

Facilities Update

If you have been anywhere in the vicinity of the Velma Matson Upper Elementary, since June 12, you have seen a great deal of activity. On Sunday evening, June 11, 2017, NPS hosted an Open House at that building for anyone who was interested. Approximately 45 people came through the building to reminisce, take pictures and share memories with friends and family members.

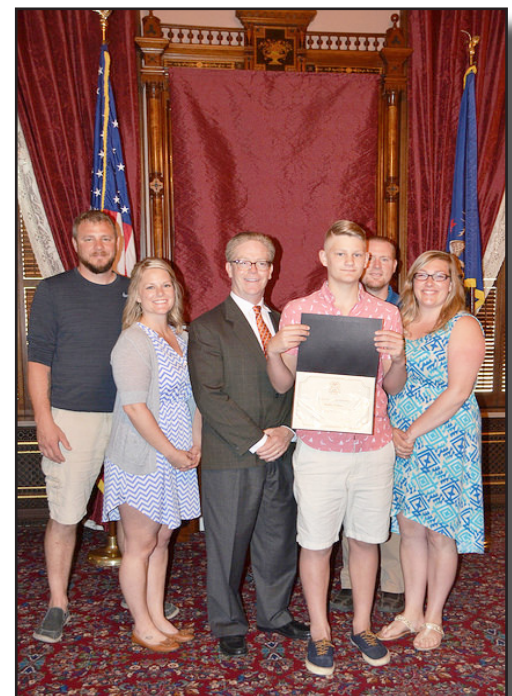
Site work promptly began on June 13 and the cupola, exterior lamps, and other building fixtures were carefully prepared for removal as these items will be incorporated into the new facility. Work on this building will continue over the next several months.

Another new development is the design work of secure entrances at the Middle School and High School. TowerPinkster has been working on these projects and we will get some initial cost estimates for these in the next few weeks. The actual work on the other building entrances will not occur until the summer of 2018.

We will do our best to post periodic updates on the NPS website so you are encouraged to check that as well.

Bradley Holmes placed second in the state in the Farm Bureau Insurance America and Me essay contest, the state's longest running writing competition. The theme for this year was, "My Michigan Hero." Bradley's heart-felt essay about his aunt Melissa, who has helped him with his struggles with ADHD and dyslexia, rose to the top of over 4000 entries from nearly 400 schools. To celebrate this accomplishment, Farm Bureau insurance treated Bradley and his family to a day out in Lansing. The day started aboard the Princess Riverboat on the Grand River. Then, the contestants were taken to the capital in Lansing where they received recognition from a member of the Governor's team. This was followed up by a trip to the Lansing Lugnuts game where Bradley and the other essayists were honored on the field

before the game, and then sang the National Anthem. Next was a limousine ride back to the river boat for a four course lunch and the presentation of the plaque, medal, and \$1000 cash award. Congratulations Bradley on this fine accomplishment, and for representing Newaygo so well.



Edward T. Grodus Honors Banquet – 2017

In May, at the conclusion of each school year, Newaygo High School is proud to host the annual Edward T. Grodus Honors Banquet. This banquet is held to congratulate all high school students who have held a “B” or better in their classes throughout the school year. Many community members attend and present scholarships to our deserving seniors. The E.T.G. Honors Banquet continues to grow, thanks to the hard work and generosity of several organizations, such as the Gerber Foundation, the Fremont Area Community Foundation and numerous family and local scholarships. It is through this continuous support from our community that these honored students are able to continue their education. We wish to thank all of our generous scholarship presenters and look forward to the annual Edward T. Grodus Banquet in May of 2018.

