



BULLDOG

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

bulletin

NEW YEAR, NEW SPACES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES



The 2022-2023 school year is off to a great start at the Intermediate/Middle School. Although it was a race to the finish with the remodeling project, students, families, and staff have worked collaboratively to ensure a successful start with students enjoying newly updated learning spaces, increased encore course offerings, and the use of enhanced technology supporting instruction.

New collaboration spaces have allowed students to work independently, in small groups, and across classrooms learning with one another and diving deeper into specific content areas.

Additionally, the updated library has ignited students' love of reading as all look forward to their scheduled weekly check-out time and pursue opportunities available through Lit Masters and Battle of the Books.

Designated clean zones and project zones within the Technology Education classroom space have allowed for seamless transitions between computer modeling of concepts and ideas to the physical creation of a variety of items. Encore class offerings including Agriculture, Design and Build, Media Studies and Health have offered increased variety for students while

learning based on the functionality of remodeled classroom spaces. This includes the ability to access 3D printers, engraving equipment, makerspace materials, and new enhanced technology including the addition of interactive boards in all classroom spaces.

Truly this is an exciting time as students and staff explore new possibilities while remaining focused on ensuring growth and success. Sincere thanks to our community for supporting remodeling efforts and investing in our students. We are better together and look forward to the new opportunities that lie ahead.

A New Book Club GETS STUDENTS EXCITED ABOUT READING

Third and fourth grade students at Parkview Elementary have a new and exciting opportunity to sign up for the “9 ¼ Book Club” led by Mrs. Hoover, Library Aide and Mrs. Pagel, School Counselor. This fun book club encourages leisure reading, creativity and imagination. Students have been so excited to begin this reading adventure that one student is quoted saying, “I’m so excited for this that I’m actually shaking!”

This club meets during the students’ lunch recess where they will listen to a read aloud, discuss chapters, and participate in activities regarding the first book in the series, “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone.” In early October, Hedwig the owl delivered the students’ Hogwarts acceptance letters to their classrooms. Upon opening the scroll, the parchment paper provided them the necessary club attendance information. To date, students have met twice and a sorting hat quiz was completed. The Sorting Hat Ceremony took place in the library. Based on their answers in the sorting hat quiz, students were placed into their “houses” for the duration of the book club. Parkview-Hogwarts students will celebrate the end of book club with a movie review where they can compare the book to the movie.



Kindness is Growing at Sugar Bush Elementary

Fall is for pumpkins and kindness at Sugar Bush Elementary and the Kindness Tree is proof of all of the kind acts that are happening already this school year! Both staff and students are encouraged to fill out seasonal notes and students then hang them on our Kindness Tree. The tree was painted by Alicia Korth, a program support specialist in the district, and the lettering was provided by a Sugar Bush parent.

The tree was developed after a number of trainings that staff participated in to build positive school culture and shared ownership of this. Before we know it there will be snowflakes on our tree!



New Opportunities for NLHS Students

New London High School students have an opportunity this year to earn credits and gain knowledge and experience in two new vocational readiness courses. The School District of New London has partnered with Rawhide Youth Services to offer students the opportunity to take courses in Culinary Arts and Automotive Technology.



New London students are transported to Rawhide Youth Services each day to attend classes and use the top notch facilities. Students attend each day for two hours and will receive 1.0 credit for the semester. The culinary program is also a dual credit course with students earning credit at Fox Valley Technical College. The curriculum is designed by industry-leading, nationally recognized organizations.

The Automotive Skills class includes Auto 1 and Auto 2. These are comprehensive entry-level auto courses that include coverage of all eight ASE areas: engine repair,



automatic transmission, manual drive train & axle, suspension & steering, brakes, electrical systems, heating & air conditioning, and engine performance.

The Culinary Skills Class utilized the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe and ServSuccess curriculum. Students learn about food safety, personal hygiene in a food prep space, cross-contamination and allergens, time and temperature for food preparation, cleaning & sanitation, front-of-the-house communication and operations, back-of-the-house pre production, and basic business operations. Students will graduate with six certifications from the National Restaurant Association.

From Readfield Parent to Readfield Staff

The past several years have proven to be difficult to staff in many industries and education is not immune. Our district works diligently to recruit and maintain quality staff and if it happens that quality staff lives in the area, even better! Readfield has had huge success in recruiting Readfield parents to work right at Readfield. The beginning of this year brought back eight staff members who have children, grandchildren or alumni of Readfield Elementary. However this is not the record, at one point there were eleven members!

