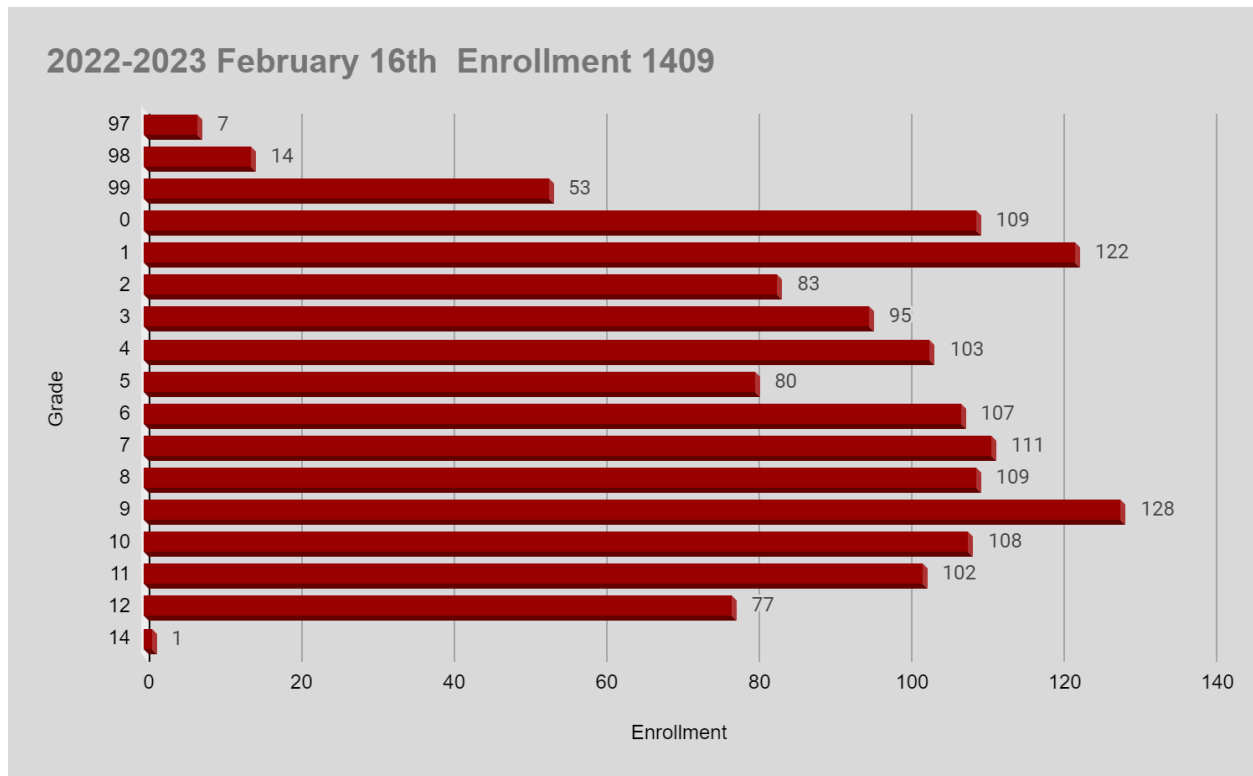


Newport Independent Schools
Director Pupil Personnel and Student Services Report
Regular Meeting
February 22, 2023

Good evening Madam Chair and members of the Board of Education. February 22, 2023 is our 106th day of instruction. 59 days of instruction remain. May 25, 2023 is still scheduled for our last day of school for students and closing day is scheduled for May 26th. We have completed our mandated attendance audit with the Kentucky Department of Education. This audit was previously scheduled during the 2019-2020 school year and was delayed due to Covid restrictions. We expect a feedback report within the next month.

Pupil Personnel



January 31, 2023 was moved from a day of in-person learning to a non-traditional instruction (NTI) day due to safety concerns for weather. Attendance districtwide was 99% upon implementation of our Continuation of Learning Plan (CLP). We have nine remaining NTI days that may be used for safety or health reasons in the 2022-2023 school year.

Board Action:

- Approval of 2023-2024 School Calendar
Early Release Days for Staff Development added to September 20th, October 25th, and April 24th.