Scholarships & Recipients

Top Ten Awards - Bridget Grant, Danielle Durst, Jacob Elko, Galadrea Marvin, Kelsi Auw, Faith Smith, Molly Frisbie, Jenna Janke, Alyssa Salacina, Kylee Chesley
N.E.A. Awards - Top Ten
The Ed & Millie Grodus Scholarship - Jenna Janke, Gabe Smith, Justice Ottinger
Gerber Foundation Merit Scholarships - Ashlyn Beemer, Bodi Pratt, Brace Pratt, Jennifer Wigent
Dan Gerber Medallion Scholarships - Danielle Durst, Bridget Grant, Emma Holmes, Faith Smith
Fremont Area Community Foundation Scholarships -
Anderson Brydges Children & Family Scholarship - Bridget Grant
Kenneth & Pauline Bull Scholarship - Molly Frisbie
Coville Scholarship - Faith Smith
Jeff Cronk Memorial Scholarship - Gabriel Smith
Charles William Davidson Scholarship - Madison Cook
Emma L. Graham Scholarship - Caleb Schultz
Larry & Adele Hansen Scholarship - Jennifer Wigent
Berger Family Scholarship - Kylee Chesley
David R. Chistensen Memorial Scholarship - Bridget Grant
T.R. & Bonnie Deur St. Batholomew Church Scholarship - Danielle Durst
Dodge Scholarship - Christian Gonzalaz, Torrie Griffin, Jazmin Hernandez, Jenna Janke, Tyler Johnson, Brita Pratt, Faith Smith
Raymond & Dorothy Frankowski Scholarship - Alyssa Salacina
Robert & Elsie Geeting Scholarship - Emma Holmes
Richard D. Maurer Scholarship - Justin McGarry
Newaygo County Career Tech Center Scholarship - Kelsi Auw, Molly Frisbie, Kaitlyn Gribowski, Jazmin Hernandez, Gabriel Smith
Don & Deborah Powers Scholarship - Jasmine Sanderson
Jane Reath Scholarship - Bridget Grant
Lou & Angie Spletzer Memorial Scholarship - Kelsi Auw
Vanderwier Scholarship - Kylee Chesley
NPS Educational Advancement Foundation Scholarship - Courtney Day, Jacob Elko, Bridget Grant, Sydnie Grinzinger, Amber Korytkowski, Galadrea Marvin, Justice Ottinger, Yadira Paz, Alyssa Salacina, Faith Smith

NPS Educational Advancement Superintendent Scholarship - Galadrea Marvin
Boissoneau Memorial Scholarship - Caleb Schultz
Mary Jane Pendergast Memorial Scholarship - Ashlyn Beemer
Olive Robey Memorial Scholarship - Sydnie Grinzinger
Newaygo Band Boosters Scholarship - Caleb Schultz, Galadrea Marvin
G. Abbott Scholarship - Brandon Baker
Bonnie Thomas Memorial Scholarship - Kylee Chesley, Justice Ottinger
Newaygo County Law Enforcement Scholarship - Brenda Ceja
Paul Mercer Memorial Scholarship - Madison Cook
Choice one Bank Student Scholarship Essay Contest - Cheyenne Warfield
Janet Olson Educational Scholarship - Sydnie Grinzinger, Galadrea Marvin
Katie Miller Kurtz Memorial Scholarship - Brita Pratt
Helen Sanders Memorial Scholarship - Bridget Grant
The Bev Shue Alumni Scholarship - Jazmin Hernandez, Faith Smith
Independent Bank Athletic Scholarship - Kylee Chesley, Justice Ottinger
The Ray & Jean Bentley Scholarship - Madison Cook
Don Terrill Memorial Scholarship - Margaret Francis
Judith Kelley Bukovac Scholarship - Alyssa Salacina
Newaygo Lions Club Scholarship - Molly Frisbie, Galadrea Marvin, Justin McGarry, Justice Ottinger, Brita Pratt, Caleb Schultz
National Honor Society Scholarship - Kylee Chesley, Bridget Grant
Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ - Gabe Smith
Jerry Valleau Memorial Scholarship - Caleb Schultz
Student Council Leadership Scholarship - Brandon Baker, Madison Cook, Torrie Griffin, Jazmin Hernandez, Justin McGarry
Newaygo County Sportsman's Club Scholarship - Margaret Francis, Alyssa Salacina
The Kowalski Scholarship - Jacob Elko
The Matson Scholarship - Brita Pratt
Lindley's Artisan & Crafter Emporium Scholarship - Justin McGarry



