

***Newport Independent Schools***  
**DIRECTOR STUDENT SERVICES & DPP REPORT**  
**4/24/2019**

Madame Chair and members of our board of education, as usual, good news endures in the Newport Independent School District. As normal, I want to applaud all of our service providers for the remarkable labor they continue to do for our students and families. As typical, there are many significant assistances and activities that are occurring and I am pleased to share them with all of you. They are as follows:

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

- 3 home visits completed for new enrollments with affidavits/shelter residence
- Current number of students experiencing homelessness/living in transition

<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
56 NPS	65 NPS	68 NPS
48 NIS	54 NIS	60 NIS
51 NHS	59 NHS	64 NHS

Total Year to Date 2019: 199 as compared to April 2018 of 247

- Lived/living in: Shelter-23 Hotel-18 Doubled up-145 Uninhabitable Housing-13
- 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.
  - Serves close to 300 unduplicated individuals
- Classes/Programs:
  - Diversity Wildcats-NIS Edition in partnership with UpSpring which meets Mondays and Thursdays and had a Camp Joy experience during Spring Break
  - Diversity Wildcats-NPS Edition-lead by myself and Molly Wesley and 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
  - Rolling Wildcat –NIS Family Night May
  - Running Club-NIS 16 girls attending
- Transportation:
  - Assisting 4 other school districts:
    - Cab provided (one way) for 3 families (Campbell County Schools, Kenton County Schools and Covington Independent)
    - Cab provided (one way) for 8 families (Newport)
    - Gas Card provided for 3 families in Newport

- Transporting 1 NHS students from Homeward Bound/ 1 NHS from Welcome House Shelter
  - Receiving assistance from 2 schools (CPS/Covington)
- Other assistance/referrals/meetings:
  - Two referrals for housing assistance
  - NKY Homeless Education Collaborative April 8 - Met new state coordinator
  - Jeff Richardson-Community Partner focusing on Latino families experiencing immigration hardships
  - I am walking with two students at the NHS Graduation
  - Received \$5,000.00 donation from Lisa Bartlett for Prom
  - Presented at Movement Church April 12, 2019
- ✓ Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:
  - As of April 17, 2019, the following were distributed to students since the last monthly report:
    - 120 items of clothing and/or shoes from the FRC clothing closet (many thanks to all of the individuals who donate their gently used clothing and shoes to the FRC)
    - 1 student and 1 parent received assistance from the Care Closet
    - 3 backpacks
    - 1 Gift of Sight voucher was given for a student to replace eyeglasses
    - 3 students were assisted with hygiene
    - 18 total home visits during this time (9 for attendance, 7 to deliver Wildcat Honoree yard signs, and 2 for parent meetings)
    - 1 voucher for replacement eyeglasses through LensCrafters' Gift of Sight was distributed
    - Emergency financial assistance was given to a family who had a water shut off notice, and also to a second family (collaborated due to McKinney-Vento status)
    - Connected with a parent about an upcoming ARC meeting
    - 85 PowerPacks 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!

- Nineteen (19) 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. **MANY THANKS to Brighton Center’s Youth Leadership Development Club for sorting lids for us, as a service project!! Also, ReNewport has given the NPS Family Resource Center a \$500 grant to assist with the purchase of a couple of more benches at this summer’s cap delivery!**
- Molly serves on the NPS attendance committee, with Brian Zepf, Brenda Elgin, Mr. Atkins, Debbie Roaden, and Kristy McNally – this group meets every other week to discuss interventions, etc.
- 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, twice during most weeks!
- FY19 budget amendment and FY20 budget planning
- 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.
- March 19 and April 16 – Molly attended the monthly Service Providers Meetings facilitated by Colonel Wills
- March 18 – Molly attended a Professional Development training at St. Elizabeth on “Ethics for Relicensure”
- March 19 – Attendance committee meeting –
- March 19 – Born Learning banquet and celebration
- March 20 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting
- March 21 – Crayons to Computers mobile outreach brought supplies to NPS staff
- March 22 – PricewaterhouseCoopers volunteer group at NPS
- March 24 – Movement Church Sunday of Service at NPS
- April 8 – Wildcat Honorees were introduced, had a family breakfast, and were surprised with yard signs at their homes. Thank you Erin Comfort for taking their portraits to hang on our upcoming “Wall of Fame”!

