

BULLDOG



News and Views from the School District of New London

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Kindness in Kindergarten



Sugar Bush kindergarten students had the opportunity to put their understanding of Kindness and Caring into action! They were able to turn a classroom reward into a gift for animals in need. When a student from the class was recognized for displaying expected behaviors, the entire class was gifted with the chance to donate dog treats to the Fox Valley Humane Association (FVHA). Students were excited to see the animals available for adoption on the FVHA website, and wondered which of the dogs pictured would get some of their donated treats. Students also drew pictures for the FVHA to put around their facility to remind the "pets waiting for a forever home" that they are not forgotten.

6TH GRADE BAND PLAYS UNDER THE BRIGHT LIGHTS AT HOMECOMING



Eighty 6th grade band students joined the high school marching band for the homecoming halftime show on Friday, October 4. It was a great way for students to learn a bit more about marching band, experience performing under the bright lights and performing in front of a large crowd for these students! Way to represent the New London Middle School!



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CHILD DEVELOPMENT DAYS: Assessments to Help Children Succeed

Recently the School District of New London conducted its annual Child Find process within the district. Children between the ages of 2-4.5 years old were invited to attend the screening. In the course of the screening, the school nursing, psychology, speech and language pathology and early childhood staff were able to do assessments on the children during play-based therapy sessions. The children were screened for speech, fine motor, gross motor, academic, hearing and vision development.

The New London Lions Club came in to assist with the vision screening process. Part of the Lions Club's mission is to protect eyesight. This screening allowed families to get a printout and assessment of potential vision issues. The Lions used the Spot Vision Screening Device that works for anyone aged 6 months to adults. This device assesses refraction and pupil size and is the same tool used in doctors' offices.

Assisting with the screening were Lions Club members Tom Schmude



and Randy Cleveland. Throughout the event, the members conducted screenings on participating students that attended Child Development Days.

This screening added a great benefit to the parents and families that participated in this event. The School District of New London would like to thank the Lions Club for volunteering their time when this event was held.

The School District of New London will hold its next Child Development Days on Friday, January 24, 2020 from



1:00-6:00 p.m. For more information regarding the Child Find process in the School District of New London, please contact the Pupil Services Office at (920) 982-8447.



READING TO CANINES COMES TO READFIELD



Four dogs and their masters joined Readfield Elementary students on October 28 for their first Reading to Canines visit. Reading to Canines is a voluntary organization through the Fox Valley Humane Society. Readfield was disappointed to find out this summer that Pooches and Pages was dissolving after many years of service to our school. Luckily Reading to Canines was able to add Readfield to their calendar!





KINDERGARTENERS STOP, DROP, AND LEARN FROM NEW LONDON FIREFIGHTERS

Parkview kindergarten students loved having a visit from the New London Fire Department during Fire Safety Week. Students were able to see all the tools in a fire truck and a rescue truck. A highlight of the experience was when students were able to sit inside a fire

truck or rescue truck. Students learned many things that will help keep them safe if there were ever a fire at their house. The practice of “Stop, drop and roll” was taught to all students. The students were excited to receive a fire hat and badge from the firefighters.

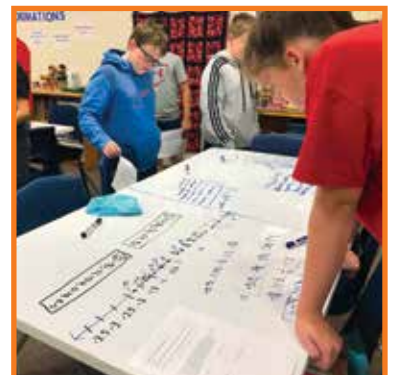
7TH GRADERS “DO THE MATH” WITH CHEEZ-ITS



The 7th grade Accelerated math classes are working on Scientific Notation, Perfect Squares and Square Roots.

Scientific Notation is a way of writing very large or very small numbers. A number is written in Scientific Notation when a number between 1 and 10 is multiplied by a power of 10. Students constructed paper chains where they had to match the standard value of a number in its Scientific Notation.

Students explored the meaning of a perfect square and what the root of that perfect square is using Cheez-It Crackers as their standard unit. The students constructed squares out of Cheez-It Crackers and identified how many Cheez-It Crackers were needed for the various size squares. Of course, after their exploration was complete, they were able to eat their math manipulatives!





ANATOMY CLASS KEEPS SCIENCE “ON THE BRAIN”



New London High School students in Mrs. Doran’s Human Body Systems Course have been learning about the anatomy of the brain. First, they built the brain out of clay on their Manikin. Students will continue to build organs on this model throughout the course. Then they proceeded to learn exactly which part of the brain is in charge of what part of the body. This is called: “Brain Mapping.” Students were given a sheep brain to dissect and then designed pictures to

help them remember what part of the brain is responsible for specific actions. They had to pin their picture to the corresponding brain region on the sheep brain!

