

Newport Independent Schools
DIRECTOR STUDENT SERVICES REPORT
11/13/2019

Madame Chair and ladies of the Newport Independent School District Board of Education, exciting news continues our district. As customary, I want to praise all of our service providers for the extraordinary 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>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov</u>
26 NPS	33 NPS
30 NIS	37 NIS
20 NHS	28 NHS
2 NSOI	2 NSOI

YTD for 2019-2020 as of 11/7/19: 101
 - **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. 7 to promote NKU event-will feature 18 year old 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) starting Nov. 12th 2019 in partnership with UpSpring –focus on College/Career Readiness and Social Emotional Supports/Linkages to Teachers/Resources**
 - **Rolling Wildcat – NIS Family Night Oct. 25- Smoothies**
 - **Transportation:**
 - **Assisting 1 other school districts/Transportation**
 - **3 Newport Students receive cab services**

- ✓ **Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:**
 - **As of November 7, 2019, the following were distributed to students since the last monthly report:**
 - **Six (6) home visits – regarding Household Income Forms (4), attendance, and student sleeping at school**
 - **62 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)**
 - **4 additional students have been able to shop at the Care Closet since the last report. 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!!!**
 - **4 backpacks**
 - **5 NPS families with infant/toddler/special needs children received Sweet Cheeks diapers this month (through partnership with the Care Closet)**
 - **85 Power Packs per week are given to NPS students on Fridays**
 - **A referral for assistance hygiene due to turned off utilities**
 - **20 NPS families will be receiving Thanksgiving food from 7 Hills Church; additionally, as of today, 85 NPS/NIS children are being matched with local donors to receive Christmas gifts.**
 - **The following meetings/events were attended:**
 - **October 18 – KDE finance department employee, Karen, “shadowed” Molly & Amber for the day, learning about “A Day in the Life of a FRYSC.”**
 - **October 18 – Molly delivered some materials and books to Newport Head Start.**
 - **October 22 – Community Collaboration for Children Regional Network meeting at the Boone County Library**
 - **October 24 – Family Fun Night (Healthy Trick or Treat) at Newport Intermediate School**
 - **October 29 – Freestore Foodbank Site Visit and Review**
 - **October 29 – Newport Optimist lunch presentation about potential partnership regarding a donation of a coat fund**
 - **October 31 – met with NKU student teacher about the FRC**
 - **October 31 – NPS House Event**
 - **November 1 – Visited a NPS employee who had recently had surgery, and also visited a recent Newport High School graduate who just delivered a baby**
 - **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), Pricewaterhouse - Coopers, 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!
- Twelve 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 regularly to discuss interventions, etc. Recently, students who had perfect attendance in September received a "brag tag" to attach to their backpack; October perfect attendance students will receive an additional brag tag soon.
- 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 a 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. Letters from NCC to the NPS 2nd graders

have been delivered! Responses from the 2nd graders should be getting delivered to NCC today!

- 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 continue to be busy collecting outstanding FRAM (HIF) forms from all enrolled students.
 - Molly submitted a proposal to a Philanthropy class at NKU, to receive funds from Scripps Howard Foundation, to assist with expenses for the BornLearning Academy.
 - The NIS and NPS FRC's are currently distributing and collecting needs assessments to assist with program planning for the FRCs.
 - Molly nominated a NPS teacher for the Teacher of the Year award through the VFW
- ✓ Upcoming Classes/Programs:
 - November 7 – Monthly Service Providers Meeting
 - November 12 – bornlearning workshop #2
 - November 13 – Head Start Health Advisory Meeting
 - November 13 – District Coordinated Wellness Committee
 - November 15 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting – will be discussing the second Standard
 - November 19 – Homeless Collaborative event at NKU – “An Evening of Hope”
 - Newport Holiday Clearinghouse
 - November 21 – Region 4 FRYSC Coordinators meeting
 - November 21 – Family Fun Night – Thanksgiving meal
 - November 25 – Thanksgiving food baskets delivered by 7 Hills
 - December 3 – Monthly Service Providers Meeting
 - Supporting Family Wellness and Motivational Interviewing Parts 1 and 2
 - December 10 – BornLearning workshop #3
 - December 12 – Family Literacy in Preschool – I Got Rhythm
 - December 14 – St. Vincent de Paul coat distribution (9am-noon)
 - December 20 – NPS House Event
- ✓ Newport Intermediate School FRC Coordinator, Amber Onkst reports:
 - Dental Clinic- FRC sponsored the NIS dental clinic the week of October 28th through November 1st. We had two dental teams here that were able to see 128 students for cleanings, extractions and cavity fillings. Due to the high level of need, the clinic will be back for two

