

April 2026 Board Report

Family Resource and Youth Service Center Newport Primary School Family Resource Center Molly Wesley, Coordinator (March 16, 2026 - April 14, 2026)

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

- 16 home visits to deliver Care Closet diapers, for 25 babies
- 3 home visits to deliver shoes ordered through Charities Guild of Northern Ky
- Six (6) referrals to the Care Closet was filled prior to this report
- Ninety-eight (98) students receive PowerPacks of food to take home for the weekend
- Two NPS students are matched with Lunch Buddies (Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati). They meet weekly during the students' lunch (plus 15 minutes). Also, two additional referrals were made for NPS students to receive Lunch Buddies.
- Thirty-nine (39) babies associated with the NPS community received diapers through Care Closet, and 2 families requested underwear for potty training.
- Seventy-nine (79) clothing items (including shoes) dispensed from the FRC clothing closet
- Currently, 11 students meet weekly with One-to-One readers
- Currently, 15 students meet weekly with Reading Buddies
- Assisted with 3 students' attendance through text messages after the office was unable to reach a caregiver.
- Provided cupcakes for 27 students whose birthdays fall during April, through a donation from a personal family friend of Molly's - celebrated at school on April 3.
- Adopt a Class visits: PriceWaterhouseCoopers to Ms. Bravo and Ms. Chalfant's 2nd grade on March 27, Brighton Center to Ms. Staude's Kindergarten on March 27, St. Elizabeth to Ms. Bihl's 1st grade class on April 3.
- A Newport alumni (and his mother) continues to volunteer at NPS on Tuesdays to sharpen pencils, and other assorted tasks.
- The FRC assisted with scheduling conferences with 2 families with whom teachers could not reach.
- The FRC Coordinator referred a student for school-based counseling.
- The FRC Coordinator spoke with a new student's former school, to assist in transition
- The FRC Coordinator referred a NPS family to Brighton Center's Stable Families, due to unstable housing
- The FRC supported a NPS family who is moving

Donations since the last reporting period:

4/2/26 - \$721.98 worth of items from Crayons to Computers

4/3/26 - 360 PowerPacks

Social media posts since last reporting period: Newport City Church free hot meal and pantry items on March 30, Newport Parks & Rec "Touch a Truck" event on April 18, Newport Schools' summer program information, lice prevention, NPS volunteer opportunity to assist in creating outdoor classroom, Children's Hospital sensory space research study, Newport Vet Pool information, volunteer opportunity to assist with Wildcat Hustlers running club and crossing streets

Meetings/Events:

- 3/16/26 - Newport Night Out meeting with Mr. Atkins, City of Newport consultant, Newport Police Officer Kohls, NSTEP team and FRYSC team

