

FACILITIES UPDATE



4th grade classroom



Lockers in 4th grade wing

We are making progress with the construction project. The last newsletter (November 17, 2017) featured some pictures of the exterior and a timeline.

As the exterior areas were completed, this allowed contractors to work on the interior areas through the winter months. Progress is being made with the installation of cabinets, classroom sinks, restrooms, flooring, HVAC, and wiring. It is very exciting to report that things are on schedule and in many cases under budget.

Work will continue on the elementary building and the following is a list of items to be worked on starting in June when school is out.

- Secure entrance to the middle school.
- Secure entrances to the high school.
- Bus garage/Maintenance building area parking lot replaced.
- Roof and chimney work at the high school.
- Control system upgrades at the high school and middle school.
- Renovation of 2nd & 3rd grade wings at the Elementary building.
- Renovation of the gym and cafeteria areas of the Elementary building.

The goal is still to have Kindergarten, 1st, & 4th grade to be moved in completely by Fall, 2018. The 2nd & 3rd graders will be occupying their new renovated space by the mid-point of the 2018-2019 school year.

Demolition of the Vera Wilsie building will occur when the building is completely vacated which is planned for the winter/spring of the 2018-2019 school year.

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October 2017



Students of the Month
Senior, Morgen Manlick and Sophomore, Carson Bush



Citizens of the Month
Senior, David Ladd and Junior, Abby Murray

On Tuesday, January 30th, Newaygo Varsity Girls and Boys dedicated their home game to Team Connor. It was a fundraiser game for a sophomore from Hesperia, Connor VanBuskirk, who has recently been diagnosed with Stage Four Hodgkin's Lymphoma. NHS Students and Fans wore gray and stepped up at both halftimes and donated money to shoot a free throw. All proceeds went to Connor and his family.





December
2017

Students of the Month
(Left to Right) Shylah Bastion, Anna Brummel & Sage Beerman



Citizens of the Month
(Left to Right) Oliver Geroux, Cierra Hewartson, Jon Soto & Lesley Rivera-Zamarron (not pictured)



Occasionally, high school students and staff can purchase hot chocolate from the "N Den" store.



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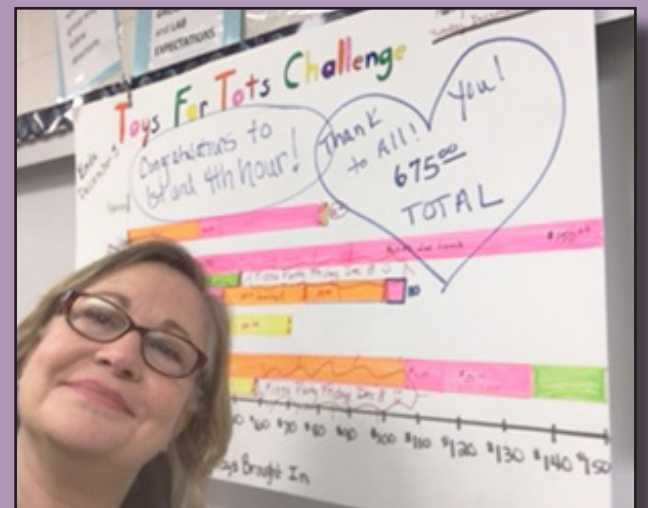
**Bravo to the NHS Drama Club
Students and Director, Mrs. Hurrle!**



Mrs. Moore gave out over 150 Pink Lion Tickets in the last two weeks of the first semester! Her “Brain Freeze” Reading Program is off to a great start!



Mrs. Spoelma's Chemistry and Physical Science Classes from Newyogo High School raised over \$695.00 dollars for Toys for Tots and purchased about 75 toys for the Program!





How did freshmen earn free pizza first semester? Here's the answer: 67% or 75 students in their class had 0-4 absences! On behalf of the staff, thank you for being in school each and every day!

A Visit from Law Enforcement

Mrs. Iwema's Advisory had a special Thank you surprise for our County and City Law Enforcement officers. We wanted them to know how much we appreciate their efforts in our area. In turn, they surprised us with a variety of officers coming to visit the classroom. The County Sheriff, Deputies, Detectives, Jail officers, and Canine officers with their dogs, as well as Newaygo City Police came to share what they do with the class. Thanks again to these officers. You are appreciated.