more days in November to finish with cavities. Additionally, 35 students were seen that had NEVER been to a dentist per school records.

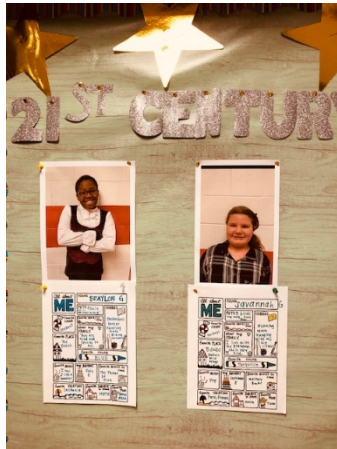
- KDE- FRC in partnership with NPS FRC hosted a representative from KDE for the day. She followed FRCs around and observed all the services that FRC's provide at school.
- PBIS- FRC continues to assist in securing donations for the CATS Store.
- Club 312 -The FRC co-hosts an after-school program on Wednesdays. Currently, we have about 15-20 girls that attend.
- KY OSA- The FRC hosted our Healthy Trick or Treat on October 24 here at NIS. We had 444 people in attendance. Students and their families trick or treated throughout the building stopping at health stations, Reading stations, Math stations and some fun Candy stations as well!
- Big Brothers Big Sisters- This program continues to provide approximately 70 students with weekly mentoring.
- Alumni Project- Our mentors continue to come regularly and meet with students as a part of this mentoring program. We currently have 7 students in this program. We are looking to expand; hopefully in the New Year with more mentors.
- 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. FRC is still working on completing FRAM forms for the remaining 7 students at NIS who have not yet completed their forms.
- Power Packs- FRC had our site visit from FreeStore Foodbank for our Power Pack program. We had no issues during this visits and are approved to continue providing this service here at NIS.
- 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. The third packing is scheduled for November 7th.
- Attendance Team- FRC is now serving on this team, which meets weekly to identify students with re-occurring absences and tardy events 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.

- **One to One-** FRC is coordinating the One to One program here. We currently have three coaches tutoring 3rd graders in reading.
- **Anthony Munoz Character Development Camp-** FRC is gearing up for our next camp with AMF. This camp is target for just Hispanic students. We have four students registered so far.
- **Needs Assessment-** This is a grant-writing year for the Family Resource Centers. FRC has completed the needs assessment and has sent it home with all students and out to all staff in order to begin gathering the data necessary to write the FRYSC grant for the 2020-2021 through 2021-2022 school years.
- **Born Learning-** In October, FRCs hosted the first of 6 BL Academies. We had six participants and 28 children present.
- **Parent Support Group-** In October, we hosted the first of 6 PSG meetings. We had 10 participants.
- **CCC Regional Meeting-** FRC attended the Community Collaboration for Children regional meeting and received training on the Baby Steps program, HIV/AIDs prevention and Narcan training.
- ✓ **Upcoming Events:**
 - **11/6- Attendance Meeting**
 - **11/6- Club 312**
 - **11/7- Service Provider Meeting**
 - **11/7- Parent Teacher Conferences**
 - **11/7- Power Pack packing at Lakeside**
 - **11/11- Dental Clinic**
 - **11/11- Veteran's Day Assembly**
 - **11/12- Dental Clinic**
 - **11/12- Born Learning and Parent Support Group**
 - **11/13- Fall Institute**
 - **11/13- FRYSC Attendance Meeting**
 - **11/13- Club 312**
 - **11/14- KASSW**
 - **11/19- Faculty Meeting**
 - **11/20- Attendance Meeting**
 - **11/20- Club 312**
 - **11/21- FRYSC Regional Meeting**
 - **11/22-11/24 Anthony Munoz Character Development Camp**
 - **11/25- Thanksgiving Food Box Distribution**
- ✓ **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**
 - **YSC continues to provide school supplies to teachers and staff**
 - **NHS YSC attended Senior meeting, YSC funds will be providing Caps, Gowns, and tassels for 25 seniors**
 - **Coordinator attended FRAM – Household Income Meeting**

