

***Newport Independent Schools***  
**DIRECTOR STUDENT SERVICES & DPP REPORT**  
**1/23/2019**

Madame Chair and ladies of the board of education, outstanding news continues in the Newport Independent School District. As customary, 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 report. They are as follows:

- ✓ **NSTEP (Newport Service, Tools and Empowerment Project) Coordinator, Kristy McNally:**
  - 7 home visits completed for new enrollments with affidavits/shelter residence
  - Current number of students exp. homelessness/living in transition (number will increase daily from this point as students are identified).

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	TYTD: 149 (5in CRJDC)
40 NPS	45 NPS	52 NPS	
36 NIS	38 NIS	45 NIS	
31 NHS	39 NHS	46 NHS	
  - 28 MV students have withdrawn so far this year
  - Stock the Kitchen is open 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
    - Serving close to 300 unduplicated individuals
  - Classes/Programs:
    - Assisting with purchase of gaps and gowns
    - Diversity Wildcats-NIS Edition in partnership with UpSpring
      - Meets Mondays and Thursdays
    - Diversity Wildcats-NPS Edition-lead by myself and Molly Wesley
      - Meets Tuesdays
    - NHS Support Team at NHS (for MV Students) started Jan 15 in partnership with UpSpring –focus on College/Career Readiness and Social Emotional Supports/Linkages to Teachers/Resources
    - Parent Support Group, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>/Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> (9 parents) Next meeting February 5, 2019
    - Rolling Wildcat –NIS Family Night Dec. 20
  - 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 3 families (Kenton Count/Covington/Dayton)
    - Cab provided (one way) for 3 families (Newport)
    - Gas Card provided for 1 family (Newport)
  - **Transporting 1 NHS students from Homeward Bound / 1 NHS from WH Shelter**
  - **Donations/ Current Partners:**
    - Care Closet                      Richardson Family   Harlow HRK
    - UpSpring                        Le Soup
    - Bartlett Family                Terry Dawson
    - Butler Foundation          CBRE
- ✓ **Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:**
- **As of January 16, 2019, the following were distributed to students:**
    - 154 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)
    - 12 backpacks
    - 21 total home visits during this time: 11 home visits for attendance/residency, 8 home visits to deliver Holiday gift/food items, 1 home visit to alert a parent to pick up a student due to illness, and 1 home visit to deliver homeschooler paperwork
    - 1 voucher for replacement eyeglasses was distributed
    - 2 referrals to Stock the Kitchen
    - 1 assistance with residential water shut off
    - 85 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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!**
  - **Seventeen (17) 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 receives calls regularly from case managers at MEBS Associates 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 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 completed their collection of underwear to distribute amongst the Campbell County Family Resource Centers. Each FRC took approximately 640 pairs of underwear back to their school’s clothing closet.
- To date, Molly has worked with Debbie Mollett (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, twice during most weeks!
- The Newport Central Catholic sophomores have written their first pen pal; letters to the NPS 2<sup>nd</sup> graders! These “buddies” will be coming to visit for a morning in February!
- December 1 – 9:00-noon – 288 coats were distributed 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 – District Wellness meeting
- December 5 – “Creating a Trauma-Sensitive Community” lecture at Thomas More – 5:30pm
- January 7 – NPS Wellness Committee Meeting
- December 17 and January 8 - Attendance committee meeting
- December 11 – Born Learning Academy workshop #3 – Fifty-five (56) people were in attendance at the third Born Learning 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, 4 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 Born Learning Coordinators (Molly and Amber), 1 Administrator (Mrs. Hayden), 7 adults participating in the Parent Support Group, 9 adults participating in the Born Learning workshop, and 19 children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger.
- December 14 – Free Feet Footwear provided 19 NPS students with new shoes.
- Holiday Assistance was provided to NPS and NIS families by approximately 21 different organizations, to approximately 273 children.