Human Body Systems is the second-level course in a series of four courses offered at the High School in the Project Lead The Way: Biomedical Science Program. Students can earn college credit by taking a test at the end of the course!



60 minutes a Day is a Great Way to Play!

Physical Education is off to a blazing start. During Physical Education class, students reviewed expectations and are encouraged to spend as much time outside as possible. Students reviewed common recess games to stay active while having fun at recess. Some of the rules for the following games were covered: four square, kickball, walk-run-fitness-fun laps, and the Sugar Bush special of kick ‘n catch. By having a common set of rules for students to follow, alleviates some playground issues. It also gives everyone options to play at recess.

At Lincoln Elementary and Sugar Bush Elementary, the unit’s physical education class focuses are based around Wisconsin and National Physical Education Standards. Kicking is a standard that is covered during a soccer unit as it sounds more fun.



With larger units creating the core of curriculum and lesson planning, there are many smaller day and week-long units and games covered in physical education class. Topics such as the fun favorite parachute, cup stacking, fitness unit, obstacle course week and Dr. Seuss week are a few units that complete the year in physical education.

The School District of New London physical education department encourages everyone to take advantage of the beautiful fall season and get outside when you can; create those

healthy habits as a family. One inexpensive way to stay active this fall is to go for a hike and explore nature. Make hiking a treasure hike by Geocaching. At Sugar Bush Elementary, students will be participating in a Geocaching unit in the spring. Geocaching is a hiking treasure hunt that can be a blast as a family. Students at Sugar Bush Elementary will have small camouflage film canisters to seek and find treasures as a group.





DONATION FROM BEMIS/AMCOR DUE TO VOLUNTEER'S EFFORTS

This past summer Parkview Elementary was granted \$830 from the Bemis/Amcor Foundation Program. Rhonda Parker, an employee of the Bemis/Amcor company, volunteers her time and her creative expertise to design some of the different bulletin boards around the school. Mrs. Parker started out by helping her daughter, Ms. Tawny Parker a 3rd grade teacher at Parkview Elementary, get her classroom set up before school started a couple of years back. Her wizardry with the cricket machine and her catchy slogans help to make Parkview an inviting place to learn.

At the end of last school year, Mrs. Parker learned about the matching gifts donation program that Bemis/Amcor would provide to an employee's choice of donation. Mrs. Parker chose to donate to Parkview Elementary. This donation amount is currently being used to create a Social Emotional Learning library for teachers and students. Thanks to the generous donation from Bemis/Amcor and to the number of volunteer hours by Mrs. Parker, this resource library will be made possible.

Parent Roundtables: Parents Helping Parents



On September 25, Lincoln Elementary hosted its inaugural Parenting Round Table discussions. The topic was Routines-Morning, Homework and Bedtime. A great discussion was had with parents and staff members problem solving ways to help parents establish these routines at home. The Parenting Round Table discussions will continue with the following dates and topics:

- October 30 at 5:00 p.m. - Showing Respect and Responsibility at Home
- November 20 at 5:00 p.m. - TV Time/Screen Time
- January 22 at 5:00 p.m. - Healthy Snacks Kids Can Make Themselves
- February 19 at 5:00 p.m. - Basic First Aid - When to Call the Doctor?
- March 25 at 5:00 p.m. - Chores Kids can have at Home and Appropriate Allowance/Summer Slide

Pizza is served and childcare is provided at each meeting.



Connected Community Wellness Screen Program

During the upcoming 2019-20 school year, every ninth-grade student will have the opportunity to participate in the Wellness Screen Program. Screening will be conducted throughout the year provided by Samaritan Counseling Center's Wellness Screen Program. Our goal is to have 100% of our students participate!!

What is the Wellness Screen Program?

Annual mental health checkups are just as important as annual physical checkups!

The Wellness Screen Program uses a nationally recognized, evidenced based mental health screening questionnaire to identify common mental health concerns. The Wellness Screen Program is free, confidential and voluntary.

For more information visit the Wellness Screen website at <https://samaritan-counseling.com/wellness-screen/>. For specific questions or concerns, please call the Wellness Screen Program at 920-850-2903.



**GET YOUR
CHECK-UP
FROM THE
NECK-UP**



BILINGUAL FAMILIES SHARE FELLOWSHIP AT CULTURAL CELEBRATION

On Monday, October 7 the English Learner/Bilingual Department of the School District of New London held its annual Bilingual Cultural Celebration. Families, staff, and the community were invited to join for an evening of great conversation, delicious food, and hands-on games and activities held in the New London Middle School Commons. It gave administrators, staff members, parents, and students the opportunity to spend time together while also providing a chance to see student work that displayed families' cultures.

Families could also build their own libraries at home by choosing from a plethora of books to take home and enjoy. In addition, representatives from the New London Public Library joined to answer any questions and provide resources to all who came. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it a memorable evening!



