

Newport Independent Schools
DIRECTOR STUDENT SERVICES REPORT
1/22/2019

Madame Chair and ladies of the Newport Independent School District Board of Education, exciting activities continue in our district. As customary, I want to applaud all of our service providers for the remarkable job they continue to do for our students and families. They are as follows:

- ✓ **NSTEP (Newport Service, Tools and Empowerment Project) Coordinator, Kristy McNally:**
 - **Current number of students exp. homelessness/living in transition**
 - | <u>Dec.</u> | <u>Jan.</u> |
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| 42 NPS | 46 NPS |
| 41 NIS | 44 NIS |
| 37 NHS | 44 NHS |
| 4 NSOI | 4 NSOI |
 - Year to date for 2019-2020 as of 1/15/20: 138
 - **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**
 - **Application for 2020-2021 School year due at end of month**
 - **Need to brainstorm new structure for STK to incorporate more help with STK**
 - **JB received his work visa and social and will be able to move forward with Gateway and his Supply Chain Management pathway**
 - **MW (Kindergartner) and family attained housing, thanks to partnership with Welcome House**
 - **Christmas Experience Dec. 19, NHS FBLA hosted this night for MV families-dinner, gifts, pictures with Santa (30 students attended)**
 - **Applying for last installment of \$10,000 for The Rolling Wildcat from The Kroger Foundation**
 - **MV trainings/refreshers for each school scheduled for Feb.**
 - **NKyHEC (Northern Ky Homeless Ed. Collaborative) monthly meeting Jan. 16**
 - **Continue to do home visits for the following:**
 - **new enrollee with no proof of residency**
 - **suspected MV status/determination**
 - **connect with families regarding resources/food insecurity**
 - **21 MV students are residing out of district:**
 - **2 Hotel**
 - **8 Doubled Up**
 - **11 Found Perm. Housing (2 families of 4 students each)**
 - **Classes/Programs:**
 - **Diversity Wildcats-NIS Edition in partnership with UpSpring**

- NHS Student Advocate at NHS (for MV Students) in partnership with UpSpring –focus on College/Career Readiness and Social Emotional Supports/Linkages to Teachers/Resources
- Parent Support Group-10 parents attend 1x a month
- Transportation:
 - Assisting 2 other school districts with taxi
 - 10 Newport Students receive cab services (4 families)
 - 4 Newport students receive bus from Covington Schools (1 family)
 - 1 Student receives gas card
- ✓ Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:
 - As of January 15, 2020, the following were distributed to students since the last monthly report:
 - Twenty (20) home visits – one to pick up donation, and the rest to deliver Christmas gifts
 - 69 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)
 - 6 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!!!
 - 1 backpack
 - 1 referral to Stock the Kitchen food pantry for a family food emergency
 - 6 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
 - 2 student referrals to Children Inc. after school care were made
 - Supplies for lice treatment were given for one student
 - Assistance with obtaining birth certificates were given for 2 students
 - The following meetings/events were attended:
 - December 4 – Cram the Cruiser (with toys) at Cash Express
 - December 5 – Immigration Integration Plan meeting at Esperanza
 - December 9 – met with VFW about Tricia Barth as Teacher of the Year

- December 10 – attended Kroger staff Holiday party to accept donation of books for The Little Library
- December 10 – BornLearning Academy workshop #3 – 17 BornLearning adults, 9 Parent Support group adults, 33 children, 7 Christ’s Chapel volunteers, 3 child care staff, 1 child care volunteer, 7 Brighton Center Youth Leadership Development youth, 1 Brighton Center YLD staff, 1 FRC staff, 2 FRC interns, 1 EL staff, 1 Administrator, 1 BornLearning workshop facilitator, 1 Campbell County Cooperative Extension staff, 2 Skool Aid staff, 1 StarGlazers staff.
- December 12 – Family Literacy in Preschool – I Got Rhythm
- December 14 – St. Vincent de Paul coat distribution (9am-noon) – 340 coats were distributed (50 men, 80 women, 210 children)
- January 8 – Superintendent Search Committee meeting – 6:30
- January 14, 2020 – BornLearning Academy workshop #4 – 10 BornLearning adults, 8 Parent Support group adults, 28 children, 7 Christ’s Chapel volunteers, 4 child care staff, 1 child care volunteer, Brighton Center Youth Leadership Development youth, 2 Brighton Center YLD staff, 2 FRC staff, 1 FRC intern, 1 Administrator, 1 BornLearning workshop facilitator, 2 Campbell County Cooperative Extension staff, Skool Aid staff, 1 StarGlazers staff, 2 Stand Up Mobile staff.
- January 14 -Service Providers meeting
- January 15 – Superintendent Search Committee meeting – 5:30 p.m.
- 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!
 - Fourteen (14) 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, 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 December received a “brag tag” to attach to their backpack; January 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 during the 2019-2020 school year.
- Molly is working with Sister Claire Therese at Newport Central Catholic to match their sophomores with NPS 2nd graders as pen pals. Two sets of letters from NCC to the NPS 2nd graders have been delivered, and responses from the 2nd graders have also been delivered. In addition, NCC students gave their 2nd grade buddies a hat/gloves set before the Holiday Break.
- 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 collecting data and writing their 2020-2022 Continuation Program Plan.
 - 219 NPS & NIS students have been matched for Xmas gifts (with 37 community organizations/individuals as sponsors)

