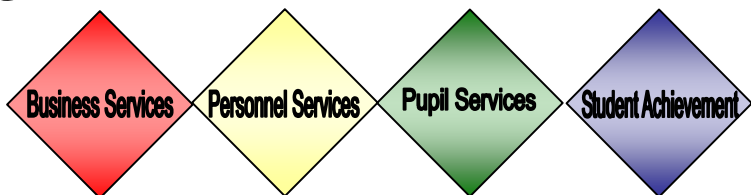




# School District of New London



## MONTHLY UPDATE

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### State Basketball Championship Captured by Girls Team

Not all news out of Madison is cause for concern. The Girls Basketball team defeated their arch nemesis, Luxemburg-Casco for the state championship. They got off to a great start and fended off every attempt by LC to cut into their lead. There were also numerous comments about the fan base at the game as well. They were enthusiastic in support of the team but also respectful of the team's opponent and their fans as well.

Upon returning to New London, on Sunday the team was greeted by a student-organized and led celebration event which was very well attended and received. Our congratulations go out to the team, their coaches, families and fans. Recognition of the fine work of Scott Eggart and Pam Steiger in coordinating these efforts throughout the season and the tournament series is also in order.



### Staff Recognized

Donna Young, Library Media Specialist, and Michele Koshollek, Middle School teacher, were recognized by the Wisconsin State Reading Association (WSRA) for sharing their knowledge and experience at their annual state convention earlier this year. They presented the session "Bring Your Research Paper Into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." We are grateful for their willingness to share their insights and talents with others in order to support literacy for all children. These are the types of experiences that continue to grow teacher leaders and bring added value to our instructional team.

### 2011-2013 Biennial State Budget

Latest reports are that the injunction delaying the implementation of the Budget Repair Bill may continue for some time as the Judge in the case wants to review the situation before making a ruling.

Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) and Representative Robin Vos (R-Rochester) commented on the State Budget, the Budget Repair Bill and other issues at a **WisPolitics** luncheon held March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Madison Club. The takeaways from the meeting include:

- ✓ Senator Darling said the Budget should clear the Joint Finance Committee by the end of May at the latest.
- ✓ Darling also said she'd like to have the budget on the Governor's desk by mid-June.
- ✓ Representative Vos said the Budget Repair Bill the Governor is putting together should be limited to those fiscal items proposed in the first attempt — including refinancing the state debt, medical assistance, corrections and public defenders.

### DECA Students Excel

Eleven students participated at the state level as a result of district competition. At the competition in Wisconsin Dells in early March, Zeniff Flores was elected to a state level position within the DECA organization.

McKenzie Stienert and Katie Pence finished first place at the state DECA conference for their project! They conducted a project at Parkview Elementary School in connection with the issue of childhood obesity entitled Fun and Fitness. They will be traveling to Orlando, Florida, at the end of April to compete at the National Conference.

### Math Mornings

Math Mornings have been or will be conducted at each of our elementary schools. These are efforts to invite parents and grandparents into school to see Math Expressions being implemented in the classroom. They are also given tips on how to better interact with their children related to their school instruction. According to Mary Richards, our Math Coach, the parents loved seeing the classroom lessons. They came back excited and shared what they saw in their child's room. Some parents took the opportunity to stop in at other grade levels to see what their son our daughter will be doing next year.