Respect Effect Retreat for Middle School Leaders

Newaygo Middle School Students were able to attend a Respect Effect Leadership Retreat at NCRESA in January. Students met with other student leaders from Grant, Fremont, White Cloud, and Hesperia. They were involved in many team building activities to learn how to become good leaders so they could bring these skills back to their school.



Learning about Force and Motion in Science Class

In 6th Grade Science, students are learning about Force and Motion, specifically inertia and friction. They are focusing on Newton's 1st and 3rd Laws. Right now students are engineering a boat that will float. They will keep the time that it takes for the boat to go across a bin. After the timed run, they will redesign their boat to have "Drag". Their goal is to see how much they can slow down their boat. Many of the new Next Generation Science Standards have Engineering as a huge part of study. These practices allow students to apply their learning to real life experiences.





The National Jr. Honor Society and 20 Project Citizen 5th grade student representatives delivered 211 toys to True North on December 15, 2017, as part of Toys for Tots program. The kids also worked for over 2 hours helping True North set up for the Children's Christmas event to provide toys to families in need in our county. Thanks for giving back to the community Newaygo Middle School National Jr. Honor Society and Project Citizen.

Also a special

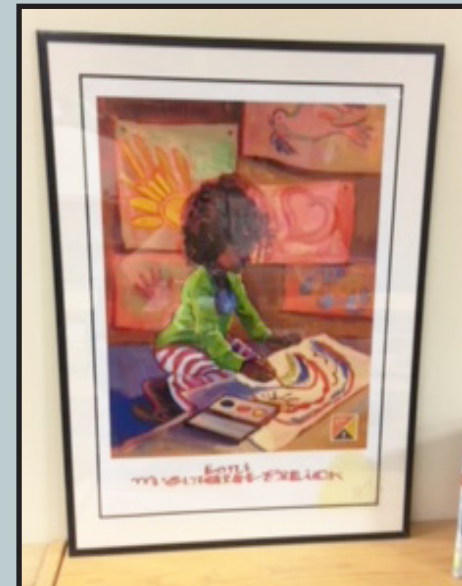
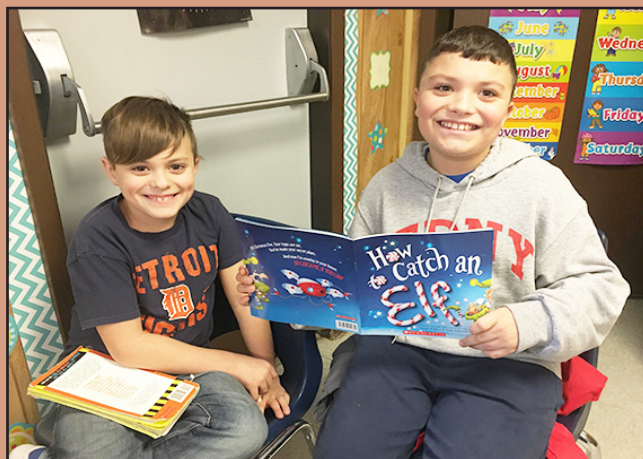


thanks to the NMS families, students and staff as well as the Newaygo High School Science Classes for donating toys in effort to help the middle school with providing Christmas for over 2,000 families in Newaygo County. Toys were collected at NMS through December 14th. On Friday, December 15th, the NMS National Jr. Honor Society made an appearance on WZZM 13 morning segment to share the total number of toys collected for the Toys for Tots School Spirit Challenge.



The Project Citizen 10th Annual Christmas Book Giving took place on Tuesday, December 19th. The 5th grade students wrapped new books and delivered them to Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students. The K-2nd grade students were excited about their new book and enjoyed having the 5th grade students read with them! This book giving tradition has allowed Project Citizen students to learn

the joy of holiday giving and encouraging the importance of reading. Thank you Newaygo PTO for purchasing the books, Newaygo Department of Transportation and to the Vera Wilsie Staff. We appreciate your support towards this Project Citizen event.



Mrs. Lori Eslick, a visiting author, donated a painting to the Velma Matson Library. Thanks Mrs. Eslick!!!



