

Newport Independent Schools
DIRECTOR STUDENT SERVICES REPORT
10/23/2019

Madame Chair and ladies of the Newport Independent School District Board of Education, impressive news continues our district. As normal, I want to commend all of our service providers for the exceptional job they continue to do for our students and families. As usual, there are many important services and events that are occurring that I am pleased to relate. They are as follows:

- ✓ NSTEP (Newport Service, Tools and Empowerment Project) Coordinator, Kristy McNally:
 - Current number of students exp. homelessness/living in transition

<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct.</u>
24 NPS	26 NPS
28 NIS	30 NIS
16 NHS.	20 NHS
2 NSOI.	2 NSOI

YTD for 2019-2020 as of 10/15/19: 78
 - Stock the Kitchen is open 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 - Serves close to 300 unduplicated individuals
 - NAEHCY Conference (Washington DC) Nov. 2-5
 - NKYHEC (NKY Homeless Education Collaborative) continues to meet monthly:
 - Current Project: November 19, 2019 6-8:00pm at NKU
An Evening of HOPE: Shining a light on removing barriers to education for children and youth experiencing homelessness.
 - Interview with WCPO Nov. 6 to promote NKU event-will feature 18 yr. student Keara Curliss
 - Classes/Programs:
 - Diversity Wildcats-NIS Edition in partnership with UpSpring
 - Meets Mondays 3:00-5:300
 - Diversity Wildcats-NPS Edition-lead by myself and Molly Wesley
 - Starts Nov. 2019
 - NHS Student Advocate at NHS (for MV Students) starts Nov. 2019 in partnership with UpSpring –focus on College/Career Readiness and Social Emotional Supports/Linkages to Teachers/Resources
 - Rolling Wildcat –participated in Homecoming Parade, next event, NIS Family Night Oct. 25-Trick or Treat Theme
 - Transportation:
 - Assisting 0 other school districts/Transportation

- ✓ **Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:**
 - **As of September 18, 2019, the following were distributed to students since the last monthly report:**
 - **99 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)**
 - **Molly ordered 2 pair of shoes for students from Amazon (through Charities Guild)**
 - **\$30 for a pair of shoes to one student's family (through Movement Church shoe fund)**
 - **Four referrals to Stock the Kitchen (one from the R.O.C.K.S. Facebook page, posted by a family who has children that attend Newport Schools)**
 - **16 students (and siblings) have been able to shop at the Care Closet this school year. MANY thanks to volunteer, Amy Silverton, for keeping the Care Closet so well stocked and organized, and for treating our students with such care and dignity! Also, MANY thanks to California Closets for donating two walls' worth of display and storage for clothing! It looks GREAT!!!**
 - **7 backpacks**
 - **11 NPS families with infant/toddler/special needs children received Sweet Cheeks diapers this month (through partnership with the Care Closet)**
 - **85 PowerPacks per week are given to NPS students on Fridays**
 - **Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati provided the FRC with socks, underwear, shirts, and jackets**
 - **School supplies from Newport Police Department (Cram the Cruiser), Chick-fil-a, 7 Hills Church, Movement Church, Levi's, and several other local individuals**
 - **Transportation for three families, for the purposes of getting home from summer school, a family experiencing homelessness who needed to get some possessions from a neighboring community, and a family needing to go to a doctor after hours.**
 - **Two referrals for assistance with sanitation and utilities**
 - **1 eye exam and 2 eyeglasses paid for with Riverfront Kiwanis money**
 - **1 re-usable water bottle for a student whose IEP indicates that he needs constant access to water**
 - **1 extensive contact with a family who abruptly moved out of the area due to a family emergency; therefore, the student has not been attending school**
 - **The following meetings/events were attended:**
 - **July 8 – August 8 – Me and My School for incoming Kindergarten Students**

- July 11 – Summer Legislative Institute for KY Association of School Social Workers – Lexington, KY
- July 15-17 – Victory Over Violence conference
- July 22 – Betty Pennington (Regional Coordinator) site visit to NPS/FRC
- August 6 – Home Visit Day, Newport Night Out
- August 8 – Adopt a Class luncheon and NPS Open House
- August 21 – Safety Net Alliance meeting at St. John’s UCC
- August 27 – CCC Regional Network meeting
- September 5 – FRYSC Regional Coordinator’s meeting
- September 6 – CPR and First Aid training at Newport Fire Department
- September 17 – Molly attended the monthly Service Providers Meeting facilitated by Colonel Wills
- The following ongoing activities are occurring, and involving FRC staff/volunteers:
 - Fourteen NPS classrooms are participating in partnerships through the Adopt a Class program, including Crossroads Church, Mars Chocolate, United Way, Citibank, Brighton Center, USI Insurance (2), Red Hot Promotions (The Think Shop), PricewaterhouseCoopers, US Bank (2), Movement Church, 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!
 - Ten 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
 - 16 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, Angelika Huff, Mr. Atkins, Debbie Roaden, and Kristy McNally – this group meets every other week to discuss interventions, etc. First meeting was September 17.