Student Services

Family Resource and Youth Service Center

Newport Primary School Family Resource Center (January 17, 2023 - February 13, 2023)

Molly Wesley, Coordinator

Support to Students (the following were provided to students):

77 items of clothing distributed from the FRC clothing closet since last report

6 backpacks given to students since last report

1 chapstick was given to a student

1 hairbrush was given to a student

Care Closet referrals were made for 3 students since last report - for them to “shop” with the on-site volunteer

Assisted two families with getting connected on the Remind app

Assisted one family with texting a copy of the school calendar

Assisted families with 3 students’ attendance

One student was approved through Lion’s Club for eyeglasses through Opticare

One student’s glasses were repaired through Precise Eyewear in Springdale (Molly delivered)

Care Closet diaper program provided diapers for 15 babies connected to NPS in February

111 students have received PowerPacks year-to-date; 90 students in January

6 home visits since last report (3 to deliver NTI work packets to students not in attendance at school on 1/24; delivered bed to a student’s house; and picked up/delivered student to Saturday basketball at NPS on 1/21)

Donations since the last report:

Since last report, the FRC has received many donations of gently used clothing, including coats, and also items for the Cat Cash Store ; PowerPacks were delivered from Freestore Foodbank on February 3

Professional Contacts/Community Collaborations:

Social media posts since last report: Exceptional Caregivers support group information, 1st grade MAP testing information, information about workshops at Children’s Hospital for siblings of kids with special needs, 19 Spring sports, Kindergarten MAP testing details, January 31st NTI Day, FRYSC Week, Cat Cash store donation request, Early Release Day reminder, Busken attendance incentive announcement for February 13th.

Bornlearning Academy workshop #4 (January 12): 39 total caregivers, 65 total children, 16 staff and 8 volunteers = 128 total participants

Bornlearning Academy workshop #5 (February 9): 34 caregivers, 59 total children, 13 staff, 2 volunteers, 1 presenter, 2 StarGlazers pottery staff, and 3 Skool Aid employees = 114 total participants

January 19 meeting with Movement Church about potential future collaboration

NPS basketball - January 21 - Molly and Mr. Ed each picked up a McKinney-Vento student to participate

Student Support Team meeting on January 24

Freestore Foodbank Site Visit on January 31

NKU student informational meeting about FRYSC on February 2

Rumpke Recycling staff met with Molly and Mrs. Hayden on February 6

KPMG staff met with Molly about a potential literacy partnership on February 10

NIS Valentine’s Day Dance chaperone on February 10

Busken surplus baked goods donated to Newport Schools and brought to all locations on January 27, February 3, February 10.

On February 13, students arriving to school on time received a doughnut from Busken, and adults transporting or delivering students to school were offered coffee.

FRC staff is working on an ongoing basis around the following:

Filling in at the front office due to ongoing medical leave of secretary, fill staff and student spiritwear orders, oversee NPS/FRC and GEER budgets and expenditures, review FRAM forms for newly enrolling students, planning for monthly bornlearning Academy workshop activities and payroll, facilitate monthly Adopt a Class visits or activities, purchasing items for calm down areas within the building, purchasing items for and promoting the support group for families who have students on the autism spectrum or who have issues with anxiety etc. (February 24), planning (purchasing and organizing) for the Family Fun Night on February 15 (focus on social and emotional learning), preparing FRYSC Advisory Council by-laws and inventory (due on FRYSC Counts March 1st)

Newport Intermediate School Family Resource Center

Marshelle Watkins- Blackwell, Coordinator

Support to Students (the following were distributed to students)

11- Hygiene

22- Students were supported with emergency clothing

11- students school supplies support

243- Students Valentine Day

Donations (the following donations were received)

Mc Kinney Vento Staff

Fresh veggies, chips and chesses and snacks

Professional Contact/Community Collaborations

Sherri Hoffman- Anthem, Health Educator

Campbell Co Drug Free

Health Family Night Planning

National African American Read- In Planning

Ethan Snapp- FRYSC Week planning and promotions

School Collaborations & Contacts

Ms. Michael- FRC updates

EL Teachers: translation of documents

Attendance PLC's

Amber Onkst- Career Day

Kristy McNally- Family Supports

Behavior PLC's

Mrs. Wilson – Student. Basic needs support

Lisa Highchew- Budget updates

NIS Mental Health Worker: Family Supports

Health Family Night Planning

Dawn Schoo- Attendance follow-up

Summer School Planning Meeting

Ms. Jellison - EL Families Support

Cassandra Patterson- 21st Century Grant supports

Meetings & Training Participation

FRYSC Diversity Team Meeting

Newport High School Youth Services Center

Donna Watts, Coordinator

January 1-16, 2023

Support to Students (the following were provided to students):

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The YSC continues to assist families with school supplies, clothing, shoes, household items, basic need items and hygiene products

The YSC continues to provide snack food for our Guidance Counselors office, Front Office, YSC office, SRO office and Technology office for students who are hungry.