Perfect Attendance 1st Semester

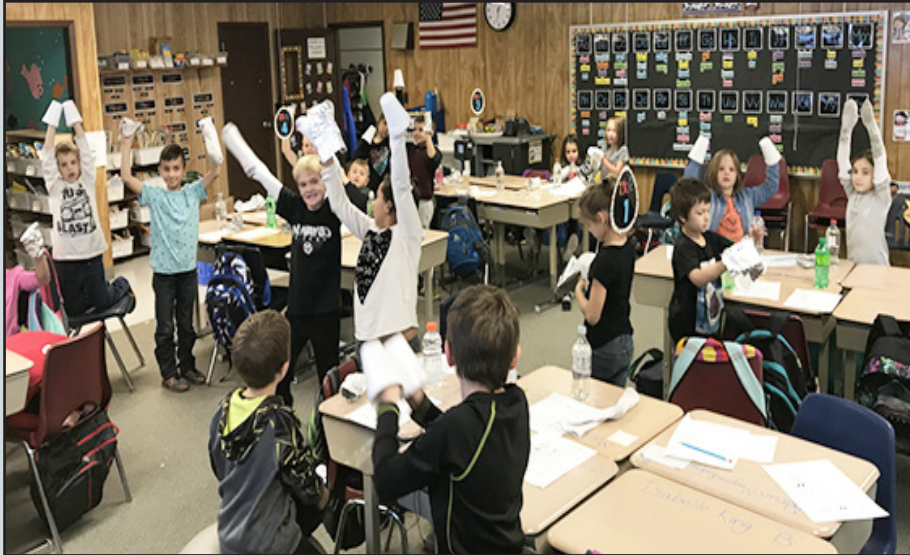
4th Grade:

Rylann Aishe, Kenny Beerman, Sebastian Belanger, Eythan Flater, Sebastian McCastle, Nicholis Skelton, Zachary Spaulding.

3rd Grade:

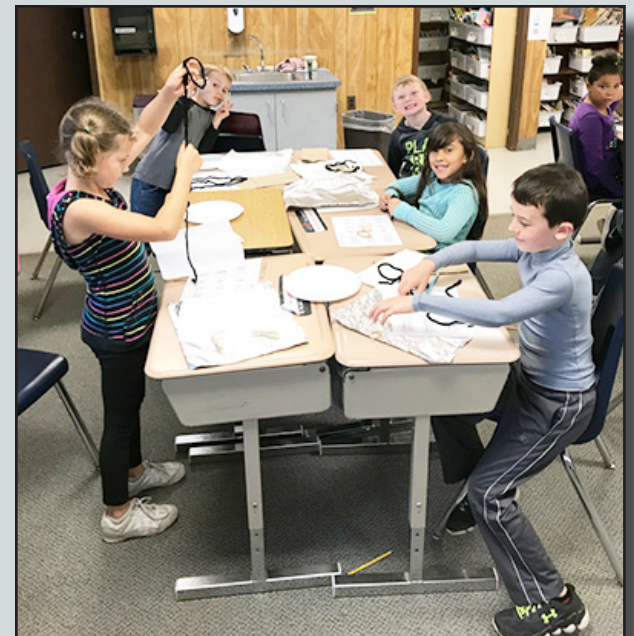
Maximus Beerman, Elizabeth Crisler, Alyssa Echtenaw, Jose Garcia-Cisneros, Arden Johnson, Alexis Newfer, Hope Pietrzak, Sapphire Stark, Valeria Torres, Jacob Tripp.

**Not pictured: Kenny Beerman & Jose Garcia-Cisneros.



Second grade students have been working hard on science this year! Our first unit was called Material Magic - and this unit developed the idea that by taking advantage of the properties of materials, we can solve many problems in our lives. Through hands-on investigation, students explored the material properties involved in meeting basic needs (such as clothing and cooking). We are currently working on our 2nd unit - called Work of Water.

This unit helps students develop the idea that water is a powerful force that reshapes the earth's surface. Students see that water isn't just something we drink. It carries sand to create beaches, carves out canyons and valleys and, as ice, scrapes entire areas flat.



Once again the Newaygo tree lighting celebration was a huge success! The students enjoyed making ornaments for the tree. Some students made ornaments that the birds and squirrels could enjoy throughout the winter. Others made beautiful ornaments that hung on a garland. Many of the students walked downtown to hang their ornaments while the little kiddos took a bus. A huge THANK YOU to Beaver Tree service for helping the students hang their ornaments up high. Santa awaited all the children as he posed for a picture with each class. When the students arrived back to their school, they were warmed up with hot chocolate and a yummy cookie. Many of the boys and girls along with their families, joined the community, to celebrate during the City's annual Christmas walk on Friday, December 1st, patiently waiting for Santa to arrive. As the crowd counted down for 10 to 1, the beautiful



lights lit up the park as well as the faces of the children of all ages. You could feel the spirit of Christmas as you walked around downtown visiting the stores, listening to carolers, watching Frosty being carved out of ice and enjoying all the great food choices Newaygo has to offer. Many waited for a horse and buggy ride through the streets of Newaygo waving to their friends as they rode past. It is wonderful to live in a community where families and friends gather to enjoy a special time of the year.



