



BULLDOG

News and Views from the School District of New London

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Super Readers = Super Heroes

Parkview Kindergarten celebrated the end of their “Super Readers” Unit with a hunt around the school while wearing masks and capes. During this unit students used their pointing power, sound power, reread power, snap word power, persistence power, partner power, picture power, and book talk power to become “Super Readers.” This Unit of Study teaches students to pay closer attention to the words they are reading as well as looking at the pictures to help make meaning. The unit will capitalize on student reading knowledge including knowledge of letter-sound correspondence, comprehension, and fluency.



Students put their powers to work at the end of the unit to spell out the word “popcorn.” After they had the word spelled, they were able to enjoy a snack of “Super Popcorn”!



BEST Club Visits Kindred Hearts

New London High School’s (NLHS) BEST club is an organization that bridges gaps between students in special education and regular education by participating in a variety of activities. The BEST club organized a Valentine’s Day event at Kindred Hearts Nursing Home. Members from the BEST Club and Vision Show Choir sang songs, passed out treats, and played BINGO with the residents. The students and residents were singing and clapping along to the beautiful music sung by Vision

Show Choir. The following students had a great time socializing with the residents: Ava Bellis, Grace Faulkes, Josh Hansen, Brayden Hahn, Caitlyn Herminath, Bobby Kulinski, Holden Kluever, Skylar Leist, Mason Romberg, Cole Palacios, Lindsey Spoehr, Weston Spencer, Jeremiah Steinborn, Alaena Wolf, Raven Young-Procknow, and Zong Xiong. The BEST Club would like to thank the administration and NLHS for their continued support towards the program.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE BUSINESS WORLD

Navy Talks Nuclear Power with High School Students

On January 23, 2020, at New London High School two representatives from the Navy spoke to Advanced Placement Calculus, Advanced Placement Physics and Technology Student Association (TSA) students about nuclear energy. Chief Nathan Feltz and Petty Officer Travis MacDonald talked about the basics of nuclear energy. Travis was a mechanical engineer on the USS Tennessee. Students learned that a one gram uranium pellet is equivalent to 149 gallons of oil, one ton of coal, or 17,000 cubic feet of natural gas. He went on to say that the equivalent of a kitchen garbage can of uranium pellets powers a nuclear submarine. The submarine can then remain underwater for months at a time without the need to surface and refuel. He explained nuclear fission and how the uranium powers submarines and aircraft carriers. For the 90 students that attended this presentation, it was a valuable learning opportunity.



The fifth grade social studies students at the New London Intermediate Middle School completed a Junior Achievement program called Our Nation. The Junior Achievement program is designed to help students develop economic reasoning skills and make sound financial decisions. Volunteers from local businesses came into the classrooms and lead the sessions about economic topics with the students. The first lessons focused on how businesses are started and how products are improved. Students explored career clusters, writing a resume, and soft skills such as communication and listening. Finally, the fifth graders learned how the United States fits within the global economy.



Fourth Graders Take on the Capitol

Lincoln Elementary fourth graders ventured to Madison to explore our Wisconsin State Capitol building and Kohl Center. The fourth graders learned about Wisconsin history and government in class prior to the field trip. Visiting the Capitol helps to bring that curriculum to life!

Another discussion that happens often in fourth grade is on future plans and furthering education. When students visit the Kohl Center, it allows them to see possibilities in college ventures! A very special trip for our fourth Graders!



BUZZ FROM THE TECH ED WING: FROM GUMBALLS TO LAWNMOWERS

Construction

Students in Mr. Gruentzel's construction class are bracing the cold to get a shed built. This project is for Introduction to Construction to give students a chance to build a structure from floor joist to rain gutters. Alex Fotopoulos, a senior, is undergoing an independent study and making an ice fishing shack. The shack is made from an old camper base and knowledge from Mr. Gruentzel and Alex's prior classes.



Woods

Inside where it is much warmer, Introduction to Woodworking students are starting to stain and finish their nightstand tables. For anyone wondering what the smell was in the tech ed wing; it was the smell of progress.

Computer Integrated Manufacturing

In Mr. Jaglinski's Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM) class, students have completed the visual logic software training for working with controllers. Their task was to create the next best gumball machine and the results were very sweet. Students are now working on their next project which is "Battle Bots."

Drafting

In Drafting class, Kendra Bowden, a student who took 2D drafting, was working on a final project to make a floor plan of a dream cabin. Currently students are learning how to use Inventor, a 3D solid modeling program, to make parts for the 3D printer.

Small Engines

In the small engines shops, things are in full swing. Students are bringing in lawn mowers and 4 wheelers to get ready for the upcoming spring. Cooper Reick and Bradley Puffe are taking an old craftsman lawn mower and making a racing mower while other students are working on a 4 wheeler. Students are always willing to tear into any old machinery that is lying around. If you have an old mower, blower or anything as such, feel free to get in touch with Mr. Jaglinski at New London High School.