- 3/17/26 - KPMG mentors visited each 2nd grade class, read “You Can Sit With Me,” and facilitated a related activity.
- 3/18/26 - Preschool and Kindergarten Registration Kick off at NPS - 5:00-7:00
- 3/18/26 - NPS attendance committee meeting at 1:45
- 3/18/26 - 9:45-11:45 - Adopt a Class sponsored field trip to Contemporary Arts Center (Powell’s 2nd grade classroom)
- 3/19/26 - Molly met with Steven Schreck, Newport Adult Ed Director
- 3/20/26 - 9:00am - Virtual meeting with Jenny Watson about upcoming meeting with HealthPoint
- 3/20/26 - noon-1:00pm - Adopt a Class sponsored field trip to Campbell County library (Hahn and Combs’ Kindergarten classrooms)
- 3/24/26 - Play with Purpose - Brighton Center HIPPIY staff facilitated this group with Latino families who have children younger than Kindergarten
- 3/24/26 - 2:30-4:00pm - The Brighton Center Early Childhood Education team met with Molly about upcoming goals and projects
- 3/25/26 - Adopt a Class sponsored field trip to Contemporary Arts Center (Chalfant’s 2nd grade classroom)
- 3/25/26 - 12:30 - Molly met with Kaitlyn Grooms, Early Childhood Consultant, NorthKey
- 3/25/26 - 3:15-5:15pm - NPS teacher conferences with families
- 3/26/26 - Molly attended a virtual training called “Let’s Talk about Dialectical Behavior Therapy” (9:00-12:15)
- 3/27/26 - An Adopt a Class team from PricewaterhouseCoopers came to Mrs. Bravo’s and also to Ms. Chalfant’s 2nd grade classrooms
- 3/27/26 - Molly greeted families attending the Kindergarten concert, at the side gate
- 3/27/26 - An Adopt a Class team from Brighton Center came to Ms. Staude’s Kindergarten class
- 3/27/26 - Adopt a Class sponsored field trip to Newport Branch of the Campbell County Library (Mayle’s Kindergarten class)
- 3/28/26 - Molly attended the Breakfast and Photos with the Easter Bunny at Newport Intermediate School
- 3/30/26 - 9:00am - Student Support Team met to discuss Newport Night Out
- 3/31/26 - Play with Purpose - Brighton Center HIPPIY staff facilitated this group with Latino families who have children younger than Kindergarten
- 3/31/26 - Charities Guild of NKy came to NPS and measured 52 students for new shoes, and the students chose their shoes on Amazon. Shoes were delivered to NPS and distributed by the FRC.
- 4/3/26 - The FRC sponsored cupcakes (through Sadlon Farm Friends & Family) for 27 students with April birthdays
- 4/3/26 - St. Elizabeth Adopt a Class team visited Mrs. Bihl’s 1st grade class
- 4/3/26 - 1:30pm - NPS House Party
- FRC Continuation Program Plan Approved on April 7, 2026
- 4/8/26 - 4:00pm - Molly met with Angela Anderson, Brighton Center employee, about connecting Newport families with Newport Primary School
- 4/9/26 - 9:00-12:15 - Molly attended Corwin’s Belonging In Schools Virtual Institute
- 4/13/26 - Student Support Team met with Office Kohls, Superintendent Atkins, and consultant Wayne Jung about Newport Night Out.

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; assist in communicating between Adopt a Class partners and classroom teachers; 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 members and volunteers.

Newport Intermediate School Family Resource Center Marshelle Watkins- Blackwell, Coordinator

Direct Student & Family Advocacy

In 2026, our focus remains on removing non-academic barriers to learning through rapid-response support and essential resource distribution.

- Nutritional Security- Helped with "Stock the Kitchen" food and household supply orders.
- Basic Needs & Care Closet: Provided individualized support for 13 students facing urgent needs. Our Care Closet serves 17 students
- Housing Stability: Conducted intensive outreach with at-risk and unhoused parents to navigate local housing transitions and resource allocation.
- Attendance & Engagement: Executed targeted outreach campaigns to provide families with the structural resources necessary to improve student attendance rates.
- Classroom Readiness: Provisioned essential school supplies for students

Strategic Community Partnerships

I continue to leverage a robust network of local partners to expand the "wraparound" services available to our Newport community.

- Mentorship & Youth Development: Managed active coordination for the Adopt-a-Class program and successfully recruited new participants for Big Brothers Big Sisters.
- Health & Wellness: Facilitated the implementation of the school-based Dental Program and maintained our core partnership with Live Well Newport.
- Academic Enrichment: Collaborated with the Campbell County Library on initiatives designed to boost academic motivation and family literacy.
- Career & Community Integration: Led logistics for Career Day and contributed to the planning.

Specialized Program Management

Strategic oversight of our mentorship and enrichment programs ensures high-impact experiences for every student.

- Adopt-a-Class (AAC) Project Management: Spearheaded the end-to-end coordination of the AAC program, serving as the primary liaison between corporate/community mentors and NIS classrooms. This included scheduling monthly visits, aligning mentor activities with curriculum goals, and evaluating program efficacy.

- Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) Management: Managed the recruitment and screening process for new student "Littles." Actively monitored current matches to ensure relationship stability and student safety, while facilitating communication between the agency, families, and school staff.
- One to One Reading: Oversaw the scheduling and logistics for the "One to One" reading program, matching struggling readers with trained community coaches to boost literacy confidence and fluency.
- 4-H Camp Coordination: Facilitated the application and scholarship process for the upcoming 4-H Summer Camp. Managed parent orientations, health form collection, and coordination with the local extension office to ensure equitable access for our students.

III. Community Partnerships & Events

Building a strong bridge between the home and the classroom is vital for student outcomes in 2026.