Ed & Millie Grodus Scholarship - Gabe Smith, Jenna Janke, Justice Ottinger



Daniel Gerber, Sr. Medallion Scholarship - Danielle Durst, Bridget Grant, Emma Holmes, Faith Smith



FACF Dodge Scholarship - Christian Gonzalez, Torrie Griffin, Jenna Janke, Brita Pratt, Jazmin Hernandez, Tyler Johnson, Faith Smith



Independent Bank Athletic Scholarship - Kylee Chesley, Justice Ottinger



Lindley's Artisan & Crafter Emporium Scholarship - Justin McGarry

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Bonnie Thomas Memorial Scholarship - Justice Ottinger, Kylee Chesley



Newaygo County Sportsman's Club Scholarship - Margaret Francis, Alyssa Salacina



2017 Exchange Students



The Newaygo High School PBIS Student Team shared with Ms. Knight, high school principal, that students wanted a stress-free day. Their voices were heard and thus, Lions United Day was formed. Our school, through a Grant from Project Unity, was given money to purchase every student and staff member a t-shirt. High School Teacher, Theresa Westcott, wrote the grant and teachers, paraprofessionals and secretaries assisted with the sessions.



Students and staff collaborated and designed sessions (Lions United Hockey and Volleyball Game, Silent Reading, 3-D Puzzles, Dance, Soap Making, Hike to Marshall Park, Baking, Board Games, Juggling, Tech Toys, Yoga, Movie, Popcorn, Capture the Flag, Jewelry Making at Lindley's Emporium, Kahoot & Tech Games) and then students signed up online for three sessions to attend throughout the day. Before students headed out to their morning sessions, the Class of 2017 presented two skits that focused on the message of celebrating each other's differences. The students returned to the gym after their third



session to view an amazing performance by the Pride of Newaygo County Team. Pride's message of promoting teens to make positive and healthy choices aligned well with our theme for Lions United Day.



Congratulations to Newaygo High School Students and Teachers.

(Left to Right) Mr. Horling, Carson Bush, Madison Berwald, Shelby Strong, Daisy Hagen, Hannah Ritter, Mrs. Grodus. (Missing from picture - Corey Crotser)

Of the 20 finalists in the President Gerald R. Ford Essay Challenge (which includes hundreds of students from all over West Michigan) Newaygo had SIX of them!

Freshman, Shelby Strong earned Honorable Mention and received \$250 and Junior, Daisy Hagen took 1st and earned \$1,000 dollars!

NPS is proud of the students and their teachers!



NEWAYGO HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL SPANISH EXAMINATIONS

Spanish students from Newaygo High School participated in the 2017 National Spanish Examinations this spring. Sophomore Jacqueline Torres earned a bronze medal in the Spanish 3 level (with outside experience). Students must score between the 75th and 84th percentile to receive a Premio de Bronce (Bronze Award). Sophomore Elizabeth Huerta received Honorable Mention for Spanish 3 (bilingual) and Freshman Kyla Rounds received Honorable Mention for Spanish 2 (classroom experience). Mención Honorífica (Honorable Mention) includes scores from the 50th percentile through the 74th percentile. Other students received Certificates of Participation for their efforts on the exams. Awards were presented to students at the annual Awards Assembly on June 5 at NHS.



The National Spanish Examinations are administered each year in grades 6 through 12, and are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. “Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious,” said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams, “because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with over 157,000 students participating in 2017.” Students from Newaygo were taught by Spanish teachers Gena Dietz, Alexis Mercer, and Susan Gross.



Haitian Experience for French Students

Finding a French restaurant in Newaygo or neighboring counties is pretty much impossible. However, since Haiti is a French-speaking country in the Caribbean, a Haitian/Creole restaurant may be the next best thing. So, in the interest of cultural education, several French students from Newaygo High School went to Chez Olga, a small restaurant in East Grand Rapids. Olga is the owner and cook there. She serves up down-home cooking, Creole style. If you like your food hot, you can order a spice level of 10 on the restaurant's scale. If you don't want your mouth to burn too badly, order a 1 or a 2. Your mouth will still burn but you will survive.