Metals:

As the Introduction to Metals students are progressing in skills, so are the projects. Students are making shop stools by using the CNC plasma cutter and some welding tools. Designs for the stools are drawn on AutoCad and then cut into the top. Cameron Wegener, a student in class, said, "I am going to use this stool to start collecting tools for my own shop."



On the Loose with Dr. Seuss

It was a Seuss-filled day at the Washington Center on February 28! The annual Dr. Seuss on the Loose 4K Community Outreach extended the invitation to all children ages two through four to join the 4K staff and play, learn and explore Dr. Seuss style. Highlights of the day were Zumba and an amazing photo mirror that talked! A huge thanks to the New London Park and Recreation Department for the use of the Washington Center Gymnasium, Middle School Student Council Members who assisted at each station, Catalyst students who assisted in setting up and cleaning up, Marta Wesnick, Zumba Instructor and James Kelly of YoDJ for providing the photo booth. It was truly a community event!



Gilbert and Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance Comes To New London High School



Raucous pirates, a strong nursemaid, a fast talking Major General, and some terrified constables lie at the center of an operetta that has stood the test of time, 150 years actually.

The Pirates of Penzance is a story that revolves around Frederic, a young man that is being released from his indentures of being a pirate upon turning 21. He was unfortunately signed up to be a pirate by his nursemaid Ruth, after she mistakenly hears his father tell her to register him to be a "pilot" not "pirate". Hilarity ensues when more ridiculous twists and turns come at the viewer in every scene.

On Tuesday, January 21, 2020 all the elementary students of Parkview, Lincoln, Readfield, and Sugar Bush were able to see the action unfold before their very eyes in two

shows produced by the Madison based Opera for the Young.

In each show, there were thirteen lucky students that also got the opportunity to share the stage with these amazingly talented Opera singers. These students served integral parts in moving the action forward by playing: pirates, wards, and constables. In addition to those lucky twenty-six kids, all the grade levels also sang along at nine different spots in the show.

Following the show, there was also a short question and answer session. During this session, students learned a little more about the life of a performer. Student learned about such topics as how the costumes are made and how the men and women learned to sing so well.

Taking the "I" out of Kind: A Focus on Others

Students at Parkview came to school to see a new poster on their wall when returning for second semester. At first some thought there was a mistake because it looked like a misspelled word, but students soon realized that the "I" in Kind was missing on purpose. This poster is introducing kids to the responsibility all students have in being kind. In order to make their classrooms, playground, school, and community a kinder place, everyone at Parkview plays an important role. The theme of kindness continued throughout the month of February. Students were challenged to perform as many acts of kindness inside and outside of school as possible. During the month of February, Parkview students completed 1909 random acts of kindness.





STUDENTS EXPLORE NEW CAREER POSSIBILITIES

On Wednesday, January 29, the entire sixth grade class was able to get a thorough hands-on experience of at least 15 different courses offered at the Appleton Fox Valley Technical College. Some courses included medical training, phlebotomy and how to read certain types of blood, welding, computer operated machines/robotics, cooking, animal/farm technology, coding, electrical, business management, and many more.

The 180+ students were divided into groups of twelve and experienced three different course majors. The experience provided students with a hands-on introduction to what that course would involve. Students had 30 minutes in each segment during the afternoon. Students left with so much more than just a tour and introduction to a higher education—students were given new dreams to aim for and new possible career explorations to think about.

Thank you to Mrs. Sasse, School Counselor, and The Fox Valley Technical College for putting this opportunity together.



Giving Tree During the Holiday Season

Parkview Elementary School truly is a school family. The students and families of Parkview have a history of coming together to help each other in times of need. This year is no exception! During the holiday season, the school put up a tree with ornaments that listed items such as shoes, boots, coats, snow pants, etc. These items are then provided to Parkview students in need. Within one week of the tree being displayed, every single ornament was taken by Parkview families!

A new idea was then put into play as options for families who still wanted to provide a gift for students. The school put some board game ideas that could be given to classrooms to use during indoor recess. Before students left for Christmas break, Parkview received many games that were able to be given to classrooms. One family in particular has made it their goal to help as many children in need as possible in honor of their grandfather who passed away. Every year the family of Ken Ritchie raises money to purchase items to help many children in our community. His memory will live on through the generosity of his children and grandchildren. Thank you to everyone involved in helping us make sure all students have what they need and a warm holiday. Parkview's school family is amazing!

SECOND GRADERS BECOME “EXPERTS”

Sugar Bush second graders worked hard to develop their non-fiction reading and writing skills. This is a Lucy Calkins Unit of Study that is part of the second grade curriculum. In this unit, students learn the strategies of nonfiction reading and writing. Students focus their attention on growing knowledge as they pay attention to details and question texts. Readers will grow their knowledge across texts as they read topic sets of texts by comparing, contrasting and connecting information across texts.