- Newport Elks wrote a grant and was awarded \$2,000 to assist with payment toward the NPS Preschool and Kindergarten Open House and Registration event this Spring.
- ✓ **Upcoming Classes/Programs:**
 - January 17 – Sort and receive underwear donation from collection organized by the Campbell County Public Library
 - January 18 – assist with coaching Kindergarten boys basketball – 8am
 - January 23 – Newport Elks Grant Coordination Meeting
 - January 23 – Census Complete Count Committee meeting
 - January 24 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting
 - January 28 – CCC Regional Network meeting – Boone County Cooperative Extension
 - January 29 & 30 – Superintendent Search Committee meeting
 - February 11 – BornLearning Academy workshop #5
 - February 12 – Superintendent Search Committee meeting
 - February 13 – Service Providers meeting
 - February 20 – Family Fun Night
 - March 4 – Kids on the Block (child abuse education puppet show)
 - March 5 – FRYSC Regional Coordinators meeting
 - March 5 – Family Literacy in Preschool event
 - March 10 – BornLearning Academy workshop #6
 - March 17 – Service Providers meeting
 - March 20 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting
 - March 24 – NCC sophomores to visit 2nd grade (Day of Service)
 - March 24 – BornLearning graduation
 - March 26 – Parent Teacher Conference
 - April 2 – Family Literacy in Preschool (10 Black Dots)
 - April 14 – Service Providers Meeting
 - April 15 – Kindergarten Open House event
 - April 16 – Family Fun Night (Arts & STEM)
 - May 8 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting
 - May 12 – Service Providers Meeting
 - June 4 – Region 4 FRYSC Coordinator Meeting
- ✓ **Newport Intermediate School FRC Coordinator, Amber Onkst reports:**
 - Legislative Page – Our very own, Kenya Tomas, has been chosen to serve as a legislative page in Frankfort during this legislative session. The FRC will be taking her to Frankfort once the legislative policy committee has set a date. Kenya wrote an essay on the role of FRYSC in her and her peer's lives, which has also been chosen to be displayed in the state capitol along with a picture of Kenya!
 - Dental Clinic- FRC hosted two additional follow up days in January of clinic to have students' cavities filled and extractions for decaying teeth that could not be completed in the week clinic due to the extensive time required to meet all of the NIS student's needs.

- **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 consistently.**
- **KY OSA – FRC hosted our final family night with this grant. We had 387 people in attendance. All children received a passport to travel the world. In each country, they learned about that country's winter holidays**
- **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 bi-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 13 Adopt-A-Class partners.**
- **Home visits – FRC continues to attend home visits, as needed by the Principal, Assistant Principal, Special Ed. Classrooms or homeroom classrooms.**
- **Power Packs – FRC continues to serve 90 students on a weekly basis with weekend food bags.**
- **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. Currently, there are forty-seven students receiving school based mental health services.**
- **One to One – FRC is coordinating the One to One program here. We currently have four coaches tutoring 3rd graders in reading.**
- **BornLearning – The 3rd BL Academy was held in December. 17 parents were in attendance and 30 children.**
- **Parent Support Group – The 3rd PSG was held in November. We had 9 participants.**
- **Coat Drive – The coat drive was held on December 14th at NPS from 9-12. Anyone birth to adult can receive a free coat. FRC will be assisting with set-up.**
- **Christmas Food Boxes – FRC is partnered with Big Stef to provide 30 NIS families with Food Boxes for Christmas. FRC developed a delivery guide and helped have all the food delivered to the families.**

