



# School District of New London

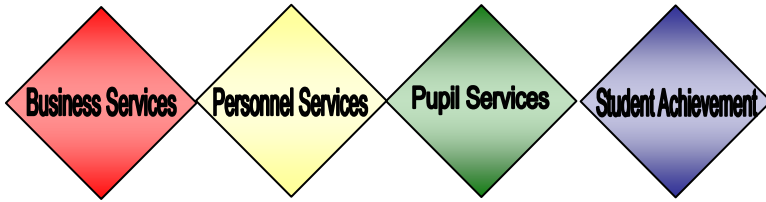
**DIVISION**

## **MONTHLY UPDATE**

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### **A Successful Summer School**



As of July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011, our efforts with summer school programming at the high school have been paying big dividends. As of this date, we have added 6 students to the list of 2011 graduates, after they have

completed their remaining coursework, GED assessments, or portfolio and senior interview requirements.

Several students met with me after their Exit interviews with Mr. Pomrening during the months of June and July. Each had words of praise for the program which allowed them to complete their requirements without the need to return for a fifth year of high school. There was a great deal of pride in showing off diplomas to peers still sitting in the summer school classrooms.

We anticipate one more graduate before the 2011- 2012 school year officially begins.

### **Rotary's Pack It Up For Kids**

As a team of administrators, we are proud of the New London Rotary Club's initiative to support our students with back-to-school supplies. As a challenge to ourselves, we've supported their fundraising efforts as a collective team with contributions of cash and/or school supplies to help outfit our students for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Pack It Up For Kids Event will take place August 17, 2011, from 2:00 - 7:00 PM at Lincoln Elementary School.



### **ESEA's Title III-A Allocation In!**

Our allocation was finally shared on July 28, 2011 to allow for planning for our English Language Learner program. These dollars allow us to focus on our Bilingual – Bicultural program, in building a curriculum to mirror the general curriculum in rigor and relevance.

In the previous school year, our focus was on the elementary grades. We purchased leveled literacy materials to bolsters students' skills in reading in their native Spanish language. These leveled books apply student phonics skills in their literature. We also purchased Kindergarten, Grade One, and Grade Two De Canciones a Cuentos, which focuses on building independent readers and writers in our students.

In the coming year, we'll again provide some supports to our elementary programs at Parkview and Lincoln, but our greater push will be to support the programs at New London Intermediate/Middle Schools and New London High School with necessary materials to compliment what we have.

Maintaining our focus with English Language Learners, we continue to improve upon what is already considered an exemplary program in the state of Wisconsin.

### **Specialty Staff – A Moving Target...**

Quick update, finding staff to fill positions in Speech/ Language Pathology are a "hot commodity." There are shortages in Wisconsin and across the nation. Seeking replacement speech/language pathologists has consumed much of my summer. I am now working with some contracting agencies in pursuit of my final position.....Next, an occupational therapist!