



BULLDOG bulletin

News and Views from the School District of New London



BULLDOG DASH

On Friday, September 7th all school-aged New London students were invited to participate in a free one-mile dash sponsored by the Bulldogs of Character in the Community. The dash was in conjunction with the Glow Run 5k Run/Walk. There was a lot of music, excitement and cheering as about 50 students crossed

the finish line. A special thank you goes out to New London High School's tennis team for helping to prepare for the run and hold signs of each Character Trait along the path. Students were greeted by Percy the Bulldog and a paw print metal upon crossing the finish line.

Helping hurricane victims one pack at a time

Lincoln and Parkview Elementary students sold gum and "gum license to chew" certificates to raise money to help an elementary school in Jacksonville, North Carolina affected by Hurricane Florence. The schools are excited to report that together they have raised \$665. Many school districts have had to close school for multiple weeks in order to clean up and have the buildings ready for students. The school and student supplies were lost as a result of this natural disaster. This particular elementary school was chosen because two students recently moved to New London from this elementary in North Carolina. The October Character Pillar was Caring. Parkview and Lincoln wanted to demonstrate this trait by helping another school in need.





A Peak at the Far East

5th-grade students in Communication and Culture class have been busy learning about Japan’s sports, clothing, language, anime, art, and food. They were able to experience some new foods including Japanese fruits, vegetables, crackers, and sweets. Some foods were more popular than others!

U.S. Department of Education Announced Parkview as a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School

“*Reflecting the Pride*” is the slogan shared by the City of New London, and Parkview Elementary School is definitely proud of its accomplishments. Grounded in “Success For All Students,” our district’s mission, New London School District hosts four elementary buildings. Parkview is nestled in the middle of the district with the largest elementary population of 333 students.

Parkview promotes teamwork and community partnerships, and trusts this collaborative effort to close the gaps in the achievement for our student population. We offer and are involved in many programs that involve the community, families, and business partners working together to help support the needs of our students and our city.

Consistent expectations help our students understand our goals and encourage active participation in our safe and caring school culture. As a result, students offer insight into continuous improvement in how best to support them as they learn and grow. Technology is another successful strategy; Parkview has a computer lab, classroom Chromebooks, engaging classroom activities and individualized learning and assessments to assist in personalized goal setting and achievement monitoring.



Spreading Kindness during Kindness in Chalk Week

Parkview qualifies for Title I services at a school-wide level to offer reading support to all of our students and teachers. We also have a full-time bilingual education teacher with priority to connect our bilingual students to the core curriculum.

Our commitment to our students, teachers, and the community has far-reaching effects. We are very proud to be a part of the future of this community and look forward to continuing to “*Reflect the Pride*” for in providing “*Success For ALL Students*” for years to come.

Global Read Aloud at the ISMS



7th grade language arts classes read *Refugee* by Alan Gratz in conjunction with Global Read Aloud (GRA). GRA was established by a local Wisconsin teacher with one goal: Connect the world with one book.

Students began practicing summarizing *Refugee*, incorporating reading lessons, to meet up with students from around the globe. Through a video conference, they

have replied to other students' videos from places such as British Columbia, Canada, Chicago, and New Zealand.

Connecting with other students from around the globe has helped build social skills, improved presentation skills, and shown students new ways to use technology to connect with others using a positive and creative platform.



Agronomy Team Competition

Congratulations to the New London FFA Agronomy team who placed first at the Swiderski Equipment Inc. 2018 Crop Tour competition in Edgar! Members, Peter Gorman, Sarah Heideman, RaeAnn Radcliffe, Jeff Smolinski, and Abby Weyland listened to multiple speakers address crop production including when to plant, how deep to plant, plant residue, tillage options, soil conditions, plant conditions, and size and location of corn cob. Members were interactive with some equipment and participated in the field. After they collected notes on the topics discussed, they could work as a team to take a 45 question test in 25 minutes. The first place team received \$1000 for their chapter in September!



