



BULLDOG

News and Views from the School District of New London

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Congratulations 2018 Graduates!



Faculty, family, and friends celebrated the accomplishments of 167 New London High School seniors and 3 honorary foreign exchange graduates at this year's commencement ceremony. Congratulations Class of 2018!
Graduation photos can be viewed, downloaded, printed at: www.aligarrigandesign.com/graduation2018

congratulations graduates!



Elementary, Intermediate, and Middle School students and staff greeted graduating seniors with applause, cheers, hugs, and high-fives as this group conducted what is now an annual tradition of the *Senior Walk*. The event provided opportunity for reflection for departing seniors while inspiring younger students.



Fueling Greatness

The Fuel Up team is wrapping up a stellar year at New London Middle School. They have successfully promoted healthy eating with taste testing and a snack smarter program, and they have encouraged kids to stay active by starting a walking club and revamping recess with new equipment.

The Wednesday Morning Walking Club became part of a play called *Road to the SuperBowl*. Using QR codes, the team scanned each lap students completed, totaling over 600 miles and including the team in a raffle for an NFL prize basket...which they won! It was filled with NFL items such as party favors, a signed Mason Crosby football, and a \$500 gift card to the NFL store. The team was able to purchase many Packer items for an end of the year walking club raffle for the entire school with the gift card.

Members of the team reported each of these “plays” on their Fuel Up websites, earning points for each as well as daily incentive points and personal tasks that encourage health and wellness. This year’s Fuel Up team has



earned more incentives than any other since the grant’s inception. The team is researching options and will soon choose a health related service project for the upcoming school year.



Mail Call Messages

On the May 23 *Old Glory Honor Flight* Vietnam veterans received heart warming messages that they will likely never forget.

On this special day, veterans are provided a whirlwind tour of our nation's capital to see the memorials on display in their honor. Veterans report a day filled with emotion. Their return flight concludes with a *Mail Call*. During their days in the service, *Mail Call* was a highlight of the soldier's day. Not surprisingly, this is reported as a highlight of the Honor Flight experience. Veterans receive letters, cards, photographs, and more from family and friends... just like they did all those years ago.

Mrs. Smith's first and second grade students at Readfield Elementary and Mrs. Bressler's kindergartners at Sugar Bush Elementary teamed up to write notes to those participating in this flight. They focused on two veterans to ensure everyone on the flight had ample messages of appreciation.

Students reported how much they enjoyed creating patriotic pictures and writing kind words to the veterans in thanks for their service.



Igniting Interest

Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

Middle School students who recently competed in the second annual Mathematical Problem Solving contest at UW Oshkosh understand the importance of developing strong critical thinking and interpersonal communication skills. This group of 17 seventh grade students and 17 eighth grade students participated in both individual and small group competitions that focused on students' ability to reason and make sense of novel mathematical problems of various levels of difficulty.

After the morning competitions, students were able to engage in sessions ranging from a medical technology demonstration on hematology where students learned about types of blood and its components to a forensic anthropology demonstration where students analyzed skeletal remains and learned how this information could help solve criminal investigations. Students also enjoyed playing fun math games in the math exploration center and watching *Face Off*, a live math game show.

Special congratulations go out to Brianna Gossen and Adam McGlin for earning a place in the top 10% of participants at the seventh grade level and to eighth grade team members, Chayton Behnke, Maribel Glodowski, Grant Roe, and Alaena Wolf, for performing in the top 10% of all middle school teams.

Mark Your Calendars Kids from Wisconsin



We look forward to welcoming the *Kids from Wisconsin* on Thursday, July 26 for a performance at the New London High School Auditorium. The show will be hosted by the New London Lions Club and sponsored by numerous area businesses, industries, and generous individuals.

New London High School students Emelia Roberts (Principle Performer), Trent Kloehn (Understudy), Maraya Bult (Understudy) and Katarina Wickman (Alternate) are a part of this prestigious group and will perform throughout the state this summer. They have already been practicing and look forward to seeing a large crowd for the New London show.

Mark your calendars for this exceptional evening of entertainment and support our Hometown Kids. Tickets can be purchased at the High School (920-982-8420) or the District Office (920-982-8530).

Free Performing Arts Workshop

The *Kids from Wisconsin* invite community youth to share their love of performance the afternoon of July 26 at 3:30. A free one hour workshop presented by the *Kids from Wisconsin* provides youth ages 7-13 insight into what it takes to be a part of this amazing group.

Participants will meet at the New London High School auditorium and will learn more about dance, music, lights, and sound. They will wrap up their session by performing



We are proud of all who auditioned to share their talents with this distinguished troupe.

a brief segment of the upcoming show alongside a mentor from the troupe, and they will also receive a complimentary ticket to the evening performance compliments of the New London Lions.

Please register for this session at www.kidsfromwisconsin.org/outreach and call 414-266-7067 with any questions.



Parkview Honored with Prestigious Award

Parkview Elementary School was recently awarded the distinction of a High-Achieving and a High-Progress School. They were one of 16 schools in Wisconsin receiving two Title I Recognition awards. Principal, Jody Peterson, and first grade teacher, Veronica Vakirtzis accepted a plaque from State Superintendent, Tony Evers, to acknowledge this awesome accomplishment.



A Successful Year in Review

DECA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Bulldog Pride was prevalent in the accomplishments of this year's DECA team. Forty students participated in district level competitions with tremendous success, and 16 students advanced to the state level. Seven team members qualified to compete

at the DECA International Career Development conference in Atlanta, Georgia where Ellie Madsen finished as a top 10 finalist in the nation for her project in Creative Marketing.