Students tried fried plantain with spicy cabbage, gumbo, goat ragu, and tropical fruit drinks. They practiced their French with the restaurant's owner and with students from Ferris State University's French Club who met the Newaygo group at the restaurant with their advisor,

Daniel Noren. Students Arturo Diaz, Bridget Grant, Andrea Radice, Jordan LaVette, and Maja Magnussen were accompanied by their French teacher, Susan Gross.



Another school year has come and so quickly, gone. Our community was surely enriched by the sweet friendships formed and the unforgettable memories made by this outstanding group of individuals from foreign lands. I caught up with 8 of the 15 exchange students attending Newaygo High School, and asked them to share a highlight of their year.

Tenna from Denmark: "I participated in basketball and cross country, which are two totally new sports for me. It was so much fun! I definitely recommend other students to join a sport."

Valentina from Italy: "One of my favorite experiences was prom. It was so much fun dancing with my friends!"

Lisa from Germany: "My favorite event was the Marching Band State Finals in Detroit. It was so much fun and totally new for me because it was my first marching season, and I never will forget it. Of course there were were also other cool events, like the water balloon fight, prom, and many other things."

Chiara from Italy:

"Once a Lion always a lion. This is the motto of our school, nothing is more true. This experience and everything I learned will be always part of me. The teachers taught me to see beyond, to ask why, and I have to thank them for having a more open mind. The school honors your talent and it's an example, like graduation, something that in Italy there isn't. I had the opportunity to participate in different sports, where I spent most of the time and I had much fun. I made great friends and teammates.

I learned a lot of things and I hope to be able to share them in my country."

Victor from Spain: "I loved the home football games! We don't have football in Spain and it was really cool to cheer for the team with all my friends."

Jay from Thailand: Going to prom, riding in a limo and meeting Irene, were highlights for Jay.

Daniel from Spain: "I want to say to all the teachers I had, that they are the best!"

Jerry from Finland: The fun water balloon fight was fresh in Jerry's mind at this moment.

There may still be some students available if you are interested in hosting for the next school year. Contact me ASAP.

Margaret Harrington, Cetusa Community Coordinator
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A few of the Newaygo Varsity players joined Hudson Harkness to experience the West Michigan Miracle League! The players helped the kids warm up before the game, joined Hudson and Trevir Kral in the press box to help keep score and cheer on the kids! They even helped Hudson sing Take Me Out to the Ballgame and Happy Birthday! The West Michigan Miracle League provides an opportunity for kids with disabilities to play baseball! The season takes place in the fall and spring on Saturdays at Nate Hurwitz Field at the Art Van Complex in Rockford.



The Project Citizen Clean Up was in late May. We took a 140-5th graders, 10 chaperones, 6 teachers and 10 Newaygo High School Varsity Baseball Players. Newaygo is now all clean and ready for spring all the way from the middle school, throughout the Industrial Park, behind Leppinks, near Subway and behind Cronks and back on Barton St. Thank you to all of the Newaygo Department of Public Works, chaperones and the Varsity Baseball Players. Most of the baseball players participated in the Project Citizen Clean as 5th graders and today they were positive role models for this years Project Citizen students!



6th Grade Science Helps Manage Karner Blue Butterfly Habitat

In April, some 6th graders spent the day at the Karner Blue Butterfly Sanctuary just off Croton Drive. Earlier in the year, all of the 6th graders made seed balls in Science class. They used seeds that are native to Michigan and good for Karner Blue Butterfly habitat. During this project they dispersed the seed balls on the property and also picked Spotted Knapweed, which is an invasive species (a species that does not belong there and will hurt the habitat). In the last part of this project, students will be creating artwork to be displayed during the Michigan Nature Association, Karner Blue Butterfly 5K run in Grand Rapids. This Michigan Nature Association was our partner on this project and also provided funding through a field trip/project grant.



