

Newport Independent Schools
DIRECTOR STUDENT SERVICES REPORT
2/26/2020

Madame Chair and ladies of the Newport Independent School District Board of Education, exciting activities continue in our district. As usual, I want to commend all of our service providers for the noteworthy 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>Jan.</u> | <u>Feb.</u> |
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| 46 NPS | 53 NPS |
| 44 NIS | 48 NIS |
| 44 NHS | 50 NHS |
| 4 NSOI | 4 NSOI |
 - **Year to Date (YTD) for 2019-2020 as of 2/20/20: 156**
 - **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**
 - **Turned in Application for next school year**
 - **Food insecurity is on the rise this past month, for example: Spec Ed document that asks if there is anything standing in the way of your child's education and the mother wrote lack of food.**
 - **JB and family (5 students) attained housing, thanks to partnership with Bartlett Foundation**
 - **Attended CCC meeting Jan. 28.**
 - **Will assist with NIS PBIS Comm.**
 - **Applied for last installment of \$10,000 for The Rolling Wildcat from The Kroger Foundation- awaiting response**
 - **MV trainings/refresher for NIS Feb. 4/NPS Feb. 18**
 - **NKyHEC (Northern Ky Homeless Education Collaborative.) monthly meeting Feb. 19**
 - **Working on Homeless Ed. Awareness 2020- Nov. 15 & Nov. 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**
 - **22 MV students are residing out of district:**
 - **1 Hotel**
 - **8 Doubled Up**
 - **13 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
- Wildcat Hustlers-Running Club starts March 10
- Transportation:
 - Assisting 1 other school district with taxi
 - Assisting 1 school with gas card 3 Newport students receive gas card
 - 10 Newport Students receive cab services (4 families)
 - 4 Newport students receive bus from Covington Schools (1 family)
- ✓ Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:
 - As of February 19, 2020, the following were distributed to students since the last monthly report:
 - Home Visit to alert parent of need to pick up ill student from school.
 - 81 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)
 - 8 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
 - 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
 - \$10 Kroger gift card given to a parent needing to pick up Mucinex and Tylenol (recommended by Nurse Practitioner, Liz)
 - 2 Gift of Sight vouchers given to families to fill eyeglass prescriptions at LensCrafetrs for 2 students
 - The following meetings/events were attended:
 - January 15 – Safety Net Alliance meeting
 - January 17 – Campbell County library – sorted underwear from the “Drop Your Drawers at the Library” campaign to supply socks and underwear to Campbell County FRYSCs

- January 18 – “subbed” as basketball coach for NPS Kindergarten boys team
- January 23 – meeting to coordinate Newport Elks Gratitude Grant for \$2,000 to assist with Preschool and Kindergarten Open House and Enrollment event on April 15
- January 24 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting – continued to discuss Standards and Continuation Program Plan data
- January 28 – Community Collaboration for Children Regional Network meeting at Boone County Cooperative Extension
- February 4 – NPS attendance committee meeting
- February 11 – Bornlearning Academy workshop #5
- Superintendent Search Committee meetings – 1/15, 1/29, 1/30, 2/12
- 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 MEB’s 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 January received a “brag tag” to attach to their backpack; February 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 a Masters level Social Work student 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 and analyzing data and writing their 2020-2022 Continuation Program Plan.**
 - **Big Smiles dental clinic spent several days at NPS this past month, performing cleanings and more extensive dental work (filling cavities, extractions, etc.)**
- **Upcoming Classes/Programs:**
 - **February 20 – Family Fun Night (Literacy – dress like a book character)**
 - **February 20 – Service Providers Meeting**
 - **February 25 – Community Collaboration for Children Regional Network meeting**
 - **February 25 – Round Table discussion regarding Stand Up wireless (Life Learning Center)**
 - **February 27 – Highland Hills Church to Stock the Kitchen pantry**