Regular Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2017

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 20, 2017.

Ms. Michelle Marciniak from Circles of Newaygo County gave an overview to the board on the program. The program is based out of TrueNorth Community Services. The purpose of Circles of Newaygo County is to help reduce poverty in Newaygo County. The program works with community families that are ready to get out of poverty. Middle School students gave a presentation to the board. Mr. Luke Francis, teacher, explained that the project/presentation the students were working on was to identify a major issue in the world that they were passionate about and merge it with new technology. Mr. Francis introduced four (4) middle school students, who then gave a short skit to the board on different types of household abuse towards children. Students have set up a YouTube page and website.

Audience Participation –

Dr. Mathis introduced to the board Ms. Jennifer Stephens, school nurse.

A letter of resignation was received from the Varsity Volleyball Coach and Middle School Behavior Interventionist.

Dr. Mathis presented to the board M-STEP Data giving comparisons and deficiencies within different student groups.

The Board of Education considered the following

New Business items:

-Naming of Elementary school.

Principals updated the board on their buildings.

Regular Meeting

Monday, Decmeber 18, 2017

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 18, 2017.

Pat Zawacki, with the The Christman Company, updated the board on the progress of Velma Matson construction project, noting the project is on schedule and 53% complete.

The Board of Education took the following actions:

-Approved the Resolution for Allocation of NCASB Funds;

-Approved Contract with City & Township for Summer Tax Collection;

-Approved the Amended 2017-2018 Amended Budget;

-Approved the Furniture Budget with Recommendations – Per Specification & Minimum Vendors bid.

The Board was updated on the finances of the district.

Principals updated the board on their buildings.

Regular Meeting

Monday, January 15, 2018

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education

held an Organizational and Regular Meeting on Monday, January 15, 2018.

The Board held their Organizational Meeting and took the following actions:

-Elected 2017-18 Officers as follows:

President – Mr. Vince Grodus, Vice-President

– Mr. John Goodin, Jr., Secretary – Ms. Melissa Swinehart, Treasurer – Mr. Jim Badgero.

During the Regular Meeting the Board was given formal recognition – January is Board Member Appreciation Month.

The Board hired a Head Varsity Volleyball coach.

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

-Adopted Resolution Ratifying Easement;

-Approved to relinquish Title III, Part A Immigrant Student Funds;

-Adopted Operating Millage Resolution;

-Expelled a High School student.

Business Manager, Krisitn Melvin, updated the board on the district finances.

Mr. Adam DeShano, updated the board on Homeless/Special Populations.

Principals updated the board on their buildings.

Board moved the date of the February board of education meeting to Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:

-South Manitou Island Summer Trip – Middle School Students

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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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* Please Note: The February Board meeting has been moved to Wednesday, February 21.

NEWAYGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2017-2018 School Calendar



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
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.



**Contact Chris Cronk @
the bus garage.
(231) 652-1112**

Substitute Bus Drivers Needed!

NPS is in search of friendly, caring adults to transport our students (K-12) to and from school.

- Retired? Great way to earn extra \$\$ cash!
- Stay at home Mom/Dad? NPS is flexible for those with kids; accommodations can be made!



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Lunch Prices for 2017-18 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.
www.newaygo.net

*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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Chris Cronk, Dir. Transportation	652-1112
Mary Anne Charette, Dir. Food Service	652-9286
Scott Van Essen, Director Athletics	652-1646
Walter Aslakson, Technology Director	652-1646

Lion Pride Poster Production Night

Hosted by Newaygo Sports Boosters
Wednesday, February 21st
Newaygo High School Cafeteria



Drop K-8 students off anytime
 between 5:30-7:00 p.m.
 to create and display
LION PRIDE POSTERS for the
 Snowcoming Game!




Guest Helpers for the Lion
 Pride Poster Production
 Night: **Newaygo JV Girls**
Basketball Team

Snowcoming Game
 Friday, Feb.23 @ NHS
 Newaygo Vs. Grant
 Varsity Girls 6 pm
 Varsity Boys 7:30 pm

Questions? Contact jharkness@newaygo.net

GO LIONS!



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