Middle School students participated in a field trip to the Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve. The program consisted of students doing water testing for macro invertebrates, picking garlic mustard, learning about the environment around us and the Muskegon Lake Watershed. Topics included: pollution, how wetlands are important to our environment and us, invasive species, and using macro invertebrates as a marker for water quality. Thanks to Michigan Nature Association for providing partial funding for this trip.



John Bagley is the Michigan Nature Association Representative, who has assisted us with our project by presenting in the classroom, helping with seedballs, and helping us complete our project in the field.



Dispersing the Native Seedballs



Students doing soil testing on soil temperature, light, and Ph.

The Newaygo Middle School recently helped the River Country Chamber of Commerce Newaygo County prepare for the Home & Garden Show. The E.T. Members created a digital layout for the show, helped unload and load chairs and tables, set up, take down, interview businesses for Facebook live and sell concessions from the Cyber Cafe cart. The E.T. members enjoyed every minute of helping the chamber and networking with business owners. Several of our students won door prizes including Matthew Hurrle winning the big



prize, a brand new kayak! Thank you River Country Chamber of Commerce for allowing the E.T. Club to help with your big event!



5th Graders Visit Stephen F. Wessling Observatory

On Thursday, June 1st, the fifth graders visited the Stephen F. Wessling Observatory and Kropscott Farm Environmental Center. It was a great learning experience for all. Students participated in insect collection, observatory practices, and water shed experiments.

If you are interested in visiting the Observatory and/or farm you may call them at (231) 924-2060 ext. 101, or email them at www.KropscottFarm.org and www.sfwobservatory.org.



Students creating water shed models



Students preparing to enter the observatory



Collection of life from the White River



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In May the students at Velma Matson were excited to have Remax come to the school and give a demonstration on the history of, and the science behind hot air balloons! After learning that many hot air balloons are manufactured right here in Michigan, students were led outside to

see how a real hot air balloon is inflated, lifted and lands. This was definitely one of the highlights of the year! Mr. DeShano and Mrs. Young were able to experience a lift-off and the 4th graders helped pack the balloon at the end of the presentation!



Mrs. Behnke's Class enjoyed an ice cream at Tiny's Tasty Treats after a walk down the stairs to The Newaygo District Library.

While at the library students learned all about The Summer Reading Program. They would also like to thank Carly at the library for coming to our classrooms to read to us once a month. Thank YOU, Carly!

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Perfect Attendance for the 2016-2017 school year!

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Transportation Director
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On June 5th, Mr. Goebel's Physical Science Students worked with our fourth grade students at Velma Matson Upper Elementary. The NHS students chose an engaging science activity to teach the younger students. They gathered materials and practiced their group activities before working with small groups in each of the classrooms. They were well-prepared and thoughtful in their presentation from set-up to clean up.



The 2nd grade classes enjoyed a fun filled afternoon at Newaygo Park. The students ate lunch with their classmates, families and friends. We then played ball toss, jumped rope, decorated the sidewalks with chalk and had fun on the playground. The classes then challenged each other in a tug-of-war competition. Congratulations to Mrs. Painter's class for being the strongest team!

2nd grade students enjoyed a walk to the Newaygo Library to learn about the summer reading program. Children in Newaygo County are encouraged to visit the public libraries during the summer. The boys and girls that read 10 or minutes a day are encouraged to keep track of their minutes. When they bring their form to the library, the kids will receive a special reward for their hard work. At the end of the summer, all who completed the entire reading sheet will get a t-shirt that was designed by Karla and Cameron. After visiting the library, we walked to Tiny's Ice Cream where we all enjoyed a chocolate, vanilla or twist ice cream cone. It is nice to be able to walk downtown to enjoy our community.

