

The second grade classes started out the beginning of the year with many exciting activities. During our WIN Time Wednesday (WIN-What I Need), we reviewed procedures for the bathroom, playground and the lunchroom. We are now focusing on academic areas that students may need extra support with while working on advanced levels with those students that understand the objective.

Our students have been working very hard to be respectful to others, to act responsibly and safely. When the students display such great behavior, they receive a ROARS tickets. Every other Friday at each lunch period, Mr. Painter draws many ROARS tickets. The students whose tickets are drawn can choose an item such as: a basketball, a backpack, candy items, notebooks, pencil cases with crayons and markers or a book. On the opposite Friday, students can purchase a popsicle.

All the second grade students and the teachers would like to give a big THANK YOU to Mrs. Hubert for bringing in delicious sweet tango apples for all of us to enjoy. The apples were from her apple orchard.

Our 2nd grade field trip was to Heritage Farms. The students saw how apples are pressed to make delicious apple cider. Each student received a cup of cider, an apple and a homemade doughnut from the bakery. We then watched bees and learned interesting facts from their enclosed hives. The students walked through the Pumpkin Patch Palooza. They were amazed at all the different sizes and shapes of the pumpkins! For a fun challenge we maneuvered through the U-S-A Themed Corn Maze to find interesting facts about the States & Capitals such as important landmarks, symbols, cities, and regions in the United States.

On Halloween, many of the Velma Matson students walked downtown to The Newaygo Public Library where they listened to a story. The students were then able to pick a free book. Thank you for inviting us!



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# Vera Wilsie Elementary



Grandparents and other special adults came to visit First Grade Students at the Vera Wilsie Elementary. Students sang two songs for the grandparents: "Grandpa Let's Go Fishing" and "Just Grandma and Me." We also enjoyed some stories written by Mercer Mayer, and read by our first grade teachers. After our short program, students went back to their classroom with their special adults/Grandparents, and enjoyed treats and activities. It was a wonderful way to celebrate Grandparents Day!

Firefighters from Newaygo came to visit the Kindergarten and First Grade students at the Vera Wilsie Elementary. We enjoyed seeing the huge fire truck! Students were able to go inside and see where firefighters sit. Some firefighters came back to each of the classrooms to talk more about fire safety and to show a very important video about home fire safety. Students also created firefighter headbands. What a fun day! Thank you to our Newaygo Fire Department!



Zaydrian Smith got to see the inside of a firetruck up close!

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# Velma Matson Upper Elem.

Mrs. Young's 4th grade class has been learning about forces and motion. They learned about the relationship between energy and speed, and potential versus kinetic energy. The class worked in cooperative groups to come up with the the fastest Hotwheels track they could when given an equal amount of track materials.



## Velma Matson Positive Behavior Interventions and W.I.N.

Each Wednesday morning, Velma Matson students participate in W.I.N. time, or “What I Need”, to support and enrich what they are learning both academically and behaviorally. For the first five sessions of W.I.N. time, students at all grade levels, 2nd – 4th grade, participated in various activities to practice important Positive Behavior expectations that complement our school’s message to R.O.A.R. with pride in the classroom, on the playground, in the cafeteria, and other areas of the school. Students participated in to apply what it means to Respect Others, fun and successful for all!



Students explored how to use teamwork and leadership, to name a few.



Third graders created commercials to advertise how a Newaygo Lion R.O.A.R.S. with pride at Velma Matson when we Respect Others, Act Responsibly and Safely.







Random  
FUN!



## Middle School

Thank you to Nordlund Surveying for donating to the Newaygo Middle School Cyber Cafe as a Bachelor Sponsor. We appreciate your support! The NMS Cyber Cafe is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-4:45 p.m. for middle school students. Students may use the technology and WiFi free of cost. The E.T. students offer help with digital assignments and tutoring in all subjects as needed. Snacks and beverages are available from 50 cents to \$2.00 each. Business interested in donating to the Cyber Cafe may contact Jaime Harkness [jharkness@](mailto:jharkness@)





# Project Citizen

Congratulations to the following winners of the Newaygo Middle School Food Drive hosted by Project Citizen, National Jr. Honor Society and E.T. Club!

Left to Right:

MSU Football: Jazlynn Baker

MSU Football Tickets: Brianna Grugett

MSU Frisbee: Margaret King

Michigan Frisbee: Bryant Emelander

Michigan Football: Jose Reyes

Michigan Basketball Tickets: Ryder Kirk

Thank you to all of the NMS students and staff for donating food! Mrs. Pratt and family for the amazing MSU and U of M display, footballs and Frisbee donations, Jonathan Morse and Hilary Koenigsnecht for the MSU football tickets and Kevin and Jaime Harkness family for the Michigan basketball tickets.



