# **November 2025 Board Report**

# **Family Resource and Youth Service Center**

**Newport Primary School Family Resource Center** 

Molly Wesley, Coordinator (October 13-November 10, 2025)

# Support to Students/Families (the following were provided during this reporting period):

- 19 home visits to deliver Care Closet items, including diapers and a chest of drawers
- Molly did a home visit to talk to a family about the Big Brother Big Sisters Lunch Buddy program
- 4 referrals to the Care Closet were filled and delivered prior to this report
- 89 students receive PowerPacks of food to take home for the weekend
- The FRC provided Halloween costumes to 2 students
- The Charities Guild provided 2 pair of new shoes to NPS students (ordered from amazon and chosen by the students)
- Three NPS students are in the process of being matched with Lunch Buddies through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati
- 32 babies associated with the NPS community received diapers through Care Closet
- 48 clothing items dispensed from the FRC clothing closet
- Contact with one family regarding eyeglasses that aren't being worn at school, and arranged to pay for a second pair.
- The FRC paid \$200 toward a student's family Duke bill, with EducateNKy funds
- The FRC paid \$200 toward a student's family apartment deposit, with EducateNKy funds.

## **Donations since the last reporting period:**

10/22/25 - EducateNky presented a check for \$9,550 for a proposal that Molly Wesley submitted, with activities in the area(s) of Kindergarten Readiness

10/31/25 - 4 bags of groceries from a community member

10/31/25 - \$200 from a community member for family assistance

11/7/25 - Queen City Book Bank donated hand-selected books for all K-2nd grade students to take home

11/7/25 - Freestore Foodbank delivered 450 PowerPacks (packed by Cincinnati Bengals players, in special orange and black drawstring bags)

11/8/25 - Personal friend's housewarming party where guests drought donations: \$250 in Kroger gift cards, \$50, diapers, baby wipes, canned goods

Social media posts since last reporting period: Trick or Treating event at Grand Towers on October 24th, Anxiety Group for girls at Blume Counseling in Bellevue, One to One Reader training, SNAP benefit updates, Fall Family Fest at Newport Intermediate on October 24th, Hosea House meal information, Newport City Building Trick or Treating on Halloween, Dance Fitness (formerly known as People Stronger Together), Sundae Scholars, Little Free Library at the Preschool door

# **Meetings/Events:**

- 10/13/25 Molly attending a virtual meeting with other River City school administrators about their Educate NKY proposals and plans
- 10/14/25 2:30pm Early Childhood partners (EducateNKy, Brighton Center, NPS) met at Brighton Center
- 10/14/25 KPMG volunteers mentored in 2nd grade classrooms, using "Cute Animals That Could Kill You Dead" book and donating the book to each classroom
- 10/15/25 NPS attendance committee meeting
- $\bullet \quad 10/16/25$  An Adopt a Class team from St. E came to Mrs. Johnson's 1st grade class
- 10/17/25 An Adopt a Class team from St. E came to Ms. Bihl's 1st grade class
- 10/17/25 Molly participated in the event at which students new to NPS learned what "House" they are in
- 10/18/25 Read Ready Community Launch Festival 10:30-2:30 at "Make It Rain"
- 10/22/25 NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting
- 10/23/25 Family Fall Festival at Newport Intermediate School 4:30-6:00pm
- 10/24/25 An Adopt a Class team from Brighton Center came to Ms. Staude's Kindergarten class

- 10/28/25 2:30pm Early Childhood partners (EducateNKy, Brighton Center, NPS) met at Brighton Center
- 10/28/25 An Adopt a Class team from St. E came to Mrs. Weaver's 1st grade class
- 10/29/25 Molly met (virtually) Angela Okuda from Waterford
- 10/29/25 & 10/30/25 3:15-5:15 NPS teacher conferences
- 10/30/25 An Adopt a Class team from PricewaterhouseCoopers came to Mrs. Bravo's and also to Ms. Chalfant's 2nd grade classrooms
- 10/30/25 Freestore Foodbank staff (Heidi) came to NPS to conduct the annual Site Visit
- 10/31/25 Schoolwide "House Party"
- 11/3/25 Molly assisted with Round One of the NPS Site Based Decisionmaking Council election
- 11/4/25 Molly met with EducateNKY's Jenny Watson with updates about programming
- November 5-7, 2025 Molly attended the FRYSC Fall Institute in Lexington, KY
- 11/7/25 The FRC sponsored cupcakes (through Sadlon Farm Friends & Family) for 24 students with November birthdays
- 11/7/25 iReady celebrations for students who achieved their iReady goal
- 11/10/25 Molly assisted with Round Two of the NPS Site Based Decisionmaking Council election
- 11/11/25 Veterans Day assembly
- Continue organizing resources, sponsors, and family information for Holiday Assistance I will report back at the end with details, but at this point, more than 140 children's Xmas wishes have been shared with sponsors
- Assist in planning a Kroger-sponsored "Dinner with Santa" for Preschool families December 4th
- Continuing to work on assembling Needs Assessment data for FRC Continuation Program Plan due in the Spring
- Continuing to work on a plan for the annual Coat Distribution event, in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul, Newport Fire Department and Newport City Church of God scheduled for December 6th

