events with activities 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 and SuperHeros! Keturah Street Church of God donated breadsticks to go with the pasta meal!
- ✓ Upcoming Classes/Programs:
 - 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 - Attendance committee meeting
 - December 3 – District Wellness meeting
 - December 5 – NKY “Clearinghouse” for Holiday Assistance
 - December 5 – “Creating a Trauma-Sensitive Community” lecture at Thomas More – 5:30pm
 - December 11 – BornLearning Academy workshop #3
 - December 21 – NPS House event
 - January 8 – BornLearning Academy workshop #4
 - January 15 – monthly service providers meeting
 - January 23 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting
- ✓ Newport Intermediate School FRC Coordinator, Amber Onkst reports:
 - 21st Century: FRC completed and submitted the \$490,000 grant for grades K-6th to Frankfort on November 19, 2018
 - PBIS: FRC will be sitting on the committee for NIS’s implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports.
 - Club 312: The FRC co-hosts an after-school program on Wednesdays and approximately 20 students attend weekly.
 - HEARTS tutoring: We have added another student to this program bringing the total to 8 students receiving targeted tutoring after school.
 - Cyclones STEM Day: FRC sponsored 5th grade students attending the STEM day and game at the Cyclones.
 - 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. Currently, we have 168 children between the two school’s receiving assistance.

- **Thanksgiving Assistance:** FRC provided 45 students with Thanksgiving Food Boxes. The remaining boxes will be provided at Christmas through Stock the Kitchen.
 - **KY OOSA:** The grant that has funded our parent night ends in December. However, we are eligible to apply again. FRC is working to partner the Primary School and the Intermediate School to improve upon these events in the new grant.
 - **Coat Distribution:** NIS and NPS FRC are partnering with St. Vincent De Paul for the coat distribution on Saturday, December 1st from 9-12pm. FRC has recruited the Fire Dept.'s assistance. They have challenged the community to donate coats, and they will match the donations with purchasing new coats for the distribution. Currently, they have collected 175 coats for the coat distribution.
 - **Big Brothers Big Sisters:** The room has now been updated and painted thanks to volunteers from Lakeside Christian Church.
 - **Kentucky Association of School Social Workers:** FRC is now the Northern Kentucky Board Member for KASSW.
 - **Student Ambassadors-**Our student leaders are beginning their community service project where they are educating their peers and providing support to the American Lymphoma society.
 - **Big Smiles:** FRC is currently accepting applications for the free dental clinic that will be held in January.
 - **BornLearning:** FRC along with Primary FRC hosted our second Born Learning session for parents with children birth to five years of age. There were 14 parent participants along with all of their children.
 - **Parent Support Group (PSG):** FRC along with Primary FRC hosted our second PSG. We had eight parent participants.
 - **Free Feet:** FRC completed an application to receive a donation of 25 free pairs of shoes for our students.
- ✓ **Upcoming Events:**
- **12/11/18:** BornLearning and PSG Session 3
 - **11/29/18:** Family Night/ Math Night
 - **12/1/18:** Coat Distribution at NPS
 - **12/13/18:** Family Night/ End of the year Holiday party
- ✓ **Newport Intermediate School FRC Intern, Jabril McCaster, reports:**
- **Stock the Kitchen (11/15/18).**
 - **Working with North Key Therapist to provide a Bullying Prevention Group with 5th and 6th graders, twice weekly.**
 - **Mentoring one-on-one, two 6th grade students struggling with behaviors.**
 - **Coordinated Families receiving 7 Hills Thanksgiving boxes.**
 - **Assisted with any other services as need such as; answering phone calls, assisting students with anything they made need when coming into the office (belt, shirt, pants, etc.), and restocking any**

need materials (clothes, backpacks, household items, food) in the FRC office, or for Stock the Kitchen.