Project Citizen 5th Grade students dressed in green and white Spartan clothing and blue and maize Michigan apparel are proud to show that they have collected over 700 cans of food for Love,

Inc. in Newaygo. It was a close competition, but Michigan State won collecting 398 cans and Michigan 387 cans. Food will continue to be collected through parent-teacher conference week and end on November 18th. Thanks to everyone that participated in the Food Drive college competition.



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# Art Department



Ashlie Wright proves that cubism can be beautiful!



5th graders learned about Cubism, a style of art by Pablo Picasso, that shows multiple perspectives of something all at once! Sydney Begielle, Carlee Emelander and Allison Cook show off their Cubist collages.



Fourth graders, Braden and Hunter, show off their fall silhouettes.



Your student's square 1 Art designs can be printed on many items and make great gifts! Siena and Daniel proudly show theirs off!



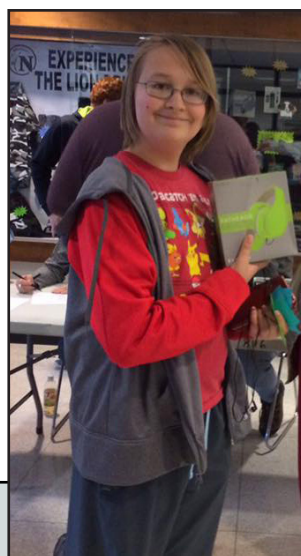


## PBIS HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

On September 23, the PBIS Team sponsored a Glo-Stick Dance that raised funds for prizes and special incentive field trips.

The NHS PBIS Team participated in the National PBIS Conference in October. Our team of six, along with 2700 other teachers and principals from various states, collaborated about interventions. Our staff also learned about Tier Two Strategies and are now working on implementing them, as well as reteaching the behavioral expectations for Newaygo High School.

October 21st was the first Friday Advisory that high school students traded in their Lion Pride Tickets for the NEW Incentives displayed in the case, located at the entrance of the high school! NHS Students are showing respect, being safe and acting responsibly!



The NHS PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) Program has new incentive prizes! The staff awards Lion Pride Tickets to students who are Responsible, Respectful and Safe in the classroom, hallways, the gym, cafeteria on the field or any location on campus. On Fridays during advisory, students can turn in 2 Lion Pride Tickets up to 100 Tickets for various prizes. All prizes are now displayed in the case at the main entrance of the high school. Some prizes can also be purchased. Lion Pride is positively amazing!



Newaygo High School selects 2016 Homecoming Court



Back Row L to R: Darrian Corrigan, Tatideonna McNeese, Jordan LaVette, Ryan Sharp, Jasmine Knight, Tony Guthrie  
Front Row L to R: Shea Russell, Andrea Muniz, Alex Ceja, Dylan White, Tessa Root and Maggie Francis



Thank you to all of the Special Olympic High School Volunteers (42 total), that helped with our annual regional floor hockey tournament. It was a huge success; your dedication and compassion were a tribute to how well this event ran. Great job!





**The staff of Newaygo High School is pleased to announce the Students and Citizens for the Month for September.  
Congratulations!**



Students of the Month: Madison Berwald, Danielle Durst & Angel Guevara



Citizens of the Month: Colleen Roosinck & Ike Reynolds

### Meet the NHS Facebook Student-Editors!

Hi, I'm Bridget Grant, and I'm a Senior at Newaygo High School and one of the editors of the school Facebook page! When I'm not writing posts, I can usually be found working with the Quiz Bowl team, Drama Club, Student Council, College Ambassadors, or National Honors Society. I also have many odd and extraneous hobbies, including sewing cosplay (a contraction of the words costume play) dresses, drawing, staring fixedly at clouds, and getting way too attached to fictional characters. I own not one, but two pairs of Crocs (which my friends assure me is not normal). When I grow up, I'd like to be an author, an actress, or a superhero.



My name is Danielle Durst, and I'm one of the student editors for the Newaygo High School Facebook page. I was accepted into both the College Ambassador Program and the National Honor Society. After school, I can be found either on the stage for Drama Club or practicing for Quiz bowl. I enjoy spending my free time acting, reading, writing, and obsessing over fictional characters. If anyone comes within fifty feet of me, he or she will probably hear me obnoxiously singing songs from Rent at the top of my lungs or discussing different Doctor Who theories with friends. My plans for the future include double majoring in Child Psychology and Musical (or regular) Theater.