FRC staff is working on an ongoing basis around the following: keeping books stocked in the Little Libraries by the NPS flagpole and the Preschool entrance; keep staff coffee bar stocked; water plants donated by 7 Hills Church and East Row Garden Club; assist in communicating between Adopt a Class partners and classroom teachers (including 3 new teams being led by St. Elizabeth); assist in communicating between Queen City Book Bank and teachers regarding ordering books; assist in communication between KPMG and 2nd grade classrooms in which their volunteers mentor monthly; assist in communicating between One-to-One Readers and classroom teachers about students in the program; assist with referrals to Care Closet; accept and sort donations and send donation receipts; routine review and assessment of FRC budget balance, needs and expenditures; monthly reports to Freestore Foodbank about PowerPack distributions; monthly reports to Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati about distribution of fleece pants, underwear, and hygiene items; Advisory Council meeting planning; serve on committee to plan Family Engagement events; collecting and delivering hard-to-recycle items (to the Cincinnati recycle and Reuse Hub) such as eyeglasses, light bulbs, batteries, headphones, cords/cables, paktech, ink cartridges, and styrofoam; communicate with community member and volunteer, Fernando Ramirez

# Newport Intermediate School Family Resource Center Marshelle Watkins- Blackwell, Coordinator Community Partnerships and Initiatives

October was a month of significant collaboration and community engagement, focused on building strong partnerships to meet the evolving needs of Newport families and students.

- Adopt-A-Class Symposium (Xavier University): Represented Newport Intermediate School at the regional symposium to strengthen career readiness and mentorship opportunities for students.
- Read Ready Newport: Actively participated in multiple planning committee meetings and contributed to the coordination of the Read Ready Newport Kickoff Event. These efforts focused on promoting early learning, literacy, and community collaboration to support children ages 0–10.

- St. Elizabeth African American Advisory Board: Continued active service to enhance culturally responsive community health outreach.
- NorthKey Mental Health: Partnered to strengthen mental health supports for students, providing early intervention and connection to care.
- LiveWell Newport: Collaborated on the Community Health Walk and co-organized health promotion activities to increase awareness of wellness and preventive care.
- Adopt-A-Class Career and Connect Field Trips: Helped organize field experiences that exposed students to local career opportunities and hands-on learning.

# Stock the Kitchen and Food Support Initiatives

Worked closely with district leadership and the City of Newport to plan community events in support of the *Stock* the *Kitchen* initiative. The city is conducting a food drive to benefit this effort, and Newport Intermediate is helping coordinate a drive-through food distribution to address the rising need for food support among families. Requests for food assistance have increased significantly, prompting close coordination with the student support

Requests for food assistance have increased significantly, prompting close coordination with the student support team to ensure immediate response and access to resources. These efforts aim to provide consistent nourishment and stability for students and their families during challenging times.

In addition, Partners for Change provided generous in-kind support to help and supply families with hygiene supplies. To increase community awareness and contributions, a promotional video was created to encourage additional donations and ongoing volunteer support.

#### **Health and Family Festival**

FRC successfully helped organize and host the Health and Family Festival, bringing together multiple community partners, including:

UC Health, St. Elizabeth Healthcare (Community Engagement and Cardiovascular Teams), FamilyCare, the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Cincinnati, 1N5, Brighton Center, LiveWell Newport, Newport Police Department, Educate NKY, Campbell County Library, and Jet's Pizza.

The festival provided free, wellness information, family activities, and community resources to promote healthy living.

