

NEWFIELD NEWSLETTER



Newfield Central School District

December 2012

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Community:

It always seems to me that when December arrives, all I need do is blink and the graduating class is standing before me in cap and gown with diploma in hand. The time goes so fast, yet there is so much to do between now and then!

We will soon be entering the "budget season." I encourage you to come to the Board meetings, listen to the presentations and participate in the discussions. You will then have a better understanding of how the financial decisions are made. We will also be posting the presentations on the website for those who are unable to attend the meetings. There are many mandates and decisions being made in Albany that will impact our budget. The Newfield community's support for education has kept our district fiscally healthy thus far and we greatly appreciate that.

If you are frustrated by the decisions about education being made by politicians, you CAN do something! Please consider joining the lobbying efforts from across the state on December 5, 2012. **Educate NY Now** school buses representing thousands of students from rural, suburban and urban schools will go to Albany to demand a sound basic education, as guaranteed by the NYS Constitution. Find out how you can participate by going to www.educatenynow.org for more information.

December brings many fun opportunities at school that you can share with your children – concerts, art shows, athletic competitions, building gingerbread houses, and other classroom activities. The children are so excited and proud to demonstrate their achievements, especially to their families.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Dr. Cheryl Thomas
Superintendent of Schools

HOLIDAY ART SHOW AND CONCERT

The elementary school will hold its annual holiday art show and concert on Wednesday, December 5, 2012. Students in first, second, and third grade will be performing a wide variety of holiday music and the halls will be decked with artwork created by our elementary students. The concert will be held in the elementary upper gym and will begin at 6:30 pm. We hope you can join us!



VILLAGE CHRISTMAS

Looking for some fun family time? Village Christmas, an evening of community caroling, is scheduled for Saturday, December 8th. Meet at the one room schoolhouse then travel and sing through town. We will all gather at the Library beginning at 6:30 for refreshments provided by the Newfield Teachers Association and to decorate the giving tree with items for children in the community who are in need.

What: Village Christmas Community Caroling

When: Saturday, December 8th, 2012

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm

Location: One room school house (start) then the Newfield Public Library (finish)

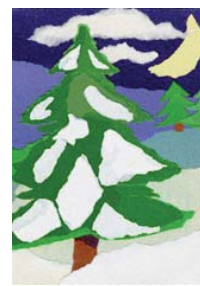
Note: Please dress for the weather and remember to bring flashlights!

Information: contact Sunshine Miller at 564-9955, ext. 1068 or via email at smiller@newfield-schools.org



DECEMBER 2012

District Events Calendar



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DID YOU?



KIDS' BOOK FEST 2012!

This year Mrs. Zifchock's 2nd graders had a booth set up at the Kids' Book Fest at Boynton Middle School. The book fest was based on a book by Greg Tang called Math Fables: Lessons That Count. Before the book fest, the class read Greg Tang's book. It is filled with poems/fables that are based around numbers and different ways you can make that number from smaller numbers! The students then created their OWN math fables! These 2nd grade students got so creative, making lions, giraffes, eagles and more!



The 2nd graders' work was displayed at the book fest. Many were impressed with the creativity that Newfield 2nd graders showed in their fables and in their math art. Greg Tang and his wife came over and read our math fables, and they loved them! Our hope is that next year we can include more students, teachers and families in this educational experience.

**Early Go-Home Drill
December 14th
Students will be
dismissed 15 minutes
early (2:45 pm).
After School childcare
and activities will be held
as usual.**

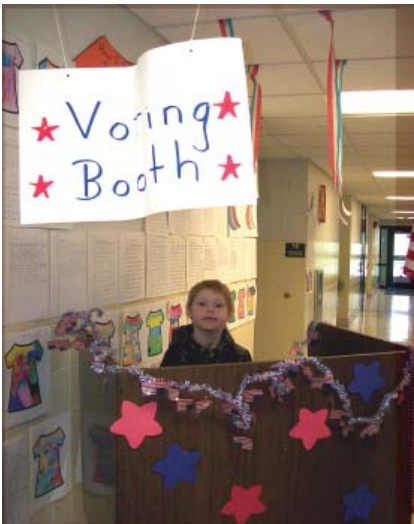
GRADES 3-5 HOLD PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION



During late October and early November the students in grades 3-5 spent time learning about the upcoming Presidential Election. The students used their reading skills to learn biographical information about Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. The students also read short selections to learn about the qualifications a person needs to run for president. Next, the students learned about the qualifications a person needs in order to be eligible to vote.

On the days prior to the election each student completed a voter registration card. On Tuesday, November 6th the students held their own Presidential election. Voting booths were set up in two locations in the elementary school and the polls were open from 8 AM to 1 PM. The election results; Barack Obama 139, Mitt Romney 51, Other/write in votes 10.

Following the election, the students combined geography math skills as they added up the electoral votes from each state and completed a map to show which candidate won which states. The students had a great time combining reading, math and social studies skills while learning about the election!



ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

At the first meeting of the Elementary Student Council for the year, the following officers were elected: President –Molly Brown, V. P.-Kade Pawlewicz, Note-Taker-Joshua Deets and Treasurer-Tatyiana Smith. Representatives for this year are: Jessikah Russell, Elijah Wood, Abby Wall, Jake Humble, Lauren Gradel, Arthur Hardison, Hailey Goodrich, Taylor Christopher, Ashley Monroe, Devon Parente, Daniel Deets, Mason Weaver and Lena Kennell-Ramsey.

Student Council's first community service project will be "The Giving Tree." Information about how you and your family can become involved will be sent home soon!

This group of students is very excited to "make a difference" both in our school and the larger Newfield community.



ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL
will be collecting small toys, hair items, gloves and hats to decorate the giving tree from December 3rd-14th. Items will be donated to the Community Good Neighbor Fund and given out to Newfield families.

*The class with the greatest number of items will be treated to a special party!
We appreciate all of your help!*

THANK YOU!

Class of 2013 Holiday Wreath Sale

The Class of 2013 will be selling holiday birdseed wreaths from November 13th-December 21st.



Wreaths will be available for purchase through 2013 Class Members or Jana Leyden, Advisor, in Room 202 in the high school, 564-9955 Ext. 3202, or jleyden@newfieldschools.org.

Wreaths will be sold for \$13.00 and checks should be made out to The Class of 2013. These wreaths are made locally and are an environmentally friendly gift! Wreaths will already be on-hand; therefore, ordering will not be necessary.



MARCHING BAND

The Newfield Band successfully marched in the Tompkins County Veterans Day Parade in Ithaca last month. Thanks to Mrs. Powell and Mr. Armstrong for working with this group of musicians.



MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 10 Week

High Honor Roll

Grade 6

Bello, Jailyn
Bickham, Kaiitlyn
Blakeslee, Alexis
Brown, Mackenzie
Clarey, Lucaya
Deets, Faith
Downing, Morgan
Esposito, Jillian
Gradel, Taylor
Hallock, Jasmine
Hulbert, Chassity
Hunsinger, Autumn
Hunter, Stone
Meeker, Bryan
Miller, Carson
Mras, Nicholas
Pawlewicz, Anthony
Place, Kayla
Quinn, Bailey
Reed, Kylee
Testa, Justice
Tuckerman, Joseph
Wendt, Shawn
Wood-Ellis, Gabriel
Yalanzi, Steve

Grade 7

Borgella, Alexander
Brown, Jacob
Castrechino II, Robert
Edger