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News and Views from the School District of New London

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2ND "SINGSTOCK FESTIVAL"

20TH SHOW CHOIR FESTIVAL

NEW LONDON-----
Show Choir came alive at the 2nd Annual Show Choir Singstock Festival held January 21, 2023, at New London High School. This year the festival is the largest in the state! "We couldn't have been prouder!" said by Kevin Spindler, New London's VISION Show



Choir director. "Show Choir Festivals are a LIVE Music Video and Musical Theatre singing and dancing at its BEST!"

The annual event hosted by the New London High School Music Department and the New London Music Parents features competition by some of the finest high school show choir groups, along with their show bands, in the state. The competition began at 8:00 a.m., with evening finals performances (to the top 6 show choirs of the day competition) slated at 6:30 p.m.

Participants this year included: Bay View Middle School, Mayville High & Middle School, De Pere (2 Choirs), Green Bay Preble (2 choirs), Burlington, Sauk Prairie (2 choirs), Ashwaubenon, Medford, Washburn, Drummond, Sparta, Green Bay East, Reedsburg, St. Francis-Minnesota, Green Bay Southwest, and our own hosting show choirs: New London High School with help from New London Middle School.

The New London "Vision" show choir is under the new direction of Kevin J. Spindler and Alex Rambo. Vision consists of 37 singers/dancers, along with a 15-piece show band, choreographed by Kevin Chase. Vision has performed at Colby, placing 3rd runner up, Sauk Prairie, placing 5th runner-up, De Pere, placing 3rd runner up, Best Costumes and Best Male Soloist-Kayden Kloehn. They will be finishing the competition season at Green Bay Southwest on March

11. This year's Vision show encircles living life presently and in the moment. Make time be your right now, your engaging instance. Ultimately, time can be your friend and your adversary. The trouble is, you think you have time. There is no time except today! Songs that Vision will be performing are

"Bring Me To Life," "Time Passing Through," "Who Knows Where the Time Goes/Yesterday," "Bones," and "Time For Me To Fly"

Vision would like to extend a huge thank you to the School District of New London Show Choir Parents for their time and effort put into the Singstock Festival. We are most grateful for the HUGE SUPPORT from our community and businesses that have extended a monetary donation to pull off this large event! THANK YOU KINDLY!!! Please come to our home show at the High School on April 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. This is a free show!

"This year's Singstock festival was truly a spectacle of talent." Spindler said. "We are so proud to bring back a show choir festival, not only to New London, but also to the Fox Cities. If you have never been to a show choir festival before, it is truly uplifting and amazing what high school kids can do in a live performance."





JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

School District of New London 5th graders completed their Junior Achievement Lessons with a capstone field trip to Junior Achievement BizTown at Fox Valley Technical College in January. Students spent their day running the City of J.A. BizTown. Students were each assigned a job within the businesses in the city. They applied the knowledge learned from lessons to run a business, understand basic banking, and work together to make their business successful. The whole field trip was a great experience in career exploration and the students did an outstanding job!



Bulldogs PLUS+

Bulldogs PLUS+ opportunities provide learning beyond the classroom by hosting events for students to explore their areas of interest.

October 25, New London Middle School students were invited to join High School art students in mindfulness and health-related activities. There was also a well-attended seminar for parents of grades K-8 hosted by Rogers Behavioral Health, focusing on how to parent children who struggle with depression and anxiety.

On January 18, FFA High School students hosted an after-school Bulldogs PLUS+ event for grades K-8 offering students the chance to taste-test potatoes, candle (look



inside!) eggs, make corn plastic, and learn about milk plastic.

On March 6 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Middle School, students in grades K-8 and their parents will join in activities including CPR training, pipetting, building



organs, medical trivia, build a hospital, grip strength, and build a skeleton. This event is hosted by our New London High School HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America).

Future events are scheduled for Thursday, April 27, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., hosted by New London High School's business club, DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America). This day's activities will be related to business, marketing, and advertising.



WHAT ARE YOU BUILDING MR. GRUENTZEL?

Mr. Gruentzel (High School Woodworking and Construction Teacher) has been getting asked this question a lot lately by many community members and staff about what the students are building behind the High School. Holly and Jesse Koltz, owners of Hucklberry Campground, approached the school about building some cabins. These cabins are for the campground guests that didn't want to buy a camper but still want to go camping. The Advanced Construction class worked with New London Building Supply to draw up the plans. The cabin was made to model a similar type cabin that was built for another campground. It is a 400 square foot cabin with 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath, living/dining room and kitchen. To gain students additional trades experiences, local subcontractors for plumbing (Paul's Plumbing) and electrical (Master Electric) are working with students to help them understand what the trades do. During this time students are working alongside subcontractors to get hands-on experiences.