As we continue to build our educational teams, consider any open positions in our district! Our Bulldog Nation loves fellow Bulldogs!





Back-to-School

On August 30, all four New London Elementary Schools sponsored an Open House where students, along with their parents, were invited to meet their new teachers and see their new classrooms for the 2022-2023 school year. Students were also able to bring in their school supplies for the new year making the first day of school much easier, especially for our youngest students. In addition, many community partners, such as Girl Scouts, 4H, a

UW-Extension FoodWise Nutrition Educator and Youth Basketball, were in attendance to distribute information to parents and their children about the opportunities these organizations can provide. Finally, our Title I teachers provided information about the Title I program to parents and fun prizes for students. The attendance at all four Open Houses was great as a result of the great partnership between the New London Community and its school district!



5TH GRADE ESSAY WINNER

Fifth Grader Harley Young, from the ISMS placed 3rd in the Justice on Wheels Essay Contest for all 5th Graders in Waupaca County. On Monday, October 10 Harley, his family, and his Social Studies Teacher Mr Wegner were invited to Waupaca County Courthouse to receive his award from the State Supreme Court. Justice Bradley presented him with his award! Great job Harley!



National Honor Society Peer Mentor Program

The transition from middle school to high school can be overwhelming and a little scary for incoming freshmen. In order to help them find and sustain success, each freshman will be paired with a peer mentor who is a member of the National Honor Society. Who better to help with the transition to high school than a current student who has done it?

During Freshmen First Day the peer mentors met with freshmen to share tips and tricks for not only surviving high school but also thriving socially, emotionally, and academically. Their next meeting took place before homecoming week. Peer mentors shared what to expect during homecoming week, encouraged them to participate in all the activities, and took them to the gymnasium to practice for the upcoming assembly. They also discussed the upcoming practice ACT day and how to prepare.

Peer mentors will meet with Freshmen



at least once a month and will cover topics like study skills, handling social media pressures, how to schedule classes, what to expect with different classes, and dealing with peer conflict. Peer mentors also provide one-on-one support with academic tutoring to not only their assigned freshmen but any

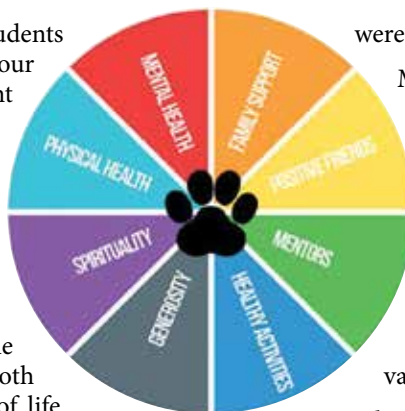
student at New London High School who could benefit from a peer tutor.

National Honor Society advisor Mrs. Gregory and the NHS Officer Team of Will Hoover, Paige Hobbs, Evan Keding, and Jane Johnston have done a wonderful job of organizing and planning the peer mentor program.

Learners and Leaders

At the Intermediate/Middle School all students are encouraged to take an active role within our school community. This includes involvement in numerous activities that promote student voice while building leadership skills. Three of the unique opportunities offered include Sources of Strength, Fuel Up, Play 60, and student council.

The mission of Sources of Strength is to spread hope, health, and strength among students and staff by building valuable connections so all individuals can endure both the good and tough times that are a part of life. Peer leaders work collaboratively with adult leaders to share this message and engage with their classmates through activities that embrace student differences while building common ground. This year the ISMS Sources of Strength team enjoyed training on the low ropes course at Mosquito Hill where lessons in cooperation, teamwork, and connection



were reinforced.

Members of the Fuel Up, Play 60 team are also difference makers at the ISMS as they focus on bringing opportunities to our learning community that fuel minds, bodies, and promote the value of caring for our planet. Each year this team coordinates and manages the sharing table program at lunch and a healthy snack cart available to students after school recognizing the value of creating healthy habits.

Student council allows representatives from all grades to build leadership skills while ensuring our building offers fun and meaningful opportunities for students to enjoy throughout the year. By working together, the Intermediate/Middle School is a positive and safe environment where all students learn, grow, and thrive.

First Outreach at Mosquito Hill

Students from Readfield and the Daycare Center of New London four year old kindergarten classes had an excellent time at the first outreach opportunity of the school year. The destination was Mosquito Hill! Across the district Mosquito Hill is a preferred destination for students and staff of all ages to experience nature up close and in this case, with their loved ones.