- Molly re-stocks the Little Library almost daily, with donations of used books
- To date, Molly has worked with Debbie Mollette (and the organization through which her dog was certified as a therapy dog) for variety of dogs to come to visit the special needs students in Ms. Zimmerman's, and Ms. Turner's, classrooms, twice during most weeks!
- Molly, Kristy McNally, and Amber Onkst have two Masters level Social Work students interning for the school year.
- Molly is working with Sister Claire Therese at Newport Central Catholic to match their sophomores with NPS 2nd graders as pen pals.
- Molly is distributing and collecting applications for children birth-age 5 to participate in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, in order to receive free books each month.
- Molly continues to work with St. Elizabeth to make available their Employee Assistance Program, at which staff and their household members can receive up to 8 free mental health visits.
- ✓ The following activities are currently happening in the FRC:
 - Newport FRYSC Coordinators are busy collecting outstanding FRAM (HIF) forms from all enrolled students
 - FRYSC Coordinators are also busy working on CAGE Report, Sections & Standards, Implementation and Results, Impact Report, and Self-Reflection
 - Checklists – all of which will be discussed at upcoming Advisory Council meetings and uploaded to FRYSC Counts
 - THANK YOU to Keturah Street Church of God for bringing popsicles to our Open House, and welcome back gifts for NPS staff
 - Five students were interviewed by the Cabinet for Health & Family Services, for allegations of abuse/neglect
- ✓ Upcoming Classes/Programs:
 - September 26 – Family Fun Night at NPS
 - September 27 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting
 - October 3 – Family Literacy In Preschool
 - October 15 – Monthly Service Providers Meeting
 - October 15 – bornlearning workshop #1
 - An employee from the KDE Finance Department has requested to shadow the Newport FRYSC Coordinators for a day, as part of a “Shadow a FRYSC for a Day” initiative in Frankfort.
 - October 24 – Parent Teacher Conferences
 - November 7 – Monthly Service Providers Meeting
 - November 12 – bornlearning workshop #2
 - November 15 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting
 - November 19 – Homeless Collaborative event at NKU
 - November 21 – Region 4 FRYSC Coordinators meeting
 - November 21 – Family Fun Night
 - December 3 – Monthly Service Providers Meeting

- December 10 – bornlearning workshop #3
- December 12 – Family Literacy in Preschool
- December 14 – St. Vincent de Paul coat distribution

Newport Intermediate School FRC Coordinator, Amber Onkst reports:

- **PBIS- FRC continues to assist in securing donations for the CATS Store.**
- **Club 312 -The FRC co-hosts an after-school program on Wednesdays. Currently, we have about 15-20 girls that attend.**
- **KY OSA- NIS is hosting two more family nights this semester (October 24th and December 12). FRC has begun recruitment of donations for our Halloween Healthy Trick or Treat. We are in the final planning stages of this literacy focused family night where students will trick or treat throughout the building to receive their candy, healthy treats, some fun reading activities and a book!**
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters- This program continues to provide approximately 70 students with weekly mentoring.**
- **Alumni Project- FRC and YSC held our kick-off event in September where all of our mentors were able to eat meet and have lunch with their new mentees. This kick-off was a huge success, and we are so thankful for the support we received from our local city government, Mr. Middleton and our Board Members who attended!**
- **Care Closet- Two volunteers continue to serve students on a weekly basis who do not have access to appropriate clothing. Students all shop and receive a full bag of clothes to keep!**
- **Adopt A Class- FRC has established 11 Adopt-A-Class partners, with three more in the process of becoming active!**
- **Home visits- FRC continues to attend home visits, as needed by the Principal, Asst. Principal, Special Ed. Classrooms or homeroom classrooms. Additionally, over the last month, FRC worked to secure FRAM forms from all students at NIS by sending letters home, making phone calls and doing home visits. FRC was able to secure forms for all but about 8 students at NIS.**
- **Power Packs- Lakeside Christian Church hosted their second power pack packing for weekend food bags for students for this school year. FRC is providing 89 students with weekend food bags.**
- **Attendance Team- FRC is now serving on this team, which meets weekly to identify students with re-occurring absences and tardies and schedule specific interventions to address these absent events. FRC is responsible for assigned students and completes follow up contact with the students' families to address concerns related to attendance.**
- **Student Support Team- FRC is working with school counselor to develop a student support team to address students' need that interferes with classroom instruction.**