## Newaygo Public Schools 2016-2017 School Calendar

November 7	Late Start
November 14	Half-Day of School – K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences; 1:00-4:00 & 5:00-8:00p
November 15	No School – Deer Day
November 17	Parent-Teacher Conferences; 5:00-8:00p
November 23, 24, 25	No School – Thanksgiving Weekend
November 28	Late Start
December 5	Late Start
December 12	Late Start
December 21	Half-Day of School – Begin Christmas Break
December 22-January 2	Christmas Break
January 3	School resumes
January 9	Late Start
January 16	Late Start
January 20	Half-Day of School – End of First Semester – Teacher Records in p.m.
January 23	No School
January 30	Late Start
February 6	Late Start
February 13	Late Start
February 16	Half-Day of School – Begin Winter Break
February 17-20	No School – Winter Break
February 27	Late Start
March 6	Late Start
March 13	Late Start
March 13	Lion Pride Night – Grades K-4; 5:00-8:00p
March 14	Lion Pride Night – Grades 5-12; 5:00-8:00p
March 20	Late Start
March 24	End of Third Marking Period
March 27	Late Start
March 31-April 7	No School – Spring Break
April 10	Late Start
April 14	No School – Good Friday
April 17	Late Start
April 24	Late Start
May 29	No School – Memorial Day
June 8	Half-Day of School – Teacher Records in p.m.
June 9	Half-Day of School – Teacher Records in p.m. – Last Day of School

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 (Feb. 20) and/or the end of the school year.



### Regular Meeting

Monday, August 15, 2016.

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 15, 2016.

The Board hired Raymond Couke – Varsity Wrestling Coach and Mitchell Kerr – Maintenance Assistant.

The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items: Approved an increase of student and adult meal lunch prices, Approved the Parent/Student/Staff Handbooks for 2016-17.

There were no Major General Fund Expenditures.

The Board of Education considered the following New Business items: Draft – Audit Ending June 30, 2016, Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Delegate Assembly Representatives.

### Regular Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2016.

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 19, 2016.

Ms. Angie Roelofs from Baird, Cotter & Bishop presented to the Board the financial audit FY Ending June 30, 2016.

Mrs. Holly Bowman and Mrs. Gena Dietz, Teachers, presented to the Board photos and activities that took place during the 10 day trip to Costa Rica with students from Newaygo High School.

Letters of resignation were received from

Paul Bailey – Varsity Baseball Coach, Bruce Iwema – Bus Driver, Teri Maki – Vera Wilsie Elementary Aide (retiring effective 12-31-16), Karla Winter – Vera Wilsie Elementary Aide, Cindy Blamer – Business Manager (retiring effective 8-31-17).

The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items: Approved the Audit FY Ending June 30, 2016, Approved the Certification of Delegates and Alternates for the 2016 MASB Delegate Assembly, Appointed the district's Board Representative for the Newaygo County School Board Association for the 2016-17 SY.

The Board was updated on the finances of the district by Business Manager Mrs. Cindy Blamer.

There were no Major General Fund Expenditures.

The Board of Education considered the following New Business items: Marching Band overnight stay in Detroit to perform at MCBA State Championships.

Principals updated the Board on their buildings.

### Regular Meeting

Monday, October 17, 2016.

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 17, 2016.

Academic Highlight – Social Studies Curriculum Presented by Mr. Gormley, Social Studies Teacher.

Dr. Mathis will present monthly updates to

the board on M-STEP Data.

The Board of Education hired: Denise Bergsma – Cook, High School, Jerry Bomay – Varsity Baseball Coach, Ashley Graham – Part-time Aide, Vera Wilsie Elementary School, Delores Zimmerman – Part-time Aide, Velma Matson Upper Elementary School and Jenna Echtinaw – Part-time Aide, Vera Wilsie Elementary School.

A letter of resignation was received from Jodi Bull, K-5 Reading Strategies Teacher effective 12-31-2016.

The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:

Approved the Marching Band overnight stay in Detroit to perform at MCBA State Championships at Ford Field, Approved the conditional reinstatement of a High School student, Approved changes to current Parent Involvement Board Policy.

The Board was updated on the finances of the district by Business Manager Mrs. Cindy Blamer.

There were no Major General Fund Expenditures.

The Board of Education considered the following New Business items: Board Policy – Superintendent Evaluation, Amended Budget Update – December 2016.

Principals updated the Board on their buildings.

### 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](http://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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**NHS Drama Club**  
**will be performing their 2nd production.**  
**On November 18th & 19 they will per-**  
**form**  
**Snow White at 7:00pm.**  
**Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.**  
**Come out and support your acting lions.**

Lunch Prices for 2016-17 School Year

Velma Matson/Vera Wilsie Elementary	\$1.75
High School/Middle School	\$2.00
Adult Meals	\$3.00
Reduced Meals	\$.40

Monthly Lunch Menus can be found on the NPS website.  
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\*Menu subject to changes due to conditions beyond our control. The National School Lunch Program prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap.


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