- **March 4 – Kids on the Block (child abuse education puppet show)**
- **March 5 – FRYSC Regional Coordinators meeting (Gateway)**
- **March 5 – Family Literacy in Preschool event**
- **March 8 – Christ’s Chapel to talk to Sunday School about Bornlearning Academy**
- **March 10 – Bornlearning Academy workshop #6**
- **March 12 – 21st Century CLC Site Visit**
- **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 3 – NPS House Event**
- **April 14 – Service Providers Meeting**
- **April 15 – 6:00-8:00 - 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:**
 - **Amber is currently recovering from surgery and will return to NIS next week. Her March report will cover events of this month and March.**
- ✓ **Newport High School YSC Coordinator, Donna Watts reports:**
 - **Coordinator is currently working on FRYSC 20-22 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 3 students to get new glasses**
 - **YSC continues to provide school supplies to teachers and staff**
 - **Continues to refer students and families to Stock the Kitchen and Care’s Closet**
 - **Coordinator made home visit to for Attendance**
 - **Coordinator sorted underwear and socks at “Drop Your Drawers”, hosted by Campbell County Public Library, Newport Branch**
 - **Coordinator assisted 6 students to volunteer at the NAACP Dr. King Luncheon at the Syndicate. Kennisha Williams read an excerpt she wrote entitled “Why Dr. King’s Dream is important to me.” She also received a second semester book scholarship.**
 - **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 Cinderella Closet school visit
- The Alumni Mentoring Project with 5 students is meeting with their mentor, at least, once a month during lunch time.
- Coordinator was guest speaker for Diversity Male Mentoring Workshops – on January 31st topic *Financial Literacy and What they don't tell you about college!*
- Coordinator attended Site Base Decision Making Team/NHS Advisory Team meeting. CPP Agreement was signed
- Recruited 5 students to work at Vet's Pool this coming summer
- Recruited 2 students to work at Atlas Dry Cleaners
- Held meeting with ReNewport President and Vice President
- Received \$500.00 donation for After Prom and gave them a tour of NHS
- Coordinator attended 21st Century Advisory Council meeting
- NHS YSC Grant purchased Wildcat Way Award t-shirts for 48 students.
- Coordinator attended 21st Century Drug Abuse Prevention Resource night
- Coordinator attended Newport High School Athletic Hall of Fame
- ✓ Events Chaperoned and provided transportation – 1
 - NAACP Dr. King Luncheon – 6 students
- ✓ Additional Activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved?
 - 1 Upward Bound Meeting - Recruited 4 9th grade students
 - Emailed Junior Achievement Inspire Classroom Activities to all teachers and staff
 - Emailed KY Health Department Survey to all teachers
 - Completed After School Alliance Survey
 - Completed FRYSC Survey
 - After Prom Committee took of tour of NKU's Rec Center
 - Celebrated KYFRYSC Day with snacks for students
 - YSC provided gift items for Girls Basketball Senior Night
 - Coordinator attends Diversity Male Workshops every Friday
 - Coordinator participated NHS Library Sweetheart Photo shoot
- ✓ Upcoming events of notes for February 2020
 - Monday, 17th FRYSC Advisory Council Meeting
 - Wednesday, 19th Newport Alumni Mentoring Program Meeting
 - Thursday, 20th Service Providers Meeting
 - Friday, 21st Gateway Community College Super Someday Tour
 - Tuesday, 25th Safety Net Alliance Meeting
 - Wednesday, 26th NHS YSC Advisory Council Meeting
 - Thursday, 27th Legislative Meeting in Frankfort, KY
 - Friday, 28th FRYSC Continuation Program Plan Due
- ✓ Heather Anderson, NHS Program Coordinator - Heather reports:

- To date, over 144 different participants have participated in a CLC activity, with a daily average of 15 students.
 - A morning intramural program will begin on February 27th for high school students. Activities will rotate every 4 weeks. The first session will be corn hole.
 - We are also starting an intramural boys' soccer program after school on Tuesdays. Participants will do 45 minutes of academic activity prior to playing.
 - This month's Adventure Crew trip was to the Countryside YMCA in Lebanon, OH. Students were able to swim, use the rock-climbing wall, play basketball and participate in other recreational activities.
 - The Center for Policy, Evaluation and Research (CEPR) out of Indiana University were at Newport High School on February 19th to conduct a site visit. They will provide feedback on program quality and improvement based on their evaluations and interviews.
 - A local craft group made a large donation of yarn and supplies to the Knitting Club. Members made thank you cards to send to them for their generous gift.
 - Summer planning is underway. The high school program is required to provide a minimum of 32 hours of programming over the summer months.
 - The high school 21st CCLC is currently in the process of writing their Continuation Progress Report to secure funding for years 4 and 5 of the grant cycle.
 - The NHS 21st CCLC will hold its next Advisory Committee meeting at the end of March.
- ✓ **21st Century K-8 staff: Kimberly Mullins-Ward- Program Coordinator, Hannah Martin – NPS Site Coordinator and Sara Collini – NIS Site Coordinator. Kim reports:**
- **21st Century staff: Kimberly Mullins-Ward- Program Coordinator, Hannah Martin – NPS Site Coordinator and Sara Collini – NIS Site Coordinator**
 - Newport Primary –217 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, Girl Scouts STEM Program and Fun with Music with Skoolaid.
 - Newport Intermediate- 302 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, Pre-Teen Cuisine Cooking Club,

Martial Arts with Master Fry, Girl Scouts Agents of Change Program and Explore More Art Club.