- Spring Festival 2026: Leading the planning and execution of our signature Spring Festival. This year's event focuses on community unity, featuring partner booths, student showcases, and family resource stations.
- Spring Book Fair: Collaborated with the Media Specialist to plan, promote, and organize a high-engagement literacy event.
- Family & Community Night: Hosted on April 21st (5:00–7:00 PM) in partnership with the EL department to provide a multilingual, inclusive space for family networking.
- Health & Wellness: Facilitated the implementation of the school-based Dental Program and maintained our core partnership with Live Well Newport.

Newport High School Youth Services Center
Donna Watts, Coordinator (March 18 – April 13, 2026)

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

- YSC Coordinator made 1 Attendance home visits
- YSC Coordinator made 2 Well Care home visit
- 45 students visited the YSC office for Fueling for Success Snacks
- 7 students visited the YSC clothing closet
- 18 students visited the YSC hygiene closet
- 42 students received school supplies from the YSC office
- 5 students visited the YSC office regarding employment
- 8 students visited the YSC office regarding the Spring Break College & Career Tour
- 10 students visited the YSC office regarding volunteer hours
- 1 student visited the YSC office for TANK bus tokens
- 2 family's referrals to Stock the Kitchen
- 23 NHS & 3 NSOI students meet with Young Life Group every Monday
- 35 NHS & 4 NSOI students meet with Legacy 7 Hills Youth group every Wednesday
- 32 members of Student Council met this month
- Referred 3 student for eye glasses and vision screening
- Referred 1 family to Mentoring Plus
- Assisted 6 students with job application, social security card, and birth certificates
- YSC Coordinator traveled with 11 seniors for Dress for Success with BB/BS at Macy's
- YSC Coordinator chaperoned the following field trips

- o 7th and 8th grade students to tour Auschwitz and Holocaust Museum
- o River City Schools Student Empowerment Conference at KY One Center
- o River City School Career Fair at Bellevue HS
- o River City School Prom – Safe, Sober, and Healthy Choices Fair at Dayton HS
- o NHS Student Council Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Social media posts since last reporting period: The Amazing Shamrock Sprint, School Closing for Spring Break, Stock the Kitchen food giveaway, and Navigo Summer Camp flyers

EVENTS:

March – National Women’s History Month -- Human Trafficking Awareness Events

- 18 BBBS Senior Professional Development Day
- 19 Auschwitz/Holocaust Museum Tour - 7th and 8th graders
- 19 NHS Advisory Council Meeting
- 20 River Cities Student Empowerment Conference
- 24 River City Schools Career Fair
- 24 Parent Teacher Conference
- 25 Upward Bound TRIO Recruitment - 9,10,11th
- 25 Lunch and Learn - Cincinnati Tech College
- 26 Upward Bound Mentoring Meeting
- 27 Mental Health Training
- 28 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- 28 Upward Bound Mentoring Training
- 29 Easter Egg Hunt
- 30 Newport Night Out financial discussion

April – Blue Ribbon Month (Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month)

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| 2 | Safe, Sober, and Healthy Choices Event | Dayton-Vanessa/Katie |
| 7-8 | Spring Break College and Career Tour | Lexington, Richmond, Louisville |
| 8 | Campbell County Drug Free Alliance Meeting | Wilder, KY |
| 13 | Newport Night Out Planning Meeting | Superintendent’s Office |
| 14 | FindHelpNowKy Conference | Boone County Library |
| 15 | BBBS Beyond School Walls Mentoring | StaffMark/Mass Mutual |
| 16 | Skills UP Trade 7 th and 8 th graders | Kia |
| 18 | NHS YSC Hoop with Nupes | NHS Gym |
| 18 | City of Newport Touch a Truck | NIS w/Parks and Rec |
| 18 | NHS PROM | Newport Syndicate |
| 21 | Upward Bound Group Meeting | |
| 21 | NKYEC Service Reception | Erlanger Receptions Event Ctr |
| 23 | Boys and Girls Club Ribbon Cutting | Take Braylon Griffin |
| 23-25 | Upward Bound Senior Trip | Chicago, IL |
| 24 | Senior Commitment Day | Auditorium |
| 26 | HERO’s Day – CCDF | Wilder, KY |

YSC Highlight - Spring Break College and Career Tour – April 7-8, 2026

Students participated in the YSC tenth (10th) coordinated career exploration activity that provided hands-on exposure to a variety of retail settings. Through visits to multiple retail locations, students observed and analyzed differences in store operations, customer service approaches, and merchandising strategies. This experience enhanced students’ understanding of workplace expectations, employability skills, and career opportunities within the retail industry, while reinforcing essential soft skills such as communication and professionalism. Locations compared: Rebecca Ruth Candy Factory to Buc-ee’s, Kroger’s to Wal-Mart, and 5 Below to pOpshelf

In addition, as part of a comprehensive college and career tour, students visited a large state university (The University of Louisville), Bluegrass Career and Technical College, and Kentucky State University, a Historically Black College and University (HBCU). These experiences broadened students' awareness of post-secondary options and pathways.