To celebrate their hard work, second grade “experts” in Mrs. Hinde’s class read their published animal books to Kindergarten students in Mrs. Bressler’s class. The second-graders were very proud to share their knowledge. The Kindergarteners enjoyed learning from the animal “experts”!



Read with Percy Event - A Howling Success

On Wednesday, December 4, 2019, New London Intermediate/Middle School counselor Gretchen Sasse and Percy the Bulldog offered a “Read with Percy” program to the community. Approximately 25 students and parents attended the event. The students were able to select books for Percy and Mrs. Sasse to read with them, and they were also able to color pictures of Percy. This event took place at the New London Public Library.

New this year the Bulldogs of Character committee decided to expand some events that they participate in by partnering with the Public Library. The Bulldogs of Character committee worked closely with the Children’s Librarian who picked out books to read on the date of the event. At these events, one of the representatives of the Bulldogs of Character reads the stories to the students and Percy attends as well. After the reading, students can get a photo with Percy. The Librarian also has coloring sheets ready for kids who want to color while listening to the story. Two events have been done so far this year. The next event is scheduled for March 25 from 3:30-4:00pm at the Public Library.



Book Tasting Event for Seventh Grade Students



The students in seventh grade language arts at the New London Intermediate Middle School just finished reading the book *Refugee* by Alan Gratz for their historical fiction reading unit. Students wrote postcards with words of encouragement to refugees attending international schools around the world.

The historical fiction unit was then wrapped up with a book tasting event in the library. A book tasting is a way for students to nibble on a book and decide if they want to devour the whole thing. Students played musical chairs in order to explore, discover, and read books in different genres. Every student came away with a new book and new insights into how to find the perfect book for their reading abilities.



NEW LONDON PD GIVES RESOURCES TO FAMILIES FOR ONLINE SECURITY

It was fifteen years ago when the New London Police Department partnered with the Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Task Force. A major component of this relationship is to teach and present on Internet Safety. The Police Department is excited to use the Bulldog Bulletin as an avenue to continue the message.

New London Police Department works extensively with the School District of New London to educate the staff, students, and parents on safe strategies when engaged with electronics and social media. The Police Department is continuously seeking resources for our community to utilize.

Josh Wilson, New London Police Officer, recommends a visit to the Department of Justice website for more information. The Interact! link provides the reader with valuable and up to date information that can be found on the following website: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/dci/icac/social-networking-sites>. Interact! is an online, interactive e-course created for parents and guardians to complete with their children with the goal of sparking basic online safety discussions in the home.



Another link on the Department of Justice website is a site called Protecting Kids Online Podcast. The podcast ranges between ten and fifteen minutes. They are released twice a month and is a great way to stay up to date on the new trends, as well as risks involved. For more information, also visit the Resources and Materials page.

If you have further questions or would like more information with any electronic/Internet safety related concerns, feel free to contact Josh Wilson, New London Police Department, at wilson@newlondonwi.org.

Josh Wilson
New London Police Department

BULLDOGS OF CHARACTER DELIVER COOKIES



On December 12, students representing the Bulldogs of Character delivered Bulldog cutout cookies from Bult's Bakery to The Chamber for their holiday party! Each year the Bulldogs of Character donates Bulldog shaped cookies to the Chamber for their Holiday party. Any Chamber member was able to go to the party to network with others in the community.

Bulldog of Character committee consists of business owners, community members, school board members, administrators, students, parents, and staff. The committee is always looking for more opportunities to grow the committee and expand the program into the community. Typically, the committee meets four times per school year and meetings last approximately one hour. If you would like to find out more about this exciting program or if you would like to be a part of the committee, please contact the School District of New London for more information.

4K/5K Registration Underway!

Four Year Old and Five Year Old Kindergarten registration is now underway. If your child will turn 4 on or before September 1, 2020, they are eligible to attend 4K. Students not currently registered for 4K turning 5 on or before September 1, 2020, are eligible for kindergarten (5K) next year.

Our 4K program is a community collaborative with programs at all four elementary schools. Our collaborative sites are located at the Daycare Center of New London and New London Headstart.

For your convenience, there are a variety of places that you can register your child, including all four elementary schools, district office, and the Teaching and Learning Center located at New London High School. If your child is eligible and you did not receive a registration packet, please contact registrar, Lesley Baehman, at (920)982-2011. All children registered will receive a plush bulldog to welcome them into the New London Bulldog Family!

Save the Date!

What: Summer School 2020
When: July 13th-August 7th
Where: Lincoln Elementary School

Bussing will be available at several in town locations
for drop off and pick up.
Free breakfast and lunch will be available daily!

More information to come!

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