- April 10 – Kindergarten Open House and registration – 35 families in attendance (25 registered for school)
- April 12 – Storytelling event at Movement Church to raise money for shoes for NPS students
- April 13 – Super Run at Sawyer Point – team of Newport staff will be participating
- April 17 – Safety Net Alliance meeting (mental health focus)
- ✓ Upcoming Classes/Programs:
  - April 18 – Arts and STEM Family Fun Night at NPS
  - May 3 – Education Summit at Underground Railroad Freedom Center
  - May 6 – Adopt a Class day at the Reds game
  - May 8 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting
  - May 14 – Monthly Service Providers meeting
  - May 24 – Field Day (tentative)
  - June – Early Childhood carnival
  - June 1 – NHS graduation
  - June 5 – Region 4 FRYSC meeting – Gateway College
  - July 8 – August 8 – Me and My School for incoming Kindergarten students
  - July 15-17 – Victory Over Violence conference
- ✓ Newport Intermediate School FRC Coordinator, Amber Onkst reports:
  - PBIS- FRC continues to serve on the Implementation committee, which meets monthly. FRC also runs the Cat's Store twice monthly for students to purchase prizes with the cat's cash they have earned for their positive behaviors.
  - Club 312 -The FRC co-hosts an after-school program on Wednesdays. Currently, we have about 15-20 girls that attend consistently. Most recently, we have been working on gratefulness. The girls participated in activity to make serving platters for all of the local business/individuals who sponsor NIS throughout the school year.
  - Candy Run Running Club- FRC is paying for two staff to facilitate this after-school running club. The club meets twice a week and has fifteen girls registered to attend. FRC also runs with the girls as an extra adult when running off campus.
  - HEARTS tutoring- We have added another student to this program bringing the total to 8 students receiving targeted tutoring after school.
  - KY OOSA- NIS hosted the first family night of the new grant period titled "Opening Day". Families were provided all baseball themed fun. There was a family dinner with questions at all of the tables to encourage student literacy and encourage families to get to know one another. Families rotated throughout the building for dinner, literacy activity and baseball bingo. The Reds and the Florence Freedom

donated free tickets to give away as prizes. We had approximately 150 people in attendance at this event.

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters-** This program continues to provide approximately 60 students with weekly mentoring.
- **Kentucky Association of School Social Workers-** FRC attended the board meeting and represented the role FRYSC's play in schools at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Frankfort.
- **Anthony Munoz Foundation-** FRC has secured 14 spots for NIS/NHS students to attend the AMF Spring Camp the weekend after Easter.
- **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.
- **Courageous Kids-** FRC has been a part of the planning committee to start a support group over the summer for students who have an incarcerated parent. This group will meet twice a month beginning May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Kindergarten and Preschool Open House-** FRC assisted the primary school in greeting and directly families for the open house. We had approximately 26 families in attendance.
- **Care Closet-** The Care Closet continues to serve students on a weekly basis who have a need at home that is affecting their education.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week-** FRC has worked with the Masonic Lodge to arrange for NIS staff to receive lunch on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Greenlight for Girls-** FRC is sponsoring and chaperoning fifteen 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls to attend this STEM conference at the University of Cincinnati.
- **School Beautification-** 7 Hills will be here on May 13<sup>th</sup> to help paint motivational quotes and inspirations in the school bathrooms.
- **Dude Be Nice Week-** In March, we hosted our Dude Be Nice Week where students were encouraged to wear themed clothing to go with a "nice" idea. Our students had so much fun being nice, and there were some great conversations across all grades about spreading kindness. As a part of this week, our gifted and talented students hosted a supply drive for the Women's Crisis Center, which serves victims of domestic violence. We had 541 individual items donated, which I dropped off at the WCC on Monday.
- **Adopt A Class-** FRC has assisted in scheduling 6 classes field trips with their Adopt A Class sponsors. We also have re-matched Mrs. Wessel's classroom with a new Merrill Lynch adopter.