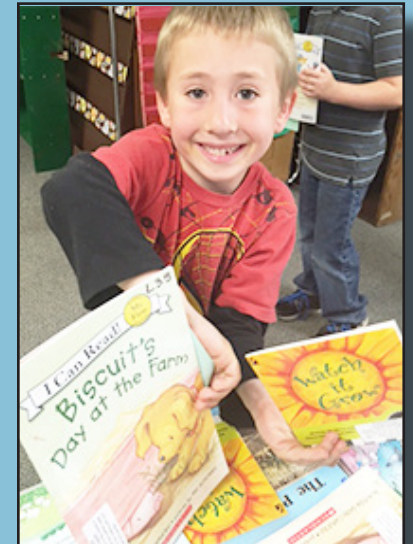


Newaygo Public Schools Held a Title I Family Fun Night

Title I students (1st through 4th grade) and their families attended our 7th Annual Family Fun Night at the Vera Wilsie Elementary on May 24th. A taco dinner was served to these 18 families, totaling 70 people! Parents were informed of our summer reading program, as well as, ideas for



working with their children over the summer. Their children got to pick out their books! It was a little like seeing kids in a candy store. We heard lots of squealing, oooo's and ahhh's as they looked over the selection. Each child took home a goodie bag and 6 books for summer reading. Our goal is to keep the students reading this summer so they don't lose their hard earned reading progress. Thank you to all the families that attended. Your dedication to your child's education is fantastic!



Newaygo Public Schools - Summer Reading Program

Our staff is dedicated to your child's reading progress, and summer vacation can present a hurdle. The students have worked really hard to make a year's growth. Then bam! Summer vacation happens, and kids don't open a book. Summer reading loss is a real thing, and it can be prevented. Here is our plan. Kindergarten through third grade students will be taking home 5-6 books for summer reading. Our elementary principals, Mr. DeShano and Mrs. Wells, will meet students at three different sites to swap books throughout the summer. Students can trade their books for new ones on any of the Book Swap dates listed below:

June 26: Leppink's/Plumb's parking lot 9-10 am

July 19: M-82 Hilltop Grocery & Gas parking lot 5-6 pm

August 14: Garfield Twp. Hall parking lot 9-10 am



Here is how you, the parents, can help.

- Establish a routine during the summer where your kids know that they are supposed to read for 15 minutes EVERY day.
- Talk about the books with your children. Make connections with other books, their lives and the world. Talk about lessons they can learn from the book, or how they might have done things the same or differently than the characters.
- Practice reading their favorite parts of the book with expression.
- Take your kids to the library and show your excitement over their efforts to maintain and improve their reading level.
- Let the kids see you reading and enjoying a good book too!
- Visit the Michigan Electronic Library at www.mel.org or epic! at www.getepic.com or Book Flix at <http://www.scholastic.com/digital/> for access to digital books over the summer.
- Return the Summer Reading books to the school office in the fall. We want to get many years of summer reading out of these books!



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Ms. Kaiser's and Mrs. Franks' classes enjoyed a fun filled afternoon playing kickball. Both classes came up with team names and decorated headbands to show their team spirit. Team USA and Team Diamond Rock had fun as the kids battled each other. It was great to see the teams working together as they encouraged their teammates and friends to run the bases as fast as they could. Many of the students have never played kickball before but caught on quickly. In the end, both teams were winners!!!!

Winners of the Library Card Contest Announced

Newaygo Public Schools held a library card contest for students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade. During the month of May, 36 students or their parent signed up for a library card. We are so excited for them to start reading! Prize baskets were given to three lucky students through a random drawing. Allen Chen (3rd grade), Laura Casterjon (2nd grade) and Cole Denney (1st grade) were the lucky winners. Congratulations! They can't wait to get busy reading!

Congratulations to (from left to right) Cole Denney, Allen Chen and Laura Casterjon for winning the library card contest!



Mrs. Holle Dawson and her daughter Allyssa recently visited the Elementary After School Program with puppies and cats from Lake Haven Rescue center. They taught us the importance of spade and/or neutering our pets to prevent overpopulation and abandonment. They told us how to properly care for pets and the importance of visits to the vets. Lake Haven is always looking for students and parents to volunteer at the center to help care for the animals and their respective homes. They also are in need of foster families; families who will keep a pet for a period of time until the pet can be adopted out. For more information about Lake Haven please call 231.652.7507



NEWAYGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DRAFT 2017-2018 School Calendar

Late Start - School will begin one hour later than normal and morning bus routes will run one hour later in the morning on these days.
Alternate Days of Instruction – If additional days of instruction are needed to comply with State requirements of minimal number of hours of instruction (1,098) they will be added at Winter Break (February 19), and/or the end of the school year.