- **Newport Middle (7th and 8th) – 64 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, Knitting Club, Hip Hop Dance, Adventure Crew, Minecraft Education Club and 3D Printing Club.**
- **21st Century will partner with the Brighton Center to host a Community Health Fair on Thursday April 2nd in the Newport Intermediate School gymnasium. Community partners will be on hand to discuss making healthy choices, provide resources, hands-on activities and screenings for both parents and students. More details to come.**
- **21st CCLC Summer Programming is currently in the planning stage. Camp Wildcat, designed for incoming K-6th grade students, will run from June 1st – June 26th at Newport Intermediate School.**
- **Activity highlight: Pre-Teen Cuisine is a twice monthly cooking club ran by Melissa Pilcher from the U of K Cooperative Extension Office. Students meet to learn how to read food labels, kitchen safety, and portion control. Each meeting, students focus on making a healthy and nutritious recipe from scratch. Last week, students prepared One Pot Cheesy Spaghetti. Not only do students learn how to cook and eat better, but we hope they will influence their family's eating habits as well.**



- ✓ **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**
 - **391 sick student visits.**
 - **6 daily medication administrations.**
 - **1 daily medical procedure (catheterization)**
 - **5 vision screenings**

- 2 care plans written
- Reviewing records of all students for valid immunization certificates and screening (physical, vision, dental) requirements. Focus is on preschoolers; assisting them to meet regulations for next school year.
- Newport Intermediate School Based Health Center
 - 804 sick visits.
 - 18 daily medication administrations.
 - 1 daily medical procedure (catheterization)
 - 7 vision screenings
 - 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. Focus is now on 6th grade requirements.
- Newport High School Nursing Office
 - 249 sick student visits
 - 7 daily medication administrations, 1 diabetes management
 - 7 vision screenings
 - 1 medical procedure as needed.
- Ms. Elizabeth Tanner, NP via Christ Hospital at School Based Health Center
 - Has evaluated 69 students in the past month. This includes sick visits, immunization needs, and school or sports physicals
 - Has evaluated 20 sick personnel.
 - In addition, she assists with identification of students eligible for school based vaccines.
- Dental clinic was held in January at NPS. Big Smiles came in and evaluated the students for dental needs. Big Smiles spent 10 days on the premises meeting these needs. 101 students received dental care. 83 sealants were placed and 144 received restorative procedures. Big Smiles estimates that the care they delivered saved approximately 302 school attendance days. Dental clinic also held at NHS, with much lower participation. Only 9 signed up for the Big Smiles clinic at NHS. Big Smiles estimates their work at NHS saved approximately 18 days of school attendance.
- Aware that some area schools have had attendance issues due to influenza; we are monitoring our attendance with that in mind.
- Site visit planned for March 20th with VFC (Vaccines for Children). Because we house vaccines on our premises, we undergo an annual site visit/inspection.
- Our 21st Century personnel are planning a Health Fair at NIS on Thursday, April 2nd. We will be participating in that event.
- Making plans for more widespread laser vision screenings to be done by community partner Lions Club next school year.

✓ Mike Wills, DPP & Director of Student Services

- You now have our sixth month attendance report attached. It remains the best trend we have had in the past three years. All school leaders are doing a great job in monitoring their attendance rates. I am hopeful that with warmer weather coming we can keep this trend going.
- Last month you adopted the 2020 – 2021 District School Calendar. Tonight I am simply presenting the Newport Regional School Calendar (see the attached calendar) as it must also be approved by you, but since it follows our school calendar, it does not require two readings as you have already adopted the district calendar. This calendar does not require KDE approval, but it is monitored by KDE, the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice and the Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children (KECSAC) as it must mirror the approved district calendar, except that it must provide for 220 contract days and 210 instructional days (177 full and 33 partial days). Before I can submit the district calendar to the Kentucky Department of Education, I must have a copy of the minutes reflecting your decision to adopt this calendar as well. Accordingly, I respectfully request the following board action be recorded in the minutes that the board has approved the 2020 – 2021 Newport Regional School Calendar.
- Again, I wish to thank all the members of the calendar 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**