✓ **Upcoming Events:**

- **4/16/19-** Newport Independent Schools Service Provider Meeting
- **4/17/19-** Child Abuse Prevention Event at DCBS Kenton County as FRYSC representative

- 4/18/19- PBIS Committee Meeting
  - 4/22/19- Crayons to Computers
  - 4/23/19- District Faculty meeting at NHS
  - 5/6/19- Greenlight for Girls STEM Conference at UC
  - 5/7/19- Courageous Kid
  - 5/9/19- Advisory Council Meeting
- ✓ **Newport High School YSC Coordinator, Donna Watts reports:**
- Chaperoned Gateway Community and Tech College Tour Erlanger & Boone campuses
  - Donated money for food for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance
  - Attended Re-Newport Board Meeting
  - Held YSC monthly Advisory Council Meeting
  - Uploaded Revised Budget to FRYSC Green System
  - Helped coordinate the April Truancy Diversion Program Meeting
  - Worked Wednesday showing of Shrek the Musical
  - Chaperoned Spring Break College Tours of Berea, Morehead, ECU, Bellarmine & UofL
  - Chaperoned University of Kentucky Tour with Juniors
  - Hosted Abraham Lincoln Presentation for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Helped with Varsity Cheerleading Banquet
  - Purchased Caps, Gowns and After Prom Tickets for needy students
  - Hosted Tuxedo Preview for Folchi Tuxedo
  - Donated T-Shirts to Fast pitch softball team
  - Held Upward Bound Recruitment for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders
  - Participated in Re-Newport Tree Planting Project
  - Recruited students for Music Video – Stop Bullying
  - Recruited 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys for Anthony Munoz Impact Camp
  - Donated money to Senior Skip Day for Food
  - Donated money for T-Shirts and Kona Ice for Wildcat Way Awards for all A – A/B – Perfect Attendance students
  - Continuing to meet with Parents every Tuesday for After Prom planning
- ✓ **Upcoming Events:**
- Tuesday, April 16 - University of Cincinnati Tour with Seniors
  - Thursday, April 18 - Spring Showcase-Family Fun Night @ 6:30p NHS
  - Tuesday, April 23 - Staff Meeting @ 3:30-5 p.m. NHS
  - Thursday, April 25 - Alumni Project Meeting @ 10a.m., NHS
  - Friday, April 26 to Sunday April 28 - Anthony Munoz Impact Camp
  - Saturday, April 27 to Sunday, April 28 - After Prom Extravaganza 11:30p.m. – 3:30a.m.
  - Tuesday, April 30 Senior Awards Night @ 6p.m.
  - May - Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month
  - Thursday, May 2 - NAACP Senior Salute Celebration 11a.m. - 1:30 p.m. TBA

- Friday, May 3 - FRYSC Regional Advisory Meeting TBA
- Wednesday, May 8 - YSC Advisory Council Meeting @ 10a.m. – 11a.m.
- Thursday, May 9 - Upward Bound Meeting @ 8a.m. - 1p.m. Library
- Tuesday, May 16 - Service Provider Meeting 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. NIS FRC

✓ NISD 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Erin Comfort, NHS reports:

- Club Update: All 21st Century Afterschool Clubs run from 2:45-6:00, Monday through Friday
- 150+ NHS students participating, average 33 a day in an after school clubs, 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- 21stCCLC Sumer Programs Newport High School
  - Summer programming will take place during the month of June. There will be several camp options for grades 7th-12<sup>th</sup>grade. All camps will take place at Newport High School. Lunch will be provided from 11:00-1:00. Sign-ups will start at the beginning of May. (See the attached flyers)
  - Camps Offered:
    - Teen Coalition Camp- 1:00-3:00
    - Literacy Camp 11:00-12:30
    - Track Camp- 12:30-3:30
    - Soccer Camp- 12:30-3:30
    - Volleyball Camp- 12:30-3:30
- Skill Building Events for Families:
  - Couponing 4/16/19
  - Cyber Bullying Event 4/18/19
  - Family Cookout 6/6/19
- Field trips:
  - Hiking and Biking OAC 4/20/19
  - Cincinnati Art Museum 6/4/19
  - Cincinnati Music Hall 6/5/19