#### Parent and Family Engagement

- English Learner (EL) Family Night: Organized and facilitated an event that supported multilingual families through cultural sharing, school resource awareness, and community building.
- Health and Wellness Family Night: Developed and implemented programming with clear outcomes focused on family wellness and community connections.
- Professional Contacts and Community Collaborations
- LiveWell Newport Community Meetings Campbell County Library
- NorthKey Mental Health Services
- Kate Haus Care Closet Schedule Management
- FIESTA Community Center Support
- Boys & Girls Club Community Partnership
- Joan Carmack Duke Energy
- Sarah (Adopt-A-Class) and Kristen Schedule Management
- Newport FRYSC Network
- Freestore Foodbank Scheduling and Reporting
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Partnership and Schedule Coordination
- Kona Ice Donation Support
- Ms. Ren Brighton Center Collaboration
- Mr. Young TANK Bus Mentoring Program
- Linda Bates WellCare Partnership
- Brighton Center Tours and Service Information Session

• Nancy Costello – Educate NKY Collaboration

## **School Collaborations and Internal Supports**

Ms. New – Family Night Support and Student Access Kristy and Katie – Family Supports and food drive Jill Chambers – Student Supports and PBIS Collaboration Attendance PLC and PBIS Reward Support

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School Nurses – Family and Hygiene Assistance

Front Office Staff - Volunteer Coordination and Event Support

# **Meetings and Trainings Attended**

Attendance PLC

Newport Schools Student Support Team Meeting Big Brothers Big Sisters Program Transition Meeting

# Family and Student Support Data (October 2025)

Parent Survey: Conducted and analyzed parent engagement survey data.

Home Visits: 2 visits conducted to support student basic needs.

Eyeglasses Support: 2 students assisted.

Care Closet: 12 students received clothing and hygiene support. Mental Health Referrals: 1 student connected to NorthKey services.

Student Backpacks: 4 distributed. Shoes Provided: 4 pairs distributed.

• Hygiene Kits: 84 provided to students.

#### **Newport High School Youth Services Center**

Donna Watts, Coordinator (October 14 – November 11, 2025)

# Support to Students/Families (the following were provided during this reporting period):

- 6 attendance home visits
- 3 well care home visits
- 1 referral for diapers
- 3 referrals to the Care Closet
- 6 clothing items dispensed from the YSC clothing closet
- 1 voucher for eyeglasses to Lens Crafters
- 55 families referred for Holiday Food Assistances
- 2 students received TANK/METRO bus passes
- 9 students received hygiene items from YSC office
- 5 students received clothing from YSC office
- Donna worked with 6 students in securing employment

#### **Donations since the last reporting period:**

NSTEP – food and drinks

Class of 1964 Holiday Challenge - \$4,475.00

Canned Food Drive at Football Game – 61 items

Mr. Nick Wilson – 105 Canned Food items

Mrs. Rhonda Atkins – 68 Non-Perishable items

Social media posts since last reporting period: Salvation Army Christmas Assistance; NHS football playoff game; Newport High School Canned Food Drive flyer, Newport Parks and Recreation November events

# **Meetings/Events:**

October - Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- 14 Lunch and Learn Parks and Recreation
- 14 Volleyball Senior Night
- Reality Store Prep grades 9 & 12

- 15 Lunch and Learn US Army
- 16 Reality Store Experience grades 9 & 12
- 16 BBBS Beyond School Walls Mentoring Program
- 16 Lunch and Learn US Marines
- 17 Football Senior Night PINK OUT
- 20 Lunch and Learn NorthKey
- 21 University of Cincinnati Tour
- 22 Magnify Giving Trip w/Talented & Gifted students
- 23-31 Red Ribbon Just Say No To Drugs Spirit Week -School-Wide
- 23 Lunch and Learn NKY ADD
- 23 Healthy Family Fest & Lights on After School
- 28 NKY Youth Summit
- 28 Lunch and Learn US Army
- 23 Upward Bound Mentoring Meeting
- 25 Upward Bound Mentoring Training
- 29 Lunch and Learn Campbell County Drug Free Alliance

# November - National Scholarship Month

- 4 Bowls of Hope Chili Cookoff mtg
- 4 Southgate FRYSC mtg
- 5 Beyond School Walls Mentoring Program 10:30a-12:30p to Staff Mark
- 5 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 6 Financial Fitness Program for students mtg with Lisa Wagner
- 6 Community Well Being Meeting
- 7 Student Council Elections and Can Food Drive
- 10 Attendance mtg
- 11 Media and Journalism for students meeting with Professor Sara Drabik
- 11 Student Council Meeting