- **Curiosity Dome-** FRC paid for and hosted this interactive, blow-up planetarium. All students at NIS were able to watch a movie relevant to their content in their classrooms.
- **KASSW Fall Conference-** FRC attended the Kentucky Association for School Social Work fall conference in Georgetown. FRC attended trainings related to incorporating play therapy into the school and addressing self-harm and suicidal behaviors at school.
- **One to One-** FRC hosted the orientation for our One to One Reading Coaches through the Northern Kentucky Council of Education. We have four coaches that FRC was able to match with struggling third grade readers for weekly, one on one reading tutoring.
- **Homecoming-** FRC assisted in our K-PREP Distinguished and Proficient Celebration by staying after school and helping student decorate posters for the homecoming parade. Students were provided a pizza party and a celebratory cake to show them how proud we were of their success on K-PREP! FRC also provided shirts for all students to wear on the float. FRC then chaperoned throughout the evening as the NIS students walked/ rode on the float in the homecoming parade.
- **Anthony Munoz Character Development Camp-** FRC is gearing up for our next camp with AMF. This camp is target for just Hispanic students. We will be sending 15 boys grades 5th through 8th to the camp for the weekend.
- **FRYSC Reports-** FRC completed all the necessary FRYSC reports that were due to Frankfort by 9/30/19, including the Impact Report. FRC completed the Impact Report on the Parent Support Group that FRC sponsors each year. Parent Support Groups were hosted once a month for any parent/caregiver of a student in Newport Independent Schools. This session began by providing dinner for the entire family provided by a local church. During this time, the UK Extension Office was also present to provide children's activities so parents could finish their dinner calmly even if their child finished much quicker! Once dinner was over, Program staff (FRC and paid childcare workers) divided the children up into groups based on their age. Children were taken to the appropriate childcare arrangements for the remainder of the evening. Parents were then free to meet with their Parent Support Group (PSG) without having had to worry about dinner or childcare. While a parent and staff member facilitated PSG, the discussion each week was based upon the groups' needs. Parents were free to discuss concerns or questions they have and learn how their peers are handling similar issues.
- **The FRC had approximately 10 parents participate regularly each month and 13 children participate in the student activities or childcare. Based up on pre- and post-surveys provided to participates, there was an 11% increase in parents belief that they had a positive connection to other parents, an 11% increase in parents belief that**

they had a positive connection to their child's school and an 11% increase in the belief that parents had concrete support in times of need. Furthermore, when self-rating their connectedness to others only 80% of parents in attendance felt connected, and some of this connection was listed as negative. However, after the completion of PSG, 100% of parents reported feeling connected, and 0% reported negative connections. In addition, 90% of parents reported feeling connected to the school at the baseline assessment, with some listing this connection as negative. After PSG, 100% reported feeling connected and none listed the connection as a negative.

✓ **Upcoming Events:**

- 10/16/19- Attendance Team
- 10/16/19- Club 312
- 10/17/19- Advisory Council Meeting
- 10/18/19- Telephone Report to Save the Children and the KY Out of School Alliance
- 10/22/19- CCC Regional Meeting
- 10/23/19- Attendance Team
- 10/23/19- Club 312
- 10/24/19- Refuge for Women Training
- 10/24/19- Literacy Family Night "Healthy Trick or Treat"
- 10/29/19- Free Store Food Bank Site Visit
- 10/28/19- 11/1/19- Dental Clinic
- 10/30/19- Attendance Team
- 10/30/19- Club 312

✓ **Newport High School YSC Coordinator, Donna Watts reports:**

- YSC continues to provide school supplies, clothing, bus tokens, food and hygiene products for students and families
- Coordinator continues to provide school supplies to teachers and staff
- NHS YSC attended a tour of the State Capitol and visited with Representative Dennis Keene in a Legislative meeting in Frankfort
- Coordinator attended meeting with Safety Net Alliance Meeting
- One Event Chaperoned:
 - Latino Conference at NKU

✓ **Additional Activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved?**

- Two Upward Bound Meetings
- Collecting names for Thanksgiving Food Baskets Upcoming events of notes for this and next month
- Recruiting for Upward Bound and Young Life
- Recruiting for Anthony Munoz Hispanic Character Camp
- Spirit Week – provided candy, materials to decorate lockers and make posters, donated clothing for each themed day, and participated in staff vs. student tug of war.
- Sideline judge for Powder Puff Sr. vs. Jr. girls flag football game
- Attended Upward Bound FAFSA Day