Sources of Strength

On Thursday, October 18, 2018, over 60 NLHS students and 9 adult advisors participated in Peer Leader Training facilitated by Carlyn Andrews of the Boys and Girls Club. Sources of Strength is a universal suicide prevention program designed to build socioecological protective influences around youth and to reduce the likelihood that vulnerable youth/young adults will become suicidal. During the training, participants were encouraged to identify areas of hope, help, and strength available in their lives, helping them build resiliency to life's adversities. Students formed subcommittees to develop ideas for Sources of Strength campaigns to be promoted approximately five times throughout the school year.



ROMBERG'S HOST PUMPKIN PICKING

Mrs. Spencer teaches the Functional Skills class at New London High School which consists of providing a variety of community and classroom experiences to educate students. In this activity, the Romberg family invited Mrs. Spencer's class to pick pumpkins, which was an incredibly fun Fall activity. Mr. and Mrs. Romberg prepared their garden all summer long and made sure there were plenty of pumpkins for our students to enjoy. A big thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Romberg for donating so many pumpkins to our classroom. Following this activity, the students learned how to season and cook pumpkin seeds.

Kindness in Chalk

Many students from all different ages throughout the district participated in an event called Kindness in Chalk.

Ms. Donati worked with the BEST (Bringing Exceptional Students Together) club at New London High School to participate in a Kindness with Chalk activity. In the past, this activity was completed by drawing kind words on the sidewalks in front of the school. The plans had to change due to the rainy forecast. Students drew kind words on black paper that were hung in the commons at the high school. Kindness with Chalk is an activity sponsored

through the Bulldogs of Character organization. The BEST Club is a club that promotes friendships between special and regular education students by participating in monthly after-school activities together, as well as activities planned during the school-day. The BEST club has 119 members with Mrs. Spencer and Mrs.

Jensema as the club's advisors.



Students are able to join the club at any time throughout the school year.

Students at all the elementary schools participated in Kindness In Chalk Day which was sponsored by Bulldogs of Character in the Community. The students watched a short video that illustrates how kindness is contagious, and unlike germs, this is something we want to be spread in our school and community. The students were tasked to think of what they could draw or write that would brighten someone's day that happened to be walking on our sidewalks or up to our school doors. Students went above and beyond expectations, and really did a fantastic job spreading kindness.

One to One Initiative at ISMS



The year is off to a great start with the *One to One* Chromebook rollout at the Intermediate/Middle School! Students have been able to accomplish many great things at school and at home with their Chromebooks. Many teachers are continuing to incorporate digital learning activities in their lessons that make the Chromebook a vital tool for all of our students.

We are looking forward to the beginning of the 2nd quarter in which we are planning on our 5th-grade students starting to bring their devices home to charge and provide access to complete homework and assigned activities.





Mystery Science



FOX VALLEY Ethics in Business SUMMIT

Sponsored by The Samaritan Counseling Center of the Fox Valley, Inc.

*Local Summit Provides
Real-World Learning for
New London High School
Business Students*

Casey Rottier, Olivia Tews, and Megan Pankow participated in some real-world business training as attendees of the Fox Valley Ethics in Business Summit held in Neenah on Tuesday, October 2. The Summit was sponsored by The Samaritan Counseling Center of the Fox Valley, Inc. and featured keynote speaker Chuck Gallagher. His message was “Every Choice Has a Consequence.” The students were able to learn how businesses can provide a workplace of harmony to help employees avoid choices to cause moral injury.

Megan and Olivia are completing a project related to social responsibility in the workplace. Casey is completing a project related to teaching students about business etiquette.

The summit was a great source of research and real-world application for their projects.



School District of New London

This school year grades K-4 are piloting a new science program called, Mystery Science. The program’s mission is to help children stay curious and encourages children to investigate the mysteries of our endlessly fascinating world! The Mystery Science curriculum focuses on nurturing children’s natural curiosities which then naturally fosters children’s scientific perspective on the world. Ability to think scientifically is fundamental to any career or subject our young learners choose to pursue. Mystery Science helps our students have the ability to look at a question or problem, systematically investigate and collect evidence, and come to an independent conclusion. Mystery Science is also aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Not only is all of this great, but our students are having a blast investigating and solving mysteries!