The YSC continues to highlight seniors being accepted to college, universities, trade schools, the military and students receiving promotions at the place of employment

The YSC provided a box of tissues to classrooms for Random Acts of Kindness Day

Gave \$100.00 Kroger Gift card to 4 students families

Met with Lunch Buddy Students and Mentors
 Provided 6 students with TANK Bus Passes to travel to work
 Provided 2 students with Metro/TANK Bus Passes
 Provided Vision Screening Payment for 2 students and 3 with Free glasses voucher
 Assisted 8 students with finding employment
 Secured employment for 3 students at Great American Ballpark
 Gave out PBIS CATS CASH and Prizes
 Contacted 1 family regarding death of students grandmother
 Chaperoned 15 students to Northern Kentucky University - Honors Department
 Chaperoned 10 students to NAACP Lawyers Luncheon
 Registered 5 girls to receive free prom dress from Cinderella's Closet
 Planned College Tours and field trips to the following places:

- Bellevue High School – Career Fair and Hiring Event
- Berea College
- Central State University
- Cincinnati State and Technical College
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Gateway Community College
- Kentucky State College
- Midway College
- Music Hall, Cincinnati
- Northern Kentucky University
- Thomas More College
- Toyota Manufacturing Plant
- Tri-City Supply Chain - Lorraine O'Moore
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Kentucky
- University of Louisville
- Western Kentucky University
- Xavier University

Purchased and collected from Crayons to Computers - Teal ribbons in support of Dr. Elizabeth Dalzell.
 Pep Club along with YSC staff placed ribbons on all doors.
 Passed out Cats Cash – Wildcats Bucks to 38 teachers and staff members
 Celebrating Black History Month

Donations since last report

2 Boxes of Water Bottles from Mike Hunter, AD
 \$2,025.00 Donated for After Prom
 3 teachers made donations for NPS Cats Cash Prizes
 \$370.70, in supplies from Crayons to Computers

Professional Contacts/Community Collaborations:

Alexis Bond – No. Ky Health Dept.	Beth Fields – Dayton High School
Beth Martin – Division of FRYSC	Betty Pennington – Division of FRYSC
Brighton Center_ YLD Support	Christian Weeter – Division of Student Success
Courtney Shannon – Cinderella's Closet	Crayons to Computers
Danielle Carr – Bellevue High School	Dave Pelgen – Bellevue High School
Donna Pendrey – New Forms, Inc	Georgia Harris – Dayton High School
Eric Owsley – Community Resource Center – Brighton Center	
Jen Mozen – Inner View Org – Youth Impact	Jerome Bowles – NAACP
Johnny Bergmann – Upward Bound Programs	Keith Ritchie – KHEAA

Kim Colston – Newport Police Department
Lorraine O’Moore – Learning Grove
Madeline Kues – Gateway Community and Technical College – Gateway2NKU
Newport High School Alumni Cheer and Coaches Association
Olena Pilyayeva – N KU College of Business
Patrick DeGrasse – Arrive Alive
Stella Barber – Stop Bleed, No. Ky Health Dept
Tommy Guidugli – Cincinnati Stage Employees
Yovani Velasquez – Brighton Center

Leslie Hall – Division of FRYSC
Michael Flynn – Division of FRYSC
Roger Johnson
Todd Duesing – Cincinnati Arts

School Collaborations & Contacts

April Walsh – School Technology Coordinator
Debbie Roaden - Technology
Jennifer Hoover – Business Office
Katie Lucas- NSTEP
Kia Gearding – School Counselor
Kim Weber – School Attendance Clerk
Latasha Luke – NHS IA
Lisa Hightchew- Business Office
Melissa Calderon - Teacher
Molly Schultz – NHS Admin
Newport Schools Support Staff
NHS Cafeteria Staff
NHS Front Office Staff
Officer Dimitri Baloglou – School Resource Officer
Pat Crowley – Strategic Adviser
Ramona Malone – School Board
Shannon Gubser – Gifted and Talented Teacher
Sydney Cottie – School Treasurer

Cassandra Patterson – 21st Century
Ethan Snapp – Public Relations Specialist
Joe Ganns – NHS Dean
Katina Brown – District-Wide Services
Kim Klosterman – Board Office
Kristy McNally- NSTEP for Family Support
Linda Gurren – Teacher
Marshelle Watkins-Blackwell
Men Making A Difference Group
Natalie Wolfe – NHS Admin
NHS Administrative Team
NHS Custodial Staff
NHS Teachers and Staff
Nurse Nadine Cruz
Rachel Ball – Director of Curriculum
Students with Lunch Buddy Match
Shiobanne Parra – Bilingual Teacher
Torrie Watkins – 21st Century

Meetings & Training Participation

River City Career Fair Planning meeting
After Prom Committee meeting
FRYSC Cabinet Webinar Wednesday
Upward Bound – Trio Program meeting
Youth Leadership Development meeting
Pep Club meeting
FRYSC Advisory Council meeting
Advocating vs. Lobbying Meeting and Training
Host KHEAA Night for Parents and students.
Men Making A Difference meeting