- ✓ **Newport High School YSC Coordinator, Donna Watts reports:**
 - **Made 5 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 sent 5 students to NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet**
 - **Coordinator attended Truancy Diversion meeting**
 - **Coordinator attended Student Support Team meeting**
 - **Coordinator attended monthly Service Providers meeting**
 - **Posted Employment opportunities for: IRS and FedEx.**
 - **Coordinator attended NHS 21st Century Advisory meeting**
 - **Hosted Reality Store for 9th and 12th graders – 21 community partners participated**
 - **Thanksgiving Food Basket Give Away 40 families, 3 community partners – Kevin Ball, 7 Hills Church & Class of 1964**
 - **Coordinator made 10 home visits to deliver food baskets**
 - **Coordinator volunteered at Flip Daddy's to serve Thanksgiving Dinner**
 - **Coordinator attend Focus Group meeting at CCCES office**
 - **Coordinator referred 10 students for Anthony Munoz Hispanic Camp**
 - **Hosted NHS YSC Advisory Council meeting**
 - **Coordinator attended FRYSC Region 4 meeting and training on November 29, 2018**
 - **Coordinator held After Prom Parent meeting**
- ✓ **Events Chaperoned**
 - **Young Women Lead Conference at NKU – took 25 students**
- ✓ **Additional Activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved:**
 - **2 Upward Bound Meetings**
- ✓ **Upcoming events of notes for this and next month**
 - **Coat Distribution**
 - **Upward Bound Meeting**
 - **After-Prom Parent Meeting**
 - **Free Feet Shoe Pickup**
 - **Ugly Sweater Contest**
 - **Teacher & Staff Pot Luck Lunch**
- ✓ **NISD 21st Century – Erin Comfort, NHS reports:**
 - **Club Update: All 21st Century After school Clubs at NHS run from 2:45-6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday**

- 120 + NHS students participating, average 25 a day in an after school club, 8th-12th grade
- Club of the Month- Photography
 - Photography club is held twice a week and is run by myself, Erin Comfort, from 2:45-5:00pm. I meet with 8 students on Mondays and Tuesdays each week. Weekly we discuss different styles of photography and key terms you must know in order to master the art.
 - So far we have taken three field trips to the levee to capture the Christmas decor; we have walked the streets of Newport to capture fall foliage. We have also gone to a horse farm in Melbourne, Ky. Before the year is over we will go to the aquarium and ice skating down town to take pictures
 - After taking photos, we upload them to the computers and each student gets to critique their work, and print of their favorite photo from the day. This club will continue into the new year with the same group of 9-12th graders
- ✓ NISD 21st Century – Kim Ward, K-8 Coordinator reports:
 - Programming will run through Thursday December 20, 2018 and resume on January 7, 2019
 - Newport Primary- currently 151 students have participated in early morning/after school programming
 - Newport Intermediate- currently 221 students have participated in early morning/ afterschool programming
 - Newport NHS- 7th/8th grade – approximately 75 students have participated in afterschool programming
 - New After School Activities: Beginning in January 2019, Chess Club, Sprouts Cooking, Minecraft Education Club, Mighty Milers Running Club, Mommy and Me Cooking.
 - Club Highlight: Sports Mania is an after school activity for 3rd-6th grade students ran by Skoolaid. Each week, Paralympian Jake Counts, gets our students blood pumping with this fast-paced class. Each session inspires movement, creativity and imagination, as well as fun with fitness and physical activity. It also encourages friendly competition- involving elimination activities and point-system based games to teach good sportsmanship while winning or losing. Mr. Jake dispels the myths about persons who live with disabilities and that anything is possible!



- ✓ **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:**
 - 270 students seen for sick visits
 - 5 scheduled medication administrations daily
 - 5 vision screenings completed
 - Northern Kentucky Health Dept held a dental clinic and saw approximately 150 students over 5 days
 - **Mrs. Kim Weaver, RN, BSN for Newport Intermediate School Reports:**
 - 231 students seen for sick visits
 - 10 scheduled medications administered daily
 - Partial shipment of vaccines received 11/20. Await frozen vaccines
 - 16 vision screenings completed
 - Teachers medication training completed
 - Letters to homes of students with insufficient vaccine records. Notification of exclusion from school after November 29th if still non-compliant
 - Med EZ billing completed
 - Supplies and over the counter (OTC) medications to be purchased end of November.

- **Ms. Liz Tanner, Nurse Practitioner via Christ Hospital at the School Based Health Center**
 - **From my November report to the present date include:**
 - **31 physicals completed**
 - **78 students seen for sick visits**
 - **15 staff members seen for sick visits**
- **Ms. Pam Pedigo, RN, BSN (Newport High School) Reports:**
 - **331 students seen for sick visits**
 - **2 vision screenings completed**
 - **5 scheduled medication administrations daily**
 - **Letters to homes of students with insufficient vaccine records. Notification of exclusion from school after November 29th if still non-compliant**
 - **Med EZ billing completed**
- ✓ **You now have the fourth month of attendance and it is still the best it has been in over ten years. I want to commend all our principals and their school leadership teams, but with attendance as an accountability item, we need to make a hard push to keep high attendance as a priority in next six school months!**