Second graders began the year solving mysteries surrounding properties of materials in their unit, “Material Magic.” The unit developed the idea that by taking advantage of the properties of materials, we can solve many problems in our lives. Students developed an appreciation for the man-made materials of everyday objects, and learned to recognize that those materials are chosen based on their properties. Through hands-on investigations, students explored the material properties involved in meeting basic needs (such as clothing and cooking). They considered the solid and liquid states of matter to understand why plastic was invented. The unit ended with a brainstorming activity about futuristic inventions that might be possible using new materials.

First graders’ first unit was “Spinning Sky: Sun, Moon, and Stars.” The unit helped students develop the idea that the sun, moon, and stars change position in the sky in ways that are fun to watch and predict.



First graders worked hard to find out what their shadows did when they weren’t looking. They traced their shadows and came back to see if their shadows moved at all throughout the day.



True Beauty Pumpkin Painting Event

Marissa Voelz, New London High School DECA student, organized and implemented our annual True Beauty pumpkin painting workshop. DECA students partnered with 5th and 6th-grade girls to create positive, inspiring pumpkins for our New London community. All the girls also participated in relationship building activities to help the girls express their True Beauty and learn "It's What's Inside that Counts."



Percy's Pro Shop to open NEW LOCATION Familiar Grounds Coffee Shop

Percy's Pro Shop is your local New London bulldog spiritwear source! Percy's is organized and managed by students at New London High School who are interested in learning more about the world of business. The students implement all the tasks related to running a business such as hiring employees, ordering and pricing product, store display, promotion, and selling.



Student managers for 2018-2019 business season are:
Megan Pankow, Paige Faucher, Jessica Halvorson, Olivia Tews, Mackenzie Fischer

Check out our wide selection of bulldog merchandise at our Percy's Pro Shop website:
<http://percysproshop.wixsite.com/percys-pro-shop>



When: November 1st-January 31st

Where: Familiar Grounds Coffee Shop
206 N Pearl St, New London, WI 54961

Hours: Monday, Tuesday 6 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesday 6 a.m.-6 p.m.
Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday 7 a.m.-4 p.m.





Homecoming 2018

For Homecoming 2018, the New London High School Student Council invited their classmates to go back in time to the 1950s, where they experienced the “Homecoming Hop!” Students started the week with hallway and window decorating at the high school. Halls and windows were adorned with scenes related to rock n’ roll music, classic cars, and drive-in diners.

Throughout the week, the high school saw record participation in the dress-up days, which included: tie-dye day, 1950s day, jersey day, favorite character day, and as always, Bulldog/school spirit day. At the pep-assembly, the crowd was treated to a Homecoming first: the Just Dance competition. Videos of the popular Wii game were played, and two students from each grade competed for get-down glory. However, no duo was any match for math teacher Samantha Kable, who gracefully out danced her competition. After the traditional pep assembly games of boys’ volleyball, tug-o-war, and powder puff football were complete, the seniors found themselves the winners of the Spirit Cup, with 500 Homecoming points.

The pep assembly was further embellished with a skit, written and performed by social studies teacher Brian Mathu, along with science teacher John Ruckdashel. Their skit revealed the Homecoming King and Queen to be Jordyn Vanevenhoven and Bailey Harmelink. Court roy-

alty also included Allyson Hanson, Makaio Harn, Jessica Halvorson, Landen Guyette, Megan Millard, Logan Locy, Katarina Wickman, and Trent Kloehn.

The Homecoming parade also made further developments this year, with the addition of more clubs, activities, and sports teams marching together to and around Bulldog stadium. The groups were led, as always, by band director Alex Rambo’s marching band. Each group was announced as they marched past the audience, complete with a brief background of their recent activities.

Homecoming week was rounded off with the Homecoming dance, where over 500 students were welcomed to dance the night away. Yo Dj Entertainment put on an excellent show and almost every student danced the entire four hours. Photographer Ali Garrigan also provided a photo booth where friends could take fun photos with 50s themed props. The night was filled with positive energy and goodwill, and it was a perfect way to end another excellent Homecoming week at New London High School!



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