- **January 8 – Born Learning Academy workshop #4 – Seventy (70) people were in attendance at the fourth Born Learning Academy! Four (4) Brighton Center youth participating in Youth Leadership development, 1 Brighton Center YLD staff, 4 Christ’s Chapel volunteers to prepare and serve food, 4 child care workers, 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), 1 Born Learning Coordinator (Molly), 1 Administrator (Mrs. Hayden), 7 adults participating in the Parent Support Group, 11 adults participating in the Born Learning workshop, and 32 children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger.**
- **January 14 – Molly arranged for a Notre Dame Academy math student to tutor a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade NPS student after school in math twice a week.**
- **January 15 – Molly attended the monthly Service Providers Meeting facilitated by Colonel Wills**
- ✓ **Newport Intermediate School FRC Coordinator, Amber Onkst reports:**
  - **PBIS- FRC is on the committee. Implementation began the first week back after Christmas, with a review of the schools rules, new Leveling behavior system and positive interventions with Cats Cash. FRC has been assisting with developing the Cats’ store and communication between the school and parents regarding PBIS.**
  - **Club 312 -The FRC co-hosts an after-school program on Wednesdays. We are expanding this club concept to include male students. The boys club will meet at the same time as the girl’s club and will focus on character development as the girls’ club does.**
  - **HEARTS tutoring- We have added another student to this program bringing the total to 8 students receiving targeted tutoring after school.**
  - **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. Between the two schools 273 children were sponsored for Christmas.**
  - **Grocery Give-A-Way- FRC partnered with the family members of Big Stef who passed away last year to continue his legacy of serving Newport families. FRC along with volunteers from Big Stef packed and delivered food to 26 Newport families on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**
  - **KY OOSA- The grant that has funded our parent night ends in December. We received 2<sup>nd</sup> year funding through the grant FRC wrote to include both NIS and NPS. FRC has been asked to report in Frankfort the results of the last year of funding.**

- **Coat Distribution-** NIS and NPS FRC are partnering with St. Vincent De Paul for the coat distribution on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 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-** This program continues to provide approximately 60 students with weekly mentoring.
- **Kentucky Association of School Social Workers-** FRC is now the Northern Kentucky Board Member for KASSW. FRC will be attending the regional board meeting on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Student Ambassadors-** Our student leaders raised over \$500 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Ambassadors had to take a course on blood cancer then prepare a small presentation to their homeroom classrooms on what Leukemia was and how raising money can help stop childhood cancer.
- **Big Smiles- Dental Clinic** began on Monday. This is the first year our school has hosted an actual dentist as a part of this clinic. Previously, students just received sealant and referrals to local dentists. Students are now having their full 6-month check up on site at school. 96 students registered to receive dental services on site. This clinic runs through the end of the week.
- **Born Learning-** FRC along with Primary FRC hosted our third and fourth Born Learning session for parents with children birth to five years of age. There were 55 total participants in December and 70 in January.
- **Parent Support Group (PSG) -** FRC along with Primary FRC hosted our third and fourth PSG. We had eight parent participants.
- **Free Feet-** FRC received our donation of new pairs of tennis shoes.
- **Anthony Munoz Foundation-** Anthony Munoz, himself, delivered Christmas gifts/ winter coats to all of our Hispanic students who participated in his Hispanic Character Camp.
- **Alumni Project-** FRC and YSC are meeting regularly with Newport Alumni to develop a long-term mentorship program for students grades 6-12<sup>th</sup>, pairing students with a Newport Alum to encourage academic performance and college/or career readiness. Tentative start date is fall 2019.
- **Campbell County Library-** They hosted their annual Drop Your Drawers Campaign. FRC along with the Newport, Dayton, Silver Grover and all Campbell County Elementary School FRCs sorted the underwear and received approximately 760 pairs of underwear for Newport Intermediate
- **Care Closet-** the Care Closet has done a "soft" opening of their on-site "store" for students to shop from during the day. A volunteer is here once a week and assists students who have been referred to the FRC for clothing assistance.