The Intro to Construction class, made up of sophomores to seniors, are taking those plans and creating the cabin. They started with a mobile home frame and built the floor system on that. From there, the students framed, sheeted walls, installed the windows and hung the front door. They learned how to cut roof rafters, apply asphalt shingles and so much more. By the end of the project, the students will have learned all the aspects of building a



residential house from the ground up. Near the end of the building process the cabin will be moved to Hucklberry Campground from the High School, where students will work to finish the exterior and porch. The campground is going to host an open house party at the end of the project for parents to come see the finished cabin.

So you ask again what is Mr. Gruentzel building? He is building our future skilled labor workforce by giving these students real world experience and opportunities.



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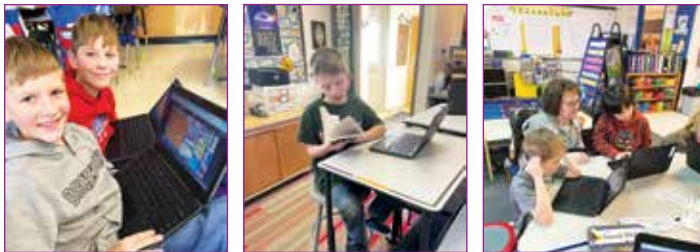
Literacy in the Classroom



The School District of New London has been working to implement American Reading Company in grades K-9. Grades K-3 have also continued their focus on phonics with Sadlier Phonics work. Families should have had a new report sent home on manners to keep their students engaged in reading at home with an At Home Reading report. Students in grades K-8 recently finished their Diagnostic on iReady and parents should be receiving those updates soon.

In grades 5-8, Unit 2 integrated student efforts in reading and writing with research projects. These final projects focus on researching using technology with NoodleTools to help students take notes and cite their evidence while connecting students to research topics and the process that comes with using multiple academic sources. This collaboration between our classrooms and our Instructional Resource Coach and library is a celebration.

Although it has only been a select number of students in the High School using American Reading Company materials in a pull out course with Mrs. Schommer, Mrs. Schommer and Ms. Ledgerwood have modeled literacy strategies during our Professional Development opportunities for all High School teachers. This integrated effort is a demonstration of the impact our Professional Learning Community model has had on our High School.



Literacy Nights

The Literacy and Math Leads team have been busy working with their buildings on upcoming Literacy Night events. While these do showcase all the great Literacy aspects going on in our District, these nights will also have engaging activities in a wide range of subject areas too. Literacy Nights showcase all the great learning opportunities our students have occurring in their schools, from using American Reading Company (ARC) materials to read and write about non-fiction research reports to ways families can interact with reading and math strategies at home. The night is sure to be fun for all who attend!



Literacy Nights schedule:

March 2, 2023: Lincoln Elementary ~ Literacy Night 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

March 2, 2023: Sugar Bush Elementary ~ Learning Showcase 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

March 9, 2023: Parkview Elementary ~ Literacy Night & Dinner 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

April 20, 2023: Readfield Elementary ~ Learning Showcase 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Library Engagement



Did you know that students at all levels in our district have access to amazing resources via our library websites? Each level - elementary, middle and high - have individual websites that provide access to ebooks, databases for research and information on all things reading, Chromebook and research related! These websites are created and the resources curated by our licensed media specialists, Katie Kovalaske (K-8) and Mary Dickrell (9-12), with assistance at the elementary level provided by Tony Techlin (Technology Teacher).

Access to all library websites can be found on the SDNL website.



ARC Bookshelf offers Independent Reading Material

A great new tool to allow students to read on their own either at home or at school is ARC Bookshelf. This “virtual library” is part of the School District of New London’s new reading program from the American Reading Company (ARC). Students have been using ARC Bookshelf in their classrooms, and recently, login information was shared with parents so that this resource can be accessed by students at home. That login information should have come with your child’s latest “IRLA Home Update,” either printed on the back and/or attached to the report. The site can either be accessed via web address (<https://arcbookshelf.americanreading.com/>) or by downloading the app using the keywords “ARC Bookshelf” on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. If you have not received login information for your child or are having trouble accessing the program, please contact your child’s teacher. We’d be happy to assist.