This initiative aligns with FRYSC goals of promoting career readiness, life skill development, and preparing students for post-secondary success. The chaperones for this trip included:

- Donna L. Watts, NHS YSC Coordinator
- Vanessa Moore, Newport Schools District Program Manager for Gear Up KY
- Latasha Luke, NHS Special Education IA
- Montanna McClain, KY Higher Education Assistance Authority No, KY Outreach Counselor
- Dusty Galloway, Newport Schools Property & Transportation Manager

Hotel paid through NHS YSC Funds, All meals were provided by Gear Up KY Funds.

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Kristy McNally, Coordinator

Katie Lucas, NSTEP/Family Engagement

April: 167 (158)

Doubled Up: 115 (107)

Hotel: 8

Shelter/Trans. Housing: 29

Unsheltered/Inadequate: 15 (12)

Unaccompanied Youth: 35 (31)

School Totals:

NHS: 64 (57) NIS: 41 (39) NPS: 53 (51) NSOI: 6 NRS: 4

Grant Objective 4: Transportation To Date:

Van: 7

Gas Card: 13 (1 Boone/1 CC) Bus Pass: 5

Shared transportation cost, for & set up by another district: 2 (CPS) (Cancelled as of Jan. 2026)

Transportation assistance from another district: 3 (CISD)

Programming/Supports:

Grant objective 1: Physical welfare, Grant objective 2: Chronic Absenteeism, &

Grant objective 3: Academic Success

Diversity Wildcats (NIS) 15 students

Diversity Wildcats (NPS) 8 students

Diversity Wildcats (NHS) 9 students

Wildcat Hustlers (NIS) 40 students

Dance Fitness (as part of People Stronger Together parent group)- monthly

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- 75 bags distributed on Fridays, and bulk items provided on as needed basis for NHS & NIS

NSTEP staff continue to pick up 220 Go Bags(NIS) and Bulk snack items (NHS) monthly
Transportation staff assisting with NSTEP needs for students to attend afterschool activities
Homeless Ed. Collaborative - April 14
Provided intensive support to two families navigating severe crises.

Grant objective 7: Engagement and School Connectedness

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

Shamrock Sprint family night(district wide)- A night of math, reading, and problem solving

Dance Fitness (as part of Parent's Stronger Together group

NIS Family Night- April 16

'Launch Newport' (Name TBD) planning committee- formerly Newport Night Out

Wildcat Hustlers final race- scheduled for April 30

Volunteers/Engagement (Katie):

District Calendar/Google Calendar: kept up to date

Katie assisted with Sober Safety and Healthy Choices event with NHS

NHS Diversity Wildcats College Visit- University of Cincinnati April 7

Assisted with NIS 6th grade Living History Museum-provided clothing for costumes

Katie- Adv. Council meetings quarterly

Student/Community Supports:

Lunch buddy/mentoring (Katie) at NIS- 5 students

Lice Treatments: (14 students to date)

21st Century Afterschool Program

Zach Rechtin, Coordinator

Torrie Watkins, NHS

Aubrey New, NIS

NPS interim

- Programming stays consistent. Registrations closed for the school year.
- Last day of school-year programming will be the last day of school, May 21.
- Summer Programming June 2-30 in all three buildings. Registrations open soon.
- Final round of interviews this week for the new full-time Site Coordinator at NPS.
- Wildcat Hustlers running program at NIS with NSTEP final race tentatively set for April 30.
- Volunteered to support the Amazing Race event at NIS on March 17.
- Attended Statewide training in Frankfort on March 24 and 25.
- WAVE program from Newport Aquarium will be visiting NPS on May 6 and NIS on May 13.
- Accompanied NIS students for a day of learning during Spring Break on April 7 to NKU.
- Met with community member and retired teacher about programming opportunities.
- Met with representatives from Futsal for All about professional development for teachers.