- Coordinator attended MTSS – the purpose is to look Students Characteristics, Teachers Beliefs and Behaviors to determine that Goals and Outcomes to Making the School Stronger.
- We will meet the 1st Monday of every month.
- Coordinator attended Truancy Diversion meeting and followed up with students needing alarm clocks, TANK bus passes and clothing.
- Coordinator continues to assist families who lose their homes through eviction and or fires.
- Reality Store was a success – 35 community partners participated
 - The goals of the Reality Store are:
 - To help 9th and 12th grade students envision their future lives at 25 years old.
 - To help students learn basic skills in financial planning, goal setting, decision making and career planning.
 - To clarify the need for young women and men to examine their attitudes about their futures and their career expectations.
 - To motivate students to stay in school, stay away from drugs and avoid teenage pregnancy.
 - To hold an educational event that will be fun and exciting.
- ✓ One Event Chaperoned:
 - Young Women LEAD Conference at NKU which was sponsored by Toyota to encourage young girls to think globally.
- ✓ Additional Activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved:
 - Two Upward Bound Meetings
 - Collecting names for Thanksgiving Food Baskets
 - YSC has ordered 12 pairs of shoes through Charities Guild so far this year
 - YSC is collecting names for Free Feet Shoe Program
 - YSC passed out clothing and winter gear to assist 15 students to attend the Young Life Conference
 - Recruiting for Anthony Munoz Hispanic Character Camp
 - Red Ribbon Week Door Decorating Contest winner – Mrs. Kennedy's RTI class
- ✓ Upcoming events of note for this and next month:
 - November 8th – 10th African-American Alumni Network at NKU
 - Monday, November 11, Veteran's Day Celebration 2-2:45 p.m. Gym
 - Tuesday, November 12 BornLearning Academy at NPS 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 - November 13 – 15, 2019 FRYSC Fall Institute Conference in Lexington
 - Thursday, November 21 FRYSC Region 4 Meeting/Training in Newport

- **Monday, November 25 7 Hills Church – Thanksgiving Food 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. with addition financial support provided by the NHS Class of 1964 and Kenny Ball Freight**
- ✓ **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:**
 - **To date, 95 different high school students have attended the 21st Century Programs this academic year.**
 - **The Newport High School program currently averages 13 students a day.**
 - **On October 29th the 21st Century Program hosted a QPR Suicide Awareness training. Larry McNabb, a certified trainer graciously provided this training at no costs. It was attended by parents, staff, guests and students. Professional Development hours were awarded to teachers.**
 - **The NHS 21st Century Community Learning Center will host a College 101 event on Tuesday, November 19th from 4:30-6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Families are invited to attend and spend time speaking with local colleges, work on their FAFSA, and learn about scholarship opportunities.**
- Kim reports:**
 - **21st Century staff: Kimberly Mullins-Ward- Program Coordinator, Hannah Martin – NPS Site Coordinator and Sara Collini – NIS Site Coordinator**
 - **Newport Primary –125 students have participated this year. Camp Wildcat is up and running at NPS. 21st Century is currently serving 50 students daily, Mon – Thursday. We currently have a wait list for this program. Students participate in homework help, tutoring, and daily enrichment activities.**
On Saturday November 2nd, NPS Nature Club students enjoyed a fun-filled field trip to Sunrock Farm with their entire families. Students had the opportunity to feed farm animals, milk a goat and hold baby chickens. The NPS Nature Club will continue to plan monthly outings for participating students' and their families.
 - **Newport Intermediate- 254 students have participated this year. The following are a list of the currently activities at NIS. Youth Leadership Development, Diversity Wildcats, Monthly Art Club, Sports Mania, Minecraft Education, Club 312, Wildcat Winds Beginning Band, FINtastic Aquarium Club, Friends and Readers, STEAM Punks, The Treble makers Choir Club and Pre-Teen Cuisine**
 - **Newport Middle (7th and 8th) – 55 students have participated this year. The following are a list of the current activities for 7th and 8th students. Breakfast Club, Homework Help/Study Table, Art Club, Youth Leadership Development, Newport Strong, Science Club, Dungeons & Dragons, Hip Hop Dance and Adventure Crew.**