Using ARC Bookshelf allows your child access to a huge variety of books that can be sorted by Thematic Units by Grade, Reading Level and/or Language. Best of all, ARC Bookshelf allows your child the opportunity to practice reading in the comfort of their own home knowing that the more students read, the better they get at reading! Happy Reading!



RAWHIDE VOCATIONAL PROGRAM

Students at New London High School had a new curriculum and job training opportunity this year. Students were able to participate in the Rawhide Youth Services Vocational Readiness Job Training Program in the areas of automotive and culinary arts. The hands-on learning opportunity provided students with industry recognized certifications, academic credit, hands-on skill development, and team building skills. The programs prepare students for employment opportunities through curriculum-based education and hands-on industry training. Each 180-hour course earned students 1 academic credit. Each day students were transported to the Rawhide campus, where they participated in privately held classes.

The Culinary Arts class includes hands-on food preparation labs and prepares students for either front or back-of-house restaurant careers. Industry certificates are available from the National Restaurant Association, including the industry-required ServSafe Level 1 Food Handler Certificate. For their Capstone Project, students prepared and served a five-course meal to SDNL and Rawhide staff.

The Automotive course includes hands-on training in automotive technician services utilizing the Wisconsin Auto & Truck Dealers Association's CARS curriculum. Students will learn how to maintain and repair vehicles, from engine repair to electrical systems to brakes, steering and suspension. Numerous industry certificates are available. For their Capstone Project, students prepared and taught SDNL and Rawhide staff different parts of the automobile and repair techniques.

New London High School will continue to partner with and offer the Rawhide Vocational Training courses.



New London Graduates Giving Back

Several New London Graduates had a bit of a school reunion the last week before winter break at Sugar Bush Elementary! From (l. to r.) Tori Tayek class of 2017, 4K/5K Teacher; Mackenzie Fischer, 2019, Student Teacher; Jack Grable, 2022, Substitute Educational Assistant; Erin O'Connell, 2018, 4K Volunteer; Lauren Stroesenreuther, 2020, Substitute Educational Assistant; and Tayla Westphal, 2020, Educational Assistant.

Thanks to all of our graduates who have chosen to give back either temporarily while on break or have chosen to be a Career Bulldog! If you are interested in any vacancies in the district, please apply online at <https://wecan.waspa.org>.





COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Lincoln Elementary 1st grade students experienced their social studies lessons coming to life by touring or receiving presentations from several of our New London community partners. New London Police Department visited Lincoln Elementary and talked about the positive things they do and gave a tour of their squad car! New London Fire Department

gave a tour of the fire station and even let students try out a water hose! New London Public Library helped get kids excited to read! New London Public Museum taught about Native American populations and provided a fun craft for students! Thank you to our community partners for hosting our 1st graders. We loved all our stops!



4K Math Sets and ABC Books

The 4K team continues to work with our earliest learners on social skills, early reading and numeracy concepts, and provide community outreach activities. One such example of an outreach activity for the second semester was the distribution of 4K Math Sets and Now I Know My ABC's books to all 4K students throughout the School District of New London. The math sets are a way to engage our early mathematicians in counting out sets of numbers, sorting various objects, and understanding number sequences. Additionally, the Now I Know My ABC's books are a way for students to interact with letters, early concepts of print, as well as have students begin to see these letters in the environment around them. The hope is these materials are ways to support ongoing literacy and math skills practice at home.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT DAYS

The School District of New London held their Child Development Days screening on Thursday, January 26, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School. This developmental screening is designed for children 2½ to 4 years old. Over 30 students and their families were able to attend this event.



The screening process allows children to separate from their parents to participate in a play-based screening to observe speech/language, cognition, gross and fine motor, and self-help skills. During the screening, parents are able to chat with our elementary principals and then will be directed to our community area to speak with our school nurse, 4K staff, and gather other informational resources. The Lions Club was also on-hand at the event to offer free vision screenings to all the children who participated. This event is held annually twice per year in the months of October and January.

2023 SDNL Summer School Program

Learn
Create
Explore

SESSION 1: JUNE 5 - 22

Recovery/Remediation/Intervention

SESSION 2: JULY 10 - JULY 27

3 week programs and mini week sessions

**With few exceptions, there will be NO courses on Fridays*

The purpose of the School District of New London Summer School Program is to provide opportunities for learning beyond the traditional school year. With a commitment to **Success for ALL Students**, we offer something of interest for all ability levels. Courses are designed to offer enrichment and intervention of skills as well as expose students to new applications of knowledge and talents.



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