

# BULLDOG



News and Views from the School District of New London

# bulletin



Faculty, family, and friends celebrated the accomplishments of 185 New London High School seniors and 4 honorary foreign exchange graduates at this year's commencement ceremony. Congratulations Class of 2017!

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# 'Senior Walk' Inspires Younger Students



Elementary, Intermediate, and Middle School students and staff greeted graduating seniors with applause, cheers, hugs, and high-fives, as this group conducted what is now an annual tradition of the 'Senior Walk'. The event provided opportunity for reflection for departing seniors while inspiring younger students who still have some work to do before getting to this point of celebration. Congratulations Graduates!

## Excitement in the Ag Program

Former New London graduate, Crystal Retzlaff, joined the High School staff this past year and has provided a spark to New London's Agriculture program that is sure to spread. She continues to provide hands-on learning experiences that encourage future agriculturists. Students have taken the lead on projects ranging from landscaping

at the Mission of Hope House to educating the public about dairy farming and agricultural careers. FFA membership participation has increased nearly 100%. Members are always excited to plan and participate in local events and are always looking for ways to 'give back' to their communities.



# STUDENT COUNCIL Welcomes Service - Learning

New London High School students discovered the reward of giving back to their community. While lending a helping hand to the children of the Daycare Center of New London, they realized how much their contributions made a difference. Service-learning such as this offers unique opportunities to link what is learned in the classroom to real world situations. These experiences allow students to see the world in new ways and encourages them to take more active roles as young adults. It still isn't clear which group had more fun...the children from the Daycare, or our Student Council members.



## Biomedical Science - Students Showcase Learning

Working with the same equipment and tools used by lab professionals, Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Biomedical Science students explore some of today's most pressing medical challenges. Students step into the roles of biomedical science professionals and investigate topics including human medicine, physiology, genetics, microbiology, and public health.

End-of-year displays and presentations provided evidence of student learning. Students in the *Principles of Biomedical Science* course researched a disease and demonstrated their learning through public health campaigns. Those in *Human Body Systems* created mysterious medical scenarios and provided information to the audience in an effort to have the group determine the diagnosis. Students who were a part of the *Medical Interventions* class created a prosthetic arm and explained the design process. The final course of the PLTW Biomedical Science sequence, *Biomedical Innovations*, provided opportunity for a showcase of independent projects that were also entered into competition at the HOSA State Leadership Conference.



We are grateful to PLTW instructors, Jennifer Doran and Laura Turner, for organizing this opportunity and to the panel of professionals who evaluated and provided feedback on these projects and presentations. We are proud to know New London High School students are well prepared to tackle challenges that are sure to make the world a better place.



# Influential Educators

Each year, Seniors on the Girls' Softball Team recognize a teacher who has impacted their lives both in and outside of the classroom. Congratulations to Jennifer Doran, Pete Mroczynski, and Missy Porath for being acknowledged as teachers who serve as influential role models in the lives of their students.



## Outstanding Accolades and Accomplishments

Principal, Joe Green, and fourth grade teacher, Brad Laufenberg, recently accepted the *Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition* award at the State Capitol on behalf of students and staff at Parkview Elementary School.

This award indicates Parkview Elementary School students fall within the top 10 per cent of schools experiencing student growth in reading and mathematics. The team celebrated by providing opportunity for each student to select a book as an award for their hard work. Congratulations to Parkview Elementary School for this acknowledgement and dedication to student need.

Last year Lincoln Elementary School was recognized as having the highest level of growth in the state of Wisconsin, and we are proud that all elementary schools have been acknowledged as either exceeding or significantly exceeding expectations as reported on the state's report card.



# Meet and Mingle

Over 100 fourth grade students recently participated in the Intermediate School's annual *Meet and Mingle*. This event assists students in their transition to a new school by allowing opportunity for the kids to meet new friends from other elementary schools.

Whacky Bulldog Olympics was a lot of fun. Icebreakers, games, and pizza was just a part of this evening of team building. Over 90% of the group reported feeling more comfortable going to the Intermediate School in the upcoming year as a result of their participation in *Meet and Mingle*.

*Transition Camp* is scheduled for August and will provide opportunity for students to explore the building, practice locker combinations, and connect with their classmates. Children transition better when they are prepared, and activities such as these help them to positively embrace change. A heartfelt thank you is provided to all volunteers who organize and assist with these important offerings.



# Class of 2030

Future kindergarten students met with next year's teachers, and parents had the opportunity to learn a little more about what a full day of school will look like for their children. The highlight seemed to be the bus ride, but meeting up with new friends also made the list. Please contact Julie Haase at [jhaase@newlondon.k12.wi.us](mailto:jhaase@newlondon.k12.wi.us) or 920-982-2011 if you need additional information on enrollment or registration for the upcoming school year.