August 21, 22, 23, 24	Professional Development – Teachers attend 3 of the 4 days
August 28	First Day of School for Students
September 1-4	No School – Labor Day Weekend
October 9	Late Start
October 16	Late Start
October 23	Late Start
October 27	End of First Marking Period
October 30	Late Start
November 6	Late Start
November 6	Parent-Teacher Conferences – Grades 5-12 – 5:00-8:00 p.m.
November 9	Parent-Teacher Conferences – Grades 5-12 – 5:00-8:00 p.m.
November 13	Half-Day of School – Parent-Teacher conferences – Grades K-12 – 1:00-4:00 p.m.
November 13	Parent-Teacher conferences – Grades K-4 – 5:00-8:00 p.m.
November 15	No School – Deer Day
November 16	Parent-Teacher conferences – Grades K-4 – 5:00-8:00 p.m.
November 20	Late Start
November 22	Half-Day of School – Begin Thanksgiving Break
November 23-24	No School – Thanksgiving Weekend
November 27	Late Start
December 20	Half-Day of School – Begin Christmas Break
December 21-January 2	No School – Christmas Break
January 3	School resumes
January 8	Late Start
January 15	Late Start
January 19	Half-Day of School – End of First Semester – Teacher Records in p.m.
January 22	Late Start
January 29	Late Start
February 5	Late Start
February 12	Late Start
February 16-19	No School – Winter Break
February 26	Late Start
March 5	Late Start
March 12	Late Start
March 19	Late Start
March 19	Lion Pride Night – Grades K-4 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
March 19	Parent-Teacher Conferences – Grades K-4 before or after Lion Pride time - TBA
March 20	Lion Pride Night – Grades 5-8 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
March 20	Lion Pride Night – Grades 9-12 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
March 20	Parent Teacher Conferences – Grades 5-12 before or after Lion Pride time - TBA
March 23	End of Third Marking Period
March 26	Late Start
March 30-April 6	No School – Spring Break
April 9	Late Start
April 16	Late Start
April 23	Late Start
May 28	No School – Memorial Day
June 5	Half-Day of School – Teacher Records in p.m.
June 6	Half-Day of School – Last Day of School



Regular Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2017.
The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 17, 2017.
The Board of Education hired Nakoia Owens – Vera Wilsie Elementary School Cook and Shelly Berwald – High School Cook.
The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:
-Approved the resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and other matters;
-Approved the Marching Band Camp to be held at Little Pine Island camp;
-Approved the Purchase of 2 trailers for the Marching Band;
-Approved the senior class Trip to Chicago.
Business Manager, Cindy Blamer, updated the board on the finances on the finances of the district.

Special Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2017
The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, April 24, 2017.
The Board of Education hired Scott VanEs-sen – Head Varsity Football Coach & Middle/ High School Athletic Director.
The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:
-Approved the resolution authorizing proper-

ty title proceedings.

Special Meeting
Monday, May 15, 2017
The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2017.
The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:
-NCRESA Board Member Election.

Regular Meeting
Monday, May 15, 2017
The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2017.
Letters of resignation were received from Mark Whittle – Middle School Special Education Teacher, Kathy Walters – Middle School Aide, Kurt Van Essen – Freshman Basketball coach, Laurie Gracik – High School Student Council Advisor, Judy Bender – Junior Class Advisor.
The Board of Education hired Tracy Stern – Velma Matson Upper Elementary School Special Education Teacher and Jim Gruett – Middle School Assistant Principal.
The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:
-Adopted a resolution in Support of the 2017-18 NCRESA General Fund Budget;
-Adopted NCRESA Board Member Election

Resolution;
-Approved Proposed 2017 School Building & Site Bonds, Series II Resolution.
The Board was updated on the finances of the District and the Street Vacation Process.
The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:
-2016-17 Budget Amendments;
-Food Service – Bad Debt Policy;
-Cross Country – Overnight Camp;
-Girls Basketball – Overnight trip;
-Approval of the 2017 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029, Millage Request to County Board of Commissioners.
Principals updated the board on their buildings.