- NKOA- FRC purchased winter clothing over the break for students utilizing our Neediest Kids of All money.
- ✓ **Upcoming Events:**
  - 1/17/19- FRC Advisory Council Meeting
  - 1/17/19- PBIS Committee Meeting
  - 1/17/19-1/18/19- Dental Clinic
  - 1/29/19- Presentation in Frankfort on Year 1 funding from KY OOSA (date may be moved)
  - 2/1/19- Kentucky School Social Work Board Meeting
  - 2/2/19- Newport Fire Dept. host Food Drive for NIS' weekend food bag program
  - 2/5/19- Born Learning and PSG Session 5
  - 2/7/19- Lakeside Christian Church hosting a packing event to sort and pack all food from Fire department food drive
  - 2/8/19- Care Closet Grand Opening
- ✓ **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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, twice weekly.
  - Mentoring one-on-one, two 6<sup>th</sup> 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 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 hosted After Prom Parent meeting
  - Coordinator attended Truancy Diversion meeting
  - Coordinator attended Student Support Team meeting
  - Coordinator attended monthly Service Providers meeting on January 15, 2019
  - Posted Employment opportunities for: FED-EX
  - Christmas Food Basket Give Away 67 families, community partners
  - Class of 1964, 53', 57', 71', 85', and 87'

- Newport Optimist Club, St. Therese Church, Harlow HRK,
- NHS teachers and staff, BM2 Freight, Neediest Kid of All
- NSTEP and Free Store Food Bank
- Coordinator made 12 home visits to deliver shoes
- Shoes were donated by Free Feet, INC.
- Coordinator made 8 home visits to deliver food
- Coordinator held After Prom Parent meeting
- Coordinator attended Trauma Sensitive Training
- Coordinator helped plan Christmas Adventure Experience
- Coordinator hosted Ugly Sweater and Ugly Outfit Contest
- ✓ 1 Event Chaperoned: Bowles Diversity Center Conference – took 30 seniors
- ✓ Additional Activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved:
  - 2 Upward Bound Meetings
- ✓ Upcoming events of notes for this and next month:
  - Wall of Excellence Project
  - Upward Bound Meeting
  - Steve Oldfield – Children’s Inc. NKYAB
  - Service Provider Meeting
  - Truancy Diversion
  - Alumni Mentoring Project
  - Job Fair at Erlanger Library
  - Dr. MLK, Jr. Scholarship Luncheon
  - After-Prom Meeting
  - Spring Break College Tour Planning Meeting
  - Wired Family Night
  - YSC Advisory Council Meeting
  - Miss Kentucky as guest speaker
- ✓ NISD 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Erin Comfort, NHS reports:
  - Club Update: All 21st Century Afterschool Clubs run from 2:45-6:00, M-F.
  - 120+ NHS students participating, average 32 a day in an after school clubs, 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Club of the Month- Sewing -Starting this week is Sewing Club. Every other Wednesday from January to April six high school students will learn the basics of sewing. Teaming up with the Campbell Country Extension Office, we are able to provide each student with a sewing machine (to borrow) as well as a mentor to walk them through the process of making a Bib, Backpack, and Pillow Case. Student will have the chance to enter their project into the Campbell Country Fair in September. It is our hope the students learn the basics skills of sewing, cutting fabric and successfully using the machines on their own.
  - New clubs this spring are:
    - Athlete Study Table

- Boys Book Club
  - Student Advocates
  - Boys Indoors Soccer.
- ✓ Upcoming 21CCLC Sponsored Events:
  - Skiing with Outdoor Adventure Club, January 19, 2019
  - A Wired Family, January 29, 2019
  - College 101 night, March 21, 2019
- ✓ NISD 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Kim Ward, K-8 Coordinator reports:
  - Programming resumed after holiday break on Monday Jan 7, 2019
  - Newport Primary- currently 155 students have participated in early morning/after school programming
  - Newport Intermediate- currently 239 students have participated in early morning/ afterschool programming
  - Newport NHS- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade – approximately 81 students have participated in afterschool programming
  - The following new after school activities began this month:
    - Family and Me Cooking Class at NPS
    - 6 week Girl Scout STEM program at NPS
    - 6 week Girl Scout Financial Literacy at NIS
    - Chess Club at NIS
    - Sprouts Cooking at NIS
    - Minecraft Education at NIS
    - Cooking Club with Ms. Claire at NHS
  - A Wired Family Social Media Presentation will be held at NHS on January 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Parents are invited to hear Stephen Smith speak regarding the effect of social media/technology on our students.
  - Club Highlight: Family & Me Cooking Class is a four week class ran at the Primary School by Melissa Pilcher from the UK Nutrition Education Program. This hands-on program is a fun way for students and their care takers to work together on basic kitchen skills and making healthy food choices. During the first session on January 16<sup>th</sup>, students and their families cooked up yummy “Colorful Quesadillas” packed with healthy vegetables. Along with tasty treats, families will receive free kitchen tools and recipes to enjoy. The four week session runs Wednesday January 16 to Wednesday February 6, 2019