# Learning Beyond the Classroom

During the spring semester, several eighth and ninth graders had the opportunity to take a trip to Washington DC. This group learned about Powhatan Indians at Jamestown, participated in a mock trial at Colonial Williamsburg, and toured monuments and historic sites once they arrived in Washington DC.

High School music department students traveled to New York City. They enjoyed a tour that included a walk through Central Park and experienced Broadway Shows, a River Cruise, Radio City Music Hall, and much more. Participants reported it was an adventure that will never be forgotten.

Thank you to all who made these trips such successful learning experiences.



## Middle School Musicians

The seventh and eighth grade band traveled to Wisconsin Dells for the 10th Annual Band Festival. This festival provided an opportunity for students to perform in a concert setting and receive immediate feedback in the form of a clinical experience by outstanding musicians, professors, and instructors. They also had the opportunity to listen to two other middle school bands. The performance was live streamed, so families who couldn't attend could enjoy the exceptional presentation. It was a rewarding and memorable trip for all involved.

## Summer School

Summer is fast approaching, but there still is time to enroll your child in summer school. Although some classes have reached capacity, there are still many wonderful options that will engage, excite, and expand your child's thinking.

For more information and access to registration forms, visit the district website at [www.newlondon.k12.wi.us](http://www.newlondon.k12.wi.us) and click on the 'Parent' tab and then on 'Forms and Resources'. Please contact Kirk Delwiche at [kdelwich@newlondon.k12.wi.us](mailto:kdelwich@newlondon.k12.wi.us) or 920.982.8540 if you have any questions.

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# Sturgeon Shuffle



Thank you to School District of New London students, staff, and families who walked, ran, or volunteered to assist with this year's Sturgeon Shuffle. Our local The-daCare Foundation sponsors this awesome event. All proceeds are given back to support local programs that improve the health and well-being of our communities.



We look forward to welcoming the *Kids from Wisconsin* on Thursday, July 27 for a performance at the New London High School auditorium. The show will be hosted by the New London Lions Club and sponsored by numerous area businesses, industries, and generous individuals.

New London High School students, Emelia Roberts and Trent Kloehn, are a part of this prestigious group and will perform throughout the state this summer. They have already been practicing and look forward to seeing a large crowd for the New London show. Emelia will perform as one of the troupe's 35 singers and Trent is participating as an understudy.

The 2017 show will take you on a journey celebrating the richness and variety of American music. The KIDS performance features an all-American roster of composers including Chuck Berry, Jefferson Airplane, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Elvis, Celine Dion and Leonard Bernstein.

Mark your calendars for this exceptional evening of entertainment and support our Hometown Kids. Tickets can be purchased at the High School (920-982-8420) or the District Office (920-982-8530).



## Free Performing Arts Workshop

The *Kids from Wisconsin* invite community youth to share their love of performance the afternoon of July 27. A free one hour workshop presented by the *Kids from Wisconsin* provides youth ages 7-13 insight into what it takes to be a part of this amazing group. Participants will meet at the New London High School auditorium and will learn more about dance, music, lights and sound.

Please register for this opportunity at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/hqqcbul> or by calling the District Office at 982-8530.

# Retirements

## Thank You!



Thank you and congratulations are extended to the following staff members who will retire after many years of dedication to the School District of New London.

**Pat Peters** joined the New London High School staff twelve years ago with a wealth of experience managing library resources and navigating new technologies. She has played a key role in the implementation of the Chromebook Initiative which allows opportunity for technology integration that we couldn't have imagined a decade ago.



**Marcia Lisney** has supported special and regular education programming in the district since 1985. She has been a part of the Readfield School community since 1988, and spent many years assisting summer school sessions throughout her career.



**Jane Heise** has served students and families in every elementary school over the past 33 years. Her willingness to help out wherever needed has positively impacted countless children within the special education program.

**Kathy Gwidt** has served as a teacher, principal, Director of Teaching and Learning, and is our current District Administrator. Kathy started her career in business but became a teacher in 1990 and never looked back. Twenty of Kathy's twenty seven years in education were served as a New London Bulldog.



We are grateful to Pat, Marcia, Jane, and Kathy for their service to the students, families, and staff of the School District of New London. They have earned the admiration and respect of colleagues and community members and will forever remain in the hearts of the children they have served. **Thank You!**

## Summer Office Hours

Summer hours for the District Administration building will be 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. from June 5 through August 18.

Hours for individual school buildings will vary and will be posted on the District's website <http://www.newlondon.k12.wi.us/>



**Have a safe & wonderful summer!**  
**See you in August!**

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