Students Awarded Acceptance to Fox Valley Technical College

Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) Admissions Specialist Ben Wickersheim presented twelve New London High School students with their FVTC acceptance letters. Students who met with Ben to process applications and admissions requirements earlier this fall had their application fee waived. New London High School partners with FVTC to ensure a seamless transition to college for any student interested in attending. Students were provided a FVTC SWAG item to help celebrate their acceptance.

Sugar Bush Students Prepare for Veteran's Day

Students at Sugar Bush Elementary prepared for Veteran's Day a little early this year. Kindergarten through fourth grade students met in their Little Bulldog Families, multi-age groups that meet throughout the year, to design cards to be sent overseas. This project, organized by Mrs. Tesch, is part of the 3rd Annual 100,000 Thank You Campaign through the Nash FM radio station. Their goal is to collect 100,000 thank you cards during the month of November. Students were excited to know that their cards would be traveling across the ocean!



AP and Honors Students attend American Players Theater Production of Fences

When Advanced Placement Literature co-teachers Joanna Ledgerwood and Callie Cochran-Hager learned that the American Players Theatre would perform August Wilson's seminal work, *Fences*, they selected the play as a common summer reading assignment for their incoming students. Students spent the first three weeks of class analyzing, discussing and applying the College Board's Big Ideas to Wilson's play. Students were then provided an enrichment activity: board a bus to see the play performed in Spring Green.

On Friday, September 20, a group of thirteen students accompanied Ledgerwood and Cochran-Hager to see the play performed in the picturesque outdoor theatre. The roles of Troy and Rose Maxon were assumed by David Alan Anderson and Karen Aldridge, whose work can be seen in movies and television. The New London High School group enjoyed the day and noted how seeing and hearing the work in its purest form increased their understanding and appreciation of the genre. This is the second year that enrichment activities have been offered to the students. Last year groups attended productions of *Antigone* and *Hamlet* at the Oshkosh Grand Theatre.



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS GRANT AWARDED TO 1ST GRADE TEACHER MRS. PELOT

Each day elementary school students have time for milk and snack during a morning break. In first grade, students are asked to bring their own healthy snacks from home. However, there are some days a student may forget to pack a snack. Mrs. Pelot's 1st grade class has been granted support from Kwik Trip's Neighbors Helping Neighbors program to supplement their classroom endless fruit bowl. The \$50 gift card will help to promote wellness and abide by the School District of New London's wellness policy of healthy and nutritious snacks. Mrs. Pelot's class has enjoyed apples, bananas and pears this year with Kwik Trip's support.



Middle Schoolers Take Part in Conservation Days

At the end of September, the entire 6th grade class participated in the Outagamie County Conservation Days at Homestead Meadows in Greenville. As a full day of science experiences, this was an amazing opportunity for all!

Sixth-grade science classes continued their learning by teaming with naturalists from Mosquito Hill to learn a variety of outdoor survival skills. Some experiences that students



participated in included the use of a compass, making a fire and constructing a shelter. Throughout the experience, students gained a better



understanding and appreciation of the world around them. Thank you Mosquito Hill for hosting this hands-on learning experience!

Stars Came Out for GLOWCOMING

Homecoming 2019 was GLOWcoming: a neon/glow-in-the-dark theme. Throughout the week New London High School Student Council members planned and organized many events. Hallway decorating filled the passages of New London High School with Pac Man, murals of neon spatter painting, neon replicas of famous art works, and neon geometric shapes. Each class worked together to perfect and implement their hall designs. The annual Homecoming Lip Dub was filmed to the iconic tunes of "Tainted Love," "Electric Avenue," "Sunglasses at Night," and "Electric Love," with seniors Chase Nelson and Lydia Burdick starring as lead "dubbers."

The week was shortened due to a staff professional development day on Friday, October 4, so the pep assembly took place on Thursday this year. Sadly, the Powder Puff football game had to be rescheduled due to the rain and soggy football field, but the girls competed in volleyball to

divvy up their spirit points. Boys also competed in volleyball, and additional competitions included boys and girls Tug-o-War and a Glow Relay Race. Brave High School staff treated the kids to a Glow Dance performance and Brian Mathu elicited many laughs with his annual Homecoming Skit, which incorporated a very intimidating Percy Jr., played by 2-year-old Cruise Schommer. The event culminated in the King and Queen reveal...the gym lights went down and the black lights went up to reveal a crown in the hands of King Trent Bellile and Queen Megan Duch.

The Homecoming dance was a beautiful and lively occasion, with the high school commons decked out in various fluorescent flourishes, up-lit with black lights. Nearly 500 New London High School students danced

the night away. Ali Garrigan offered her services in a fun neon-themed photo booth and the dance floor was alive with jubilation until the very last moments of the dance. We all anxiously await next year's events!



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