Students, staff and their families began the day inside due to rain, but quickly the sun emerged and it was time for everyone to explore the outdoors. A highlight of the trip was Frog Pond where students learned how frogs hibernate during the winter months.

The Four Year Old Kindergarten Program provides a number of outreach opportunities throughout the school year. During these outings, 4K teachers host tours and visits that families join to learn more about our community. Outreach opportunities include visits to New London Public Library, New London Public Museum and even the New London Police Station. The outreaches also fit the themed curriculum that the teachers follow. A great example of hands-on learning!



Parkview Students are On-A-Roll

A new award has started being given out to students this year at Parkview Elementary. The On-A-Roll Award idea came about this summer through a class some teachers and administration took that dealt with student achievement at school. The traditional Honor Roll celebrates students who have achieved a standard of excellence based on their grades at school. The On-A-Roll Award at Parkview celebrates a different approach to students achieving success.

Students at Parkview Elementary can earn the On-A-Roll Award for showing improvement in any area related to school. The first month of school Parkview had students earn it for an increase in their attendance, improvement in learning the school's expectations, showing perseverance through a challenging situation, and growth in their beginning of the year testing. Once students earn the award, they are sent to the office to receive their On-A-Roll charm, which is a donut, to add to their Bulldog of Character charms. Students are also recognized at the



Bulldog of Character Assembly each month. For the month of September, there were 22 students recognized at the assembly.

Students at Parkview have been inspired by the On-A-Roll Award and the donut charm that they receive. Mrs. Teasdale, art teacher, had students learn about artist Andy Warhol. Students in 4th grade studied Andy Warhol's technique and applied that to their own donut art projects. These projects have helped to brighten up the hallways at Parkview.



RED RIBBON WEEK AT LINCOLN



The week of October 17 was Red Ribbon Week at Lincoln and across the district. Red Ribbon Week at the elementary level takes on the theme of overall student health and happiness rather than focusing on Drug Prevention, which is the theme behind Red Ribbon Week for older children. Specifically at Lincoln, students participated in dress up days all week. Included is a picture of pajama day on Wednesday, October 19 which highlighted the need for all of our students to get plenty of sleep each night in order to stay healthy and happy. Additionally, students received health conscious tips each day during Lincoln Live, which is our televised morning announcements. Finally, guidance lessons during the week also focused on activities and practices that encourage good overall health for our students. It was a fun and exciting week!



Sugar Bush Book Buddies



The 2022-23 school year kicked off with a new reading program that staff and students are excited about! Classroom teachers were quick to notice how the high interest books would fit perfectly with buddy reading sessions. First and third grade students and second and fourth grade students are paired up and spend a part of their week meeting in each other's classrooms reading and being read to. The older students enjoy being great reading role models and the younger students enjoy hearing their buddies' books and also practice their books by reading out loud to their older peers.

HOMECOMING 2022



Homecoming 2022 was another week filled with school spirit and unity. New London High School Student Council planned a fun filled, space themed week referred to as MISSION: HOCO. The week began with hallway decorating. The sophomores won by a unanimous vote from the staff judges. They had taken care to create posters that had actual, accurate constellations, hilarious alien balloon cartoons along the wall, and an impressive balloon snake archway. The Monday night Powder Puff game was a fierce competition, and for the first time ever, a staff team was established to compete. They took on the juniors, who took first place that night. All week, students participated in dress up days: country vs. country club, space day, Bulldog day, and a fan favorite: Adam Sandler day. Schools across the country implemented this very unique dress up day, and kids at NLHS were very excited to don their best cargo shorts and baggy shirts. The Homecoming Lip Dub was filmed on space day, and students could be seen jamming out to the songs "Rocket Man" and "Space Jam." The pep assembly took place Thursday afternoon. The four grades competed in boys volleyball, Star Wars, and tug-o-war. Brian Mathu once again directed and starred in the annual Homecoming skit, with the help of Holden Kluever and various staff members. To cap off the afternoon, the Homecoming king and queen were revealed. Each court couple held a box with a balloon inside...most couples had a plain blue balloon, but the king and queen saw a gold star balloon rise out of their box. Everyone was overjoyed to crown Luke Heimbruch and Rachel Schuler as this year's king and queen. The festivities continued into Friday with the mini parade and football game, and Saturday with the much anticipated Homecoming dance. Student Council pulled out all the stops to create dance decor that was "out of this world," complete with a glowing alien mural and spacey photo booth. Over 450 NLHS students danced the night away, creating fond high school memories that will last a lifetime.

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