RTI/MTSS meeting
Wellness Fair Planning meeting
Student Council meeting
Grant Funding Meeting
Soccer Club Sign Up
Young Life Student Group meeting
Spring Break College Tour meeting
NKISP Meeting and Training

McKinney Vento

Kristy McNally, Coordinator

Total MV students as of 2/14/2023

Total: January 151 → February: 171
Doubled Up: 140
Hotel: 14
Shelter/Transitional Housing: 17
Unaccompanied Youth: 42

Transportation: Students have benefitted from:
NSTEP Van: 24/includes afterschool programming

Bus passes: 7 students

Gas Cards: 9 students

Taxi: 4

Bussing from another district: 9 students

Financial assistance: 0

Programming/Supports:

Diversity Wildcats (NIS) (8 students)



Student Advocate Program (NHS) (3-7 students)

Wildcat Hustlers will return Mar 3, 2023 - 35 runners expected

Mr. Ed meets with NPS student 1 day a week (lunch buddy)

Volunteer meets Tuesdays with 1NIS MV student to work on reading and 1 NHS MV student to work on testing strategies



People Stronger Together (PST) in conjunction with Born Learning 2/9/23 (20 parents)- Painting project



Hosted Vision Board making staff 1/18/23 and at NIS staff meeting 2/1/23

Participating in Attendance Comm. meetings at NIS

Participating in Truancy Diversion Program meetings

KDE Monitoring Visit in April, all documentation for visit is due Feb. 28

Reading State Testing Data from 2021-2022

Student/Community Supports

Brighton Center Community for Well Being staff met with senior student to assist family with needs.

NKCAC assisted with enrolling MV student in Head Start

Thank you Teachers and Staff: Please see the email below showing an example of things that happen and rarely talked about.

Re: Reminder of your worth!

From: McNally, Kristy M (Newport Schools Homeless Coordin.) <kristy.mcnally@newport.kyschools.us>

Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 8:00 AM

To: Newport HS Staff <allnewportshsstaff@newport.kyschools.us>

Subject: Reminder of your worth!

Hi all!

Last night we had a student reach out to a teacher in what I would consider desperation. (I know this happens way more than we actually talk about)
The situation was "handled" even though a lot more things need to happen to really "handle" it and we along with other community partners are working to help that.

But the point of this email is to say... this student chose the **teacher** to reach out to way after school hours.

Please know this says ALOT!!!

This student has other support people but chose the **teacher**! Kudos to the teacher and to all of you!!! This story is just about this one student and one teacher but, I KNOW...which is why I love working here, that you all have this kind of impact on our students!

Thank you, **NHS** teachers, admin, custodians, cafeteria, and any ALL the other amazing support personnel.

Make it a great Thursday! #noticethehelpers #spreadjoy

Kristy McNally

Newport Independent Schools

NSTEP Coordinator- Newport's Services, Tools, & Empowerment Program

A McKinney-Vento federally funded program

859-292-3066 office

513-382-8452 cell

kristy.mcnally@newport.kyschools.us

STK dates this month: 2/9/14 and 2/23/23

Recently serving new families we have not served in the past. Often families feel bad/guilty/embarrassed for coming and often apologize. We work hard to make them feel comfortable, normal, and look forward to coming back.

21st Century

Cassandra Patterson

District Director

NPS-102 unique students served; 68 regular attendees

NIS- 93 unique students served; 60 regular attendees

NHS-122 unique students served; 12 regular attendees

1/9/23 & 1/10/23- Participated in Senior Roundup and helped seniors work on FASFA and college applications as well as find scholarship opportunities.

2/9/23- NIS Adult Skill Builder on health eating habits at home. 11 families served; \$400+ dollars of groceries, cookbooks, plates and measuring spoons given out to families with the help of Anthem, NSTEP and the NIS FRC.

Established and implemented new program design for NIS. Added additional club offerings and academic support at NHS.

Completed technical reviews for Cycle 19 grants at NIS and NHS, and provided evidence of compliance. Collaborated with school staff to work on recruitment and retention strategies of club attendees. Have worked heavily with school and district staff to outline summer programming. Collaborated with

DPP/Student Support Services to develop Little Wildcats, a summer programming initiative to serve children of staff willing to work during summer programming.

School Health Center

Pam Pedigo, Health Center Coordinator

The dental clinics that were held were very successful and well attended. Participation continues to grow at a good clip. Most recently, we have been working effectively on vaccine compliance.

1/19 through 2/12 number of visits to nursing office:

NPS: 525 visits, one daily urinary catheterization.

NIS: 541 visits, 3 student diabetes to manage daily.

NHS: 518 visits, one urinary cath oversight