- ✓ **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:**
    - **218 sick student visits**
    - **6 daily medication administrations.**

- 6 vision screenings
- We continue to follow-up on students needing urgent dental care based on Northern Kentucky Health Department findings
- Attended 1 ARC meeting
- Follow-up continues on state mandated kindergarten screenings that still need to be turned in.
- Mrs. Kim Weaver, RN, BSN for Newport Intermediate School Reports:
  - 226 sick student visits
  - 16 daily medication administrations
  - 1 daily medical procedure
  - 9 vision screenings for student testing
  - Attended 3 ARC meetings
  - Follow-up continues on urgent dental needs of those identified through Northern Kentucky Health Department screenings
  - Our Health Center now has immunizations available for students at the NIS School Based Health Center
- Ms. Pam Pedigo, RN, BSN (Newport High School) Reports:
  - 262 sick student visits
  - 5 daily medication administrations
  - Follow-up continues on immunization compliance. New requirements were issued in June, 2018
  - Drug testing performed in December at the high school. Results were shared with Dr. Orman and Athletic Director Mario Kirkendall
  - 3 vision screenings were conducted
  - Attended 2 ARC meetings.
- Ms. Liz Tanner, Nurse Practitioner via Christ Hospital at the School Based Health Center
  - From my December to the present date include:
    - 77 student sick visits and physical conducted
    - 12 sick staff members evaluated
    - Assisting my colleagues with identification of students that need immunizations
- ✓ You now have the fifth month of attendance and we are still progressing nicely at the half year mark and we are slightly ahead of where we were during the last two years, but this has been a milder winter. In addition, no school is making their attendance goal (NPS=96%; NIS 96% and NHS 94%) and that should concern us all as attendance is now part of the accountability index. Lastly, the high school should be higher because for the first time we are providing TANK Bus service.
- ✓ As required by the KRS 158.070 of June 2017, there must be two readings of the proposed school calendar. In order that you adopt the calendar in February the first reading must be done tonight. I have attached all three options of our calendar. As a result of the survey conducted during the

month of November, teachers, classified personnel, parents and guardians as well as community stakeholders were afforded the opportunity to vote online. The survey responses overwhelmingly selected Option #1 as the calendar of choice with Option #3 as a distant second. Accordingly, the Calendar Committee respectfully recommends to the Newport Independent School District Board of Education that Option #1 be adopted in the February board meeting as the district calendar for 2019-2020.

- ✓ I wish to thank all members of our Calendar Committee for their input and assistance in developing the options. Our members were:

Ms. Melissa Sheffel, Board of Education Member

Mr. Matthew Atkins, Principal, NPS Principal Member

Mr. Michael Hunter, Assistant Principal NHS, Assistant Principal Member

Ms. Jennifer Michael, Assistant Principal NIS, Assistant Principal Member

Ms. Bev Holiday, Community Liaison Coordinator, City of Newport, KY

Ms. Susan Whitehead, East Row Neighborhood Association, Newport, KY

Lt. Col. Mike Wills, DPP: District Administrator other than the Superintendent & Chair

Mr. Kevin McCormick, Court Liaison Officer & Vice Chair

Ms. Shannon Meyer: Committee Secretary & Recorder

Ms. Kim Klosterman, District Classified Member

Ms. Katie Lucas, Parent Member

Ms. Kimberly Mullins-Ward, Parent Member

Ms. Jenna Koroly, Certified Teacher Member, NHS

Ms. Kim Cornett, Classified Member, NHS

Ms. Kristi Long, Certified Teacher Member, NIS

Ms. Ruth Johnson, Classified Member, NIS

Mr. Shane Campbell, Certified Teacher Member, NPS

Ms. Debbie Roaden, Classified Member, NPS