- **Free Feet – FRC was able to submit and be approved for free shoes for 20 NIS students.**
- **Christmas Assistance – NIS and NPS FRC have partnered again to provide holiday assistance to Newport families who complete two families events at school and are in need. The FRCs provided 213 children with assistance.**
- **World Affairs Council – FRC has met with the council and began a partnership to bring their culture in the classrooms programs to NIS. They will be working with both social studies teachers and our 21st Century programs.**
- ✓ **Upcoming Events:**
 - **1/14- Service Provider Meeting**
 - **1/15- Attendance Team Meeting**
 - **1/15- Alumni Project Meeting**
 - **1/15- Club 312**
 - **1/17- Frankfort for the Kentucky Association of School Social Workers**
 - **1/22- Attendance Team Meeting**
 - **1/22- Club 312**
 - **1/29- Attendance Team Meeting**
 - **1/29- Club 312**
 - **2/1- Fire Department's Power Pack Food Drive at Kroger**
 - **2/5- Attendance Team Meeting**
 - **2/5- Club 312**
 - **2/6- Lakeside Christian Church's packs power packs**
 - **2/7- Stewards of Children Training**
- ✓ **Newport High School YSC Coordinator, Donna Watts reports:**
 - **Coordinator is currently working on FRYSC 20-22 CPP Grant**
 - **Coordinator hosted YSC Advisory Council meeting to review Needs Assessment, Standards and Quality #2 and CPP Grant**
 - **YSC continues to provide school supplies, coats, gloves, hats, clothing, bus tokens, food and hygiene products for students and families**
 - **Coordinator is assisting 2 students to get new glasses**
 - **YSC continues to provide school supplies to teachers and staff**
 - **Coordinator called families and made home visit to for Attendance**
 - **Coordinator made home visit to drop off Christmas gifts**
 - **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 assisted with setting up and retrieving students from their classroom for the Big Smiles Dental Screening**
 - **The Alumni Mentoring Project with 5 students are meeting with their mentor, at least, once a month during lunch time.**

- Coordinator began assisting Mr. Jerome Bowles with Diversity Male Mentoring Workshops – meetings will be held on Friday during Home Base. 33 students participate in this program. Guest speakers will be invited to attend on Friday, January 17th.
- ✓ Events Chaperoned/Coordinated: None
- ✓ Additional Activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved:
 - 1 Upward Bound Meeting
 - Upward Bound Recruitment of 9th grade students on Jan 16th
 - December, Thursday, 19th Christmas Experience was a success – NHS FBLA students helped decorate and worked each station to serve the NSTEP families. YSC provided Lee's Famous Recipe for 50 people, Amber and Kim worked the food and drink station. Amber donated the chair for Santa.
 - Christmas Help YSC passed out gift cards and food to 67 students
 - St. Theresa Church = 5 students
 - Big Stef = 7 students
 - Class of 1964 = 8 students
 - Teachers = 4 students
 - Dr. Orman's family = 18 students
 - Junior Achievement = 12 students
 - Urban Crest Backpacks for the Bluegrass = 13 students
- ✓ Upcoming events of notes for January 2020
 - Friday 17, 2020 Drop Your Drawers Sorting Public Library 9:00 a.m.
 - Monday 20, 2020 Rev. Dr. ML King, Jr. Luncheon Syndicate 12:00 p.m.
 - Thursday 23, 2020 Site Base Decision Making Meeting NHS 3:00 p.m.
 - Friday 24, 2020 Wildcat Way Awards for Behavior, Attendance & Grades with the YSC providing T-Shirts and snacks
- ✓ Heather Anderson, NHS Program Coordinator - Heather reports:
 - To date, over 129 different participants have participated in a CLC activity, with a daily average of 15 students.
 - There have been a core group of students regularly attending programming. Knitting and Minecraft clubs have been added to the program at the request of students.
 - Teen Coalition continued their study of philanthropy and are choosing agencies they would like to volunteer with. Members assisted with holiday drive at Brighton Center during the month of December. Teen Coalition is also continuing to provide child care for families during the Born Learning Academy. They took a snow-tubing trip to Perfect North and some members are attending a CSO performance this month.
 - This month's Adventure Crew trip will be to Perfect North for skiing and snowboarding.