- **Kim Ward spoke to the Newport City Commissioners Meeting on October 21st regarding the ongoing partnership between Newport Schools 21st Century program and the Newport Penguins. The Penguins have provided free swim lessons to selected Camp Wildcat students for the past three years. We hope to increase funding so that more students can attend the swim lessons this summer and for a longer time period.**
- **21st Century partnered with the Brighton Center to provide Suicide Prevention training to families and staff on Tuesday October 29th at NHS. Certified QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) trainer, Larry McNabe, spoke about emergency responses to someone in crisis.**
- **Activity highlight: Each month, both NPS and NIS pick a monthly “Spotlight Student”. This is a monthly student recognition program that recognizes students based on their character and leadership skills during after school programming. Our goal is to shine a light on these students and honor them for being such great citizens!**



- ✓ **Newport Independent School District Health Services Ms. Pam Pedigo, Coordinating Nurse and Ms. Rebecca Bova District School Nurses:**
 - **Newport Primary School Nursing Office**
 - 195 sick visits.
 - 5 daily medication administrations.
 - 1 daily medical procedure (catheterization)
 - 8 vision screenings
 - Reviewing records of all students for valid immunization certificates and screening (physical, vision, dental) requirements.
 - **Newport Intermediate School Based Health Center**
 - 591 sick visits.
 - 17 daily medication administrations.
 - 1 daily medical procedure (catheterization)
 - 6 vision screenings

- 3 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
 - 198 sick student visits
 - 5 daily medication administrations, 2 diabetes management
 - 5 vision screenings
- Ms. Elizabeth Tanner, NP via Christ Hospital at School Based Health Center
 - Has seen 57 students since last reporting timeframe. This includes sick visits, immunization needs, and school or sports physicals
 - Has evaluated 11 staff sick visits
 - In addition, she assists with identification of students eligible for school based vaccines
 - Vision screenings by the Lions Club were held at Newport Intermediate on October 17, 2019. 78 students underwent laser vision evaluation. 20 were referred to eye care specialists; 11 of those were already under the care of a doctor.
 - Big Smiles will be at NHS in December and at NPS in January.
- ✓ Mike Wills, DPP & Director of Student Services
 - Kelly's Kids and the district leaders will again take part in supporting the annual East Row Historic Foundation (ERHF) Victorian Christmas Tour on December 7 and 8, 2019.
 - You now have our third month attendance report attached. It remains the best trend we have had in the past three years, but it is still early. I can tell you that all schools are working hard on improving student attendance and it is important to remember that excused absence like unexcused absence hurt student learning and both the U. S. Department of Education and the Kentucky Department of Education are now tracking chronic absenteeism. That is all children missing 10% of the current school year are now coded a chronic absentee student in the Kentucky Student Information System (KSIS).
 - The District Calendar Committee survey for the three calendar options for the 2020-2021 Academic Year closed on Friday, October 25. The results are as follows:
 - Option # 2 Received 38.18%
 - Option #1 Received 37.63 %
 - Option #3 Received 24.19%

I will have all three on the January agenda for your scheduled first reading and the normal adoption during the regular February meeting.