Ellie Madsen, Parker Fermanich, Addy Graber, Josie Hintzke, Reagan Franzmeir, Jessica Halvorson, Mackenzie Fischer, and Erika Dorow provided leadership as this year's Officer Team. They were responsible for the



organization and implementation of a variety of annual events ranging from Badger Business Camp, True Beauty, and BEST Creations to Big Schooler/Little Schooler, Shoplifting Prevention Workshops, Percy's Pro Shop, and Late Night Volleyball. Middle School DECA provided an introduction to the club. Here members enjoyed lessons that highlighted leadership, teamwork, and problem solving related to business decisions.

DECA participants prove hard work is a lot of fun. The investment of time, effort, and the commitment to being successful is also the reward.



Racing for Education

The New London Racing for Education team consists of 29 middle school students. The program is offered to those students in grades 6 through 8 and stresses strengths of *Respect, Effort, and Homework Responsibility.*

The season runs from May 16 to August 29 with races held Wednesday nights at GSR Kartway in Clintonville. Brody Hillman took the feature in the season's opener. Veteran team members are really stepping up and encouraging sixth grade kart racers to do their best on and off of the track.

Making a Difference

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The FFA Banquet provided opportunity for the celebration of accomplishments of a successful school year and acknowledgement of gratitude for the leadership of New London FFA Officers, Peter Gorman, Emily Smolinski, and Brayden Hahn.





The Bulldog Way

Fang's Reading Club



Our district elementary and Intermediate/Middle Schools are wrapping up the final days with students and also reflecting on the first year of PBIS implementation. PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. Its purpose is to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm. This initiative is implemented in all fifty states.

Lincoln, Parkview, Readfield, and Sugar Bush Elementary students were recently highlighted during a Timber Rattler baseball game. Students set their reading goals earlier this year and many joined Fang's Reading Club, an incentive-based reward program sponsored by the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. A game ticket was provided to students who met their reading goal. Family and friends joined students in this evening celebration.

New London joins other districts in the area that focus on a proactive and systemic approach to not only providing supports for behaviors, but also celebrating and honoring those that are following *The Bulldog Way*.

Under the direction of music teacher, Brian Hallman, several students sang the National Anthem. Vocalists glowed with pride as they performed for spectators.

A core group of educators began the process last year and all would agree that the first year of implementation brought many successes, including improved consistency in language and expectations in each building. More importantly, here is what a group of Sugar Bush fourth graders had to say about following the *The Bulldog Way*, "We love it... especially when the celebrations include choice stations!"



Twenty-four New London High School students enjoyed their day in court (as part of a mock trial).



Students check out the 16-ton MRAP (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected) vehicle recently procured by Waupaca County.

COUNTY YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY

The term, emergency, was a recurring theme throughout this year's Waupaca County Youth Government Day. Sponsored by the American Legion, County Youth Government Day affords students the opportunity to learn about state and local government and, by doing so, promotes citizenship and effective government. A total of 115 students from five area high schools (including twenty-four freshmen from New London High School) attended this year's program in Waupaca.

Many functions of county government are routine. Registrations, record keeping, road maintenance, tax collection, and human resources are usually emergency-free. But there are times, such as the 1996 Weyauwega train derailment or the recent record-setting spring blizzard, when local officials must deal with extraordinary circumstances. Wisconsin State Statute 323.14 requires that "each county board shall designate a head of emergency management" to deal with such situations. In Waupaca County, Emergency Management Director Andrew Carline and Deputy

Director Eric Halverson are the go-to crew, and both shared their knowledge and experiences with the Youth Government Day participants.

Students also saw examples of emergency preparedness and management within Waupaca County government. The Communications Center handles thousands of 911 calls annually; the Jail Division processes and houses hundreds of inmates; the Patrol Division possesses an MRAP vehicle if the need arises; and the three branches of the County Court system utilize a Drug Court to deal with the drug crisis in the area.

Waupaca County Youth Government Day is in its 58th year and is one of the longest running County Youth Government Day programs in Wisconsin. It is possible only through the time and effort of countless organizations, professionals, and volunteers. NLHS students thank everyone involved for making County Youth Government Day such a meaningful experience.

Expressing Gratitude

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week in honor of the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers.

During this special week, Sugar Bush Elementary School Student Council members stopped by the New London Police Department to express appreciation for all our local officers do for our schools and community. We are grateful for the partnership of the NLPD.



Retirement

Thank You!



Mr. Pete Schulz is retiring from his position as New London Intermediate/Middle School principal after 23 years of service to the School District of New London.

Pete became part of the Bulldog family in 1995 when he accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Washington Junior High. Since that time, he has served as an elementary and Intermediate/Middle School principal, impacting thousands of students over the course of his career.

Ann Pinch is well prepared to take over the role of IS/MS principal and shares, "Mr. Schulz is an inspirational leader who instills within all he works with the confidence to be better each day. As a true Bulldog of Character, he embraces challenges as opportunities and enjoys being young at heart."

We are grateful to Mr. Schulz for his service to students and staff of the School District of New London. He has earned the admiration of colleagues and will forever remain in the hearts of the children he has served.

Have a safe & wonderful summer! See you in August!

Don't forget to...



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Summer School

Summer is fast approaching, but there is still time to enroll your child in summer school. Although some classes have reached capacity, there are still many wonderful options that will engage, excite, and expand your child's thinking.

For more information and access to registration forms, visit the district website at www.newlondon.k12.wi.us and click on the 'Parent' tab and then on 'Forms and Resources'. Please contact Principal, Jody Peterson, at jpeterso@newlondon.k12.wi.us or 920-982-8538 if you have questions.

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