- The NHS 21st CCLC will hold its next Advisory Committee meeting at the end of January.
- Though attendance has been low, students who have been attending ACT Bootcamp afterschool have seen improvement in their ACT scores. We are continuing the ACT program through March and are instituting a KYOTE boot camp as well.
- ✓ 21st Century K-8 staff: Kimberly Mullins-Ward- Program Coordinator, Hannah Martin – NPS Site Coordinator and Sara Collini – NIS Site Coordinator. Kim reports:
 - Newport Primary –205 students have participated this year. 21st Century's Club Wildcat is currently serving 45 students daily, Mon – Thursday. Students participate in homework help, tutoring, and daily enrichment activities. Current activities include Lego Club, Math Ninjas, Nature Club, Makerspace Club, Muttigrees, Choral Cats, Fit Kids, STEAM Club, Spanish Club, Cub Scouts and monthly visits from the Newport Aquarium. Beginning in January, we have added Girl Scouts STEM Program and Fun with Music with Skoolaid.
 - Newport Intermediate- 286 students have participated in activities year. The following are a list of the currently activities at NIS. Youth Leadership Development, Diversity Wildcats, Monthly Art Club (for special needs students), Sports Mania, Minecraft Education, Club 312, FINtastic Aquarium Club, Friends and Readers, STEAM Punks, The Treblemakers Choir Club and Pre-Teen Cuisine. In January we have added the following programs: Martial Arts with Master Fry on Mondays and Wednesdays, Girl Scouts Agents of Change Program and Explore More Art Club for students that are serious about art.
 - Newport Middle (7th and 8th) – 62 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, Hip Hop Dance and Adventure Crew. Minecraft Education Club and 3D Printing Club are new for January. We are discussing the possibility of beginning a Martial Arts program for Middle/High School students as well.
 - 21st Century will partner with the Brighton Center to host a Drug Awareness Event at NIS on Tuesday February 11th. The NKY Health Dept and other local agencies will be on hand to discuss the current drug crisis and how to provide help to those in need.
 - Activity highlight: Fun with Music is a new after school activity during Club Wildcat ran by Skoolaid at Newport Primary on Tuesday afternoons. This program is designed to foster creativity while learning how to play music. Students will learn about the many forms of musical expression while learning about themselves and having fun!



- ✓ **Newport Independent School District Health Services Ms. Pam Pedigo, RN, BSN, Coordinating Nurse and Ms. Rebecca Bova, RN, BSN, District School Nurses report as follows:**
 - **Newport Primary School Nursing Office**
 - 281 sick student visits.
 - 5 daily medication administrations.
 - 1 daily medical procedure (catheterization)
 - 6 vision screenings
 - 1 care plans written
 - Reviewing records of all students for valid immunization certificates and screening (physical, vision, dental) requirements.
 - **Newport Intermediate School Based Health Center**
 - 757 sick visits.
 - 16 daily medication administrations.
 - 1 daily medical procedure (catheterization)
 - 4 vision screenings
 - 2 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**
 - 255 sick student visits

- 7 daily medication administrations, 2 diabetes management
 - 3 vision screenings
 - Ms. Elizabeth Tanner, NP via Christ Hospital at School Based Health Center
 - Has evaluated 23 students and staff in the past month. This includes sick visits, immunization needs, and school or sports physicals
 - In addition, she assists with identification of students eligible for school based vaccines and in need of school physicals.
 - Big Smiles has been at both NPS and NHS in recent days evaluating the dental needs of students. A total of 132 students received dental care. 113 at NPS, and 9 at NHS. 10 received fluoride treatments, 34 received sealants, and 73 received restorative care (cavities filled). Big Smiles provides a guesstimate that their services saved 256.2 student days of attendance.
- ✓ Mike Wills, DPP & Director of Student Services
- You now have our fifth month attendance report attached. It remains the best trend we have had in the past three years. All leaders are doing a great job in monitoring their attendance rates. I am hopeful we can keep this trend going because if we do it will be our best attendance year in the past 10 years.
 - As always, I present you with the three calendar options developed by our calendar committee. We respectfully request the members of the Newport Independent School District Board of Education to adopt Option #2 as the 2020-2021 calendar as it was the favorite of stakeholder voting and the recommended Option by the Calendar Committee, but as always, you may select another option. Either way one must be selected this evening so that it may be adopted after the second reading in February.
 - I wish to thank all the members of the committee for their time and talent in developing our calendars. The committee members were:
 - Ms. Melissa Sheffel, Board of Education Member
 - Mr. Dennis Maines, Principal, NIS Principal Member
 - Ms. Staci Paff, Assistant Principal NHS, Assistant Principal Member
 - Mr. Matt Atkins, Principal, NPS, serving as Assistant Principal Member
 - Ms. Bev Holiday, Community Liaison Coordinator, City of Newport, KY
 - Ms. Susan Whitehead, Appointed Member of the East Row Neighborhood Association, Newport, KY
 - Lt. Col. Mike Wills, DPP: District Administrator other than the Superintendent & Chair
 - Mr. Bill Turner, Court Liaison Officer & Vice Chair
 - Ms. Shannon Meyer: Committee Secretary & Recorder

- **Ms. Kim Klosterman, District Classified Member**
- **Ms. Tasha Ross, Parent Member**
- **Ms. Kimberly Mullins-Ward, Parent Member**
- **Ms. Esther Fatsy, Certified Teacher Member, NHS**
- **Ms. Taylor Ahlbrand, Classified Member, NHS**
- **Ms. Dianna Schutte, Certified Teacher Member, NIS**
- **Ms. Katie Lucas, Classified Member, NIS**
- **Ms. Jennifer Mariani, Certified Teacher Member, NPS**
- **Ms. Debbie Roaden, Classified Member, NPS**