Board Work Session
Monday, June 5, 2017
The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a Board Work Session on Monday, June 5, 2017.
The Board entered into a closed session for the purpose of discussing street vacation and Circuit Court process.
The Board discussed:
-Building Project
-Hiring Process of district employees
-Time line and process of Superintendent Evaluation.

Board of Education Meetings
The Board of Education meets on the third Monday of every month. Meetings are held in the Library of the Newaygo High School, 200 East St., Newaygo, MI 49337. Meetings are open to the public and begin at 6:00 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting Minutes are available on the district website. www.newaygo.net
Anyone with questions regarding any meeting of the Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education is invited to contact any member of the Board of Education or Superintendent Peggy Mathis at (231) 652-6984.
Minutes of any meeting of the Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education are available for review in the school district's administration office, 360 S. Mill Street, Newaygo, MI 49337.

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Summer Lunch Program 2017

Newaygo Public Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. Meals will be provided at the sites listed below.

Newaygo High School (NHS) 200 East Street Newaygo, MI 49337 Mon. - Fri. June 13 - Aug. 11 Lunch 11:30am - 12:15pm *Special Service on Wed. June 28th 10:45am-12:45pm	**Autumn Grove Apartments 620 West Brooks Street Newaygo, MI 49337 Mon. - Fri. June 13 - Aug. 11 Lunch 12:30pm - 12:55pm (Rain Location NHS)	Brookhaven Estates 622 Division Street Newaygo, MI 49337 Mon. - Fri. June 13 - Aug. 11 Lunch 12:30pm - 12:55pm (Rain Location NHS)
**Brooks Park Corner of Quarterline & Justice Newaygo, MI 49337 Mon. - Fri. June 13 - Aug. 11 Lunch 12:00pm - 12:25pm (Rain Locations NHS) *Special Service Sat. June 10th 12:00pm - 3:00pm	Conklin Park Corner of Elm & Croton Hardy Newaygo, MI 49337 Mon. - Fri. June 13 - Aug. 11 Lunch 11:45am - 12:10pm Lunch 11:45am - 12:10pm	Croton Township Campgrounds 7683 S. Croton-Hardy Dr. Newaygo, MI 49337 Mon. - Fri. June 13 - Aug. 11 Lunch 11:15am - 11:40am
**Edgeview Apartments 290 E 82nd Street Newaygo, MI 49337 Mon. - Fri. June 13 - Aug.11 Lunch 11:00am - 11:25am	Fremont Lake 1028 Cottage Grove Fremont, MI 49412 Mon. Tues. Wed. & Fri. June 19 - Aug. 9 Lunch 12:00pm - 12:45pm (Must be there by 11:40am to order lunch) *Snack 3:00pm - 3:30 pm (Rain Location Fremont Middle School)	Henning Park 500 E. Croton Road Newaygo, MI 49337 Tues. - Fri. June 20 - Aug. 10 Lunch 12:00pm - 12:45pm (Must be there by 11:40am to order lunch) *Snack 3:00pm - 3:30pm (Rain Location Newaygo Middle School)
Mill Pond Park Corner James & State White Cloud, MI 49349 Mon. - Thurs. June 19 - Aug. 10 Lunch 12:00pm - 12:45pm (Must be there by 11:40am to order lunch) *Snack 3:00pm - 3:30pm (Rain Location NCPA)	**Pine Lake Village Apartments 137 W. Pine Lake Newaygo, MI 49337 Mon. - Fri, June 13 - Aug. 11 Lunch 11:30am - 11:55 am (Rain Location NHS)	Special Dinner Service Newaygo Middle School 850 E. 76th Street Newaygo, MI 49337 Aug. 16 & Aug. 17th ONLY 6:00pm -to 7:30pm

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