✓ NISD 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Kim Ward, K-8 Coordinator reports:

- Newport Primary-currently 167 students have participated in early morning/after school programming
- Newport Intermediate- currently 255 students have participated in early morning/ afterschool programming
- Newport NHS- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade – approximately 84 students have participated in afterschool programming
- The following are a list of the current after school activities:
  - NPS:
    - Chorus
    - Lexia Club
    - Cub Scouts,

- Kindermusik
  - Diversity Wildcats
  - Coding Club
  - Girl Scouts
  - Fitkids.
- NIS
  - Beginning Band
  - FAR Club
  - YLD
  - Mad Science
  - Sports Mania
  - HEARTS Tutoring
  - Club 312
  - Chorus
  - Minecraft EDU
  - Yearbook Club
  - Sprouts Cooking
  - Prelude Club
  - Candy Run Racers Running Club
- NHS (7/8<sup>th</sup>)
  - YLD
  - Newport Theater
  - Newport Strong
  - Study Table
  - Video Game Design
  - Sewing Club
  - Cooking Club
  - Outdoor Adventure.
- Most after school programming will run through Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Morning programming will continue through the last day of school. KDE will visit Newport Independent Schools sometime in May to review the new 21CCLC grant awarded beginning 2019-2020. A date has not yet been confirmed.
- Club Highlight: Girl Scout of Kentucky staff led an 8-week afterschool program at Newport Intermediate focusing on Financial Literacy. Fifteen girls, grades 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade met weekly to learn about vital life skills that set them up for success in school and in their future careers. Students sold Girl Scout Cookies and choose to donate their profit from their sales to a local animal rescue. Students donated more than \$100 to the Tristate Noah Project which will help supply food and veterinarian costs for neglected and abused animals.





- ✓ **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:**
    - 97 sick student visits. (2 days a week coverage)
    - 8 daily medication administrations
    - 5 vision screenings
    - Kindergarten sign-up has occurred and we are going through the data collected to verify immunizations status and screening collection; contacting parents as needed.
  - **Mrs. Kim Weaver, RN, BSN for Newport Intermediate School Reports:**
    - 109 students seen for sick visits. (3 days a week coverage)
    - Six vision screenings completed
    - Continues to follow-up on students who need glasses, or have lost/broken glasses
    - Continues follow-up on students who need dental services
    - Follow-up with students who need second immunizations
    - Purchasing health supplies for this year and beginning of next year.
    - Continues follow-up on students who are out of compliance on Hepatitis A for all grades
    - Working with pre-school students to make appointments for physicals and immunizations required by state for kindergarten
    - Working with Christ Hospital for services and contract for next year
    - Working on end of year reports for state
    - Working on needs for Special Education students; ordering needed equipment
    - Reviewing class lists for all scheduled field trips
    - Participating in school 504 meetings
  - **Ms. Pam Pedigo, RN, BSN (Newport High School) Reports:**
    - 127 sick visits (3 days a week coverage)
    - 8 daily medication administrations
    - Planning accommodations for 'move up' day
    - Continues to make contact concerning required vaccines and encouraging use of health clinic

- **Ms. Liz Tanner, Nurse Practitioner via Christ Hospital at the School Based Health Center**
  - **From my March report to the present date include:**
    - **Evaluated 115 sick visit students this month**
    - **Seven staff members seen for sick visits**
    - **Continues to identify students with screening and vaccine needs.**
- ✓ **You now have the eighth month of attendance and we are about the same as last month. I am hoping now that spring weather is here we will improve to close out the year.**
- ✓ **As I have repeated before, under the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) there are only two calendars that a Board of Education approves. The original school calendar which this board always approves in February for the coming year and the amended calendar which shows what actually happened during a school year due to emergencies, weather or other events. By law the superintendent makes those changes to the original calendar on your behalf. Since I must submit the Amended Calendar on behalf of the district it is essential that you approve this calendar tonight and record in the Board of Education Minutes as it will be submitted in May. You will note there are never make-up days on the amended calendar, which is because we did not use a make-up day.**