# Agencies Utilizing Back Office Space to meet with students

- 1. STOIC Therapy
- 2. Family Care Service
- 3. Upward Bound TRIO Program
- 4. Big Brother Big Sister Lunch Buddies
- 5. Cabinet for Health and Family Services and DJJ
- 6. NSTEP
- 7. 21st Century Out of School Services

# **McKinney Vento**

Kristy McNally, Coordinator

Katie Lucas, NSTEP/Family Engagement

October: 98 (90) Doubled Up: 65

Hotel: 3

Shelter/Trans. Housing: 23 Unsheltered/Inadequate: 7 Unaccompanied Youth: 19

#### **School Totals:**

NHS: 36 (32) NIS: 25 (24) NPS: 36 (33) NSOI: 1 NRS: 1

Transportation To Date:

Van: 5

Gas Card: 1(CC)

Bus Pass: 3 (1 of which→Erlanger)

Shared transportation cost, for & set up by another district: 2 (CPS)

Transportation assistance from another district: 3 (CISD)

## **Programming/Supports:**

Diversity Wildcats (NIS) 15 students

Diversity Wildcats (NPS) 8 students

Diversity Wildcats (NHS) 9 students

Continued participation/support of NHS, NIS, NPS Attendance Committee meetings

NHS, NIS, NPS Advisory Council (every other month)

Stock the Kitchen (Katie): serves 60-80 unduplicated families (400+/- individuals) (2x a month)

Donor provides a raffle each month- 1 family wins from drawing

Go Pantry: Go Bags, in place of Power Packs @ NIS and now serving high school students- 50 bags distributed on Fridays, and bulk items provided on as needed basis for NHS & NIS

NSTEP staff continue to pick up 200 Go Bags(NIS) and Bulk snack items (NHS) monthly

Social Media posts (Katie): NSTEP Facebook page, promotion of all school and community events- ongoing

Dance Fitness (as part of Parent's Stronger Together group- began Oct. 30

Volunteers/Engagement (Katie):

NIS Family Fall Fest/Scarecrow Showdown

Assisting with promotion of Futsol/Soccer clinic w. 21st.C

Continuing updates/configuration on volunteer orientation and recruitment video

Assisted with global hand washing day (pictures, donation of sanitizer, promotional)

District Calendar/Google Calendar: 2nd quarter events posted in collaboration with all schools

LivWell Newport: monthly meetings

CCC (Community Collaboration for Children) meeting 9/23

Homeless Ed. Collaborative meeting/Regional meeting Oct. 21

State wide MV Coord. book study: Serving Students That Are Homeless, monthly

Student/Community Supports:

Nky Youth Summit w NSOI staff/students

Consolidated Monitoring zoom meeting

Regional Homeless Coordinators meeting

Assisted with NIS PBIS Rewards Day

Provide snack items and feminine hygiene items for NHS monthly

# 21st Century Afterschool Program

#### **Zach Rechtin - District Director**

- Programming staying consistent. Registrations available but some grades are on waiting lists.
- October 23rd Event NIS Fall Fest and Partners for Change visit
  - Hosted Partners for Change for their 'Lights on Afterschool' Tour of River Cities Out of School Time programming.
  - During their tour stop, Ms. Aubrey shared an overview of programming with the group while they perused a display of artwork created by our Primary students.
  - They also heard from Mrs. Childers about how learning groups are formed to offer the most effective WIN (What I Need) Time for academic support.
  - A student from NHS also made an appearance to share his experiences in programs.
  - Finally, the group visited Ms. Jones' classroom to observe afterschool instruction in action.
- Volunteered at the annual NHS Reality Store hosted by the Youth Service Center.
- Attended the Read Ready kickoff event to promote youth soccer clinics.
- KDE Consultant visited NPS on November 5th for a Technical Assistance visit as part of Year 1 of the 21st Century Grant. Consultant was pleased to see how well programming is going.
- Staff attended a PLC (Professional Learning Community) meeting hosted by Partners for Change for all River City districts to share best practices and discuss common issues.
- November 1st and 8th were the first two of four youth soccer clinics to let kids play the game.