- Paid for DJ for Homecoming Dance
- ✓ Upcoming events of notes for this and next month:
 - Thursday, October 24, 2019 - Reality Store Prep 9th and 12th
 - Cafeteria Friday, October 25, 2019
 - Reality Store Experience 11:30-1p gym October 28 through October 31
 - Red Ribbon Week Celebration Door Decoration Wednesday, October 30, 2019
 - Upward Bound Meeting Library, Thursday, October 31, 2019
 - NHS YSC Advisory Council meeting YSC office 10a.m, Thursday, October 31, 2019
- ✓ NISD 21st Century – Heather Anderson, NHS and Kim Ward, (K-8 Kimberly Mullins – Ward- Program Coordinator, Hannah Martin – NPS Site Coordinator and Sara Collini – NIS Site Coordinator) Heather reports:
 - Attended the 21st Century Multi-State Conference in Evansville, Indiana over fall break. Participated in sessions including: The Adverse Childhood Experiences Study and Teen Dating Violence, Social Determinants and 21st Century Learning, The Resilience Breakthrough and Mental Health Supports for OST Programs.
 - Attendance is slowly growing in the high school programs; art club and hip-hop dance prove to be two of the more popular choices.
 - Students in art club are beginning to plan a community service project for the holiday season.
 - A letter and a schedule of activities are being prepared to mail home to all parents in an attempt to increase participation in 21st Century Programs.
 - 20 high school students attended the Adventure Crew Outing on September 21, 2019. Students went kayaking on the Little Miami River and fishing at Lake Isabella. This month's trip is October 19th. Students will go mountain biking, zip lining and participate in archery at Camp Joy.
 - The first of six parent engagement activities will occur on October 29th, 2019. A free QPR Suicide Prevention training will be offered in the Newport High School library starting at 5:00 pm.

Kim reports:

- Newport Primary-Club Wildcat is a new after school program organized by 21st Century that provides students enrichment activities and academic support after school Mon- Thursday from 3:00-5:00pm. This program is currently at full capacity at 50 students daily. 122 NPS students have participated in programming since June 2019.
- Newport Intermediate- currently approximately 240 NIS students have participated in before/after school activities at NIS since June 2019. New additions to programming will include "Pre-Teen Cuisine"- a 5 week cooking and nutrition class for 5th/6th grade students ran by the Campbell Co. Extension Office, Adventure Crew (formerly Outdoor Adventure Club) 6th grade students will participate

in monthly adventures such as kayaking, archery, mountain biking etc., and Martial Arts with Master Fry which will begin in Jan 2020.

- Multi State Conference- Kim Ward, Heather Anderson, Hannah Martin and Sara Collini attended the 21CCLC Multi State Conference Oct 6th- Oct 9th in Evansville, Indiana. Staff participated in daily sessions that offered time to learn, reflect and connect with one another. The conference also provided two keynote speakers, a live youth STEM competition and many resources for high-quality out- of- school programming.
- Activity highlight: 21st CCLC and Brighton Center partnered to provide students and their families our first family engagement/ skill building activity of the year. Families gathered at Newport Primary School on Tuesday Oct 1st for the Kindness with Kids event. Families participated in rock painting, kindness activities, challenges, tips/resources and more! 21CCLC students that participate in Youth Leadership Development and Teen Coalition assisted in running the event by providing engaging activities for all to enjoy. Newport families were truly spreading kindness and love.



- ✓ Newport Independent School District Health Services (School Nurses):
 - Newport Primary School Nursing Office
 - 143 sick student visits.
 - 5 daily medication administrations.
 - 1 daily medical procedure (catheterization)
 - 5 vision screenings

- 5 care plans written
- Reviewing records of all students for valid immunization certificates and screening (physical, vision, dental) requirements.
- Newport Intermediate School Based Health Center
 - 572 sick visits.
 - 16 daily medication administrations.
 - 1 daily medical procedure (catheterization)
 - 7 vision screenings
 - 10 care plans written
 - Identification of those with immunization deficits as well as those that need school physicals; and getting arrangements made for Liz Tanner, NP to meet these needs.
- Newport High School Nursing Office
 - 178 sick student visits
 - 5 daily medication administrations, 2 diabetes management
 - 5 vision screenings
 - 5 care plans written
 - Attended one ARC meeting.
- Ms. Elizabeth Tanner, NP via Christ Hospital at School Based Health Center
 - Has seen 28 students so far this year. This includes sick visits, immunization needs, and school or sports physicals
 - Has evaluated 14 staff sick visits
 - Will be assisting with vision screenings on October 17, 2019
 - In addition, she assists with identification of students eligible for school based vaccines
- Arrangements have been made for community partner, Lions Club, to come in and do vision screenings for third and fifth grade students at NIS
- Dates have been set for Big Smiles to conduct dental clinic at NIS on October 17, 2019. Assisting Amber Onkst with the NIS logistics. Big Smiles will be at NHS in December and at NPS in January.
- ✓ Mike Wills, DPP & Director of Student Services
 - You now have our second month attendance report attached. While it looks very promising for the start of the year, I never give it much attention because it is how we finish that counts.
 - The District Calendar Committee survey for the three calendar options for the 2020-2021 Academic Year will end as on Friday, October 25. I will give you the results at the November meeting and will have them ready for the two readings for the January and February meetings.
 - The annual Growth Factor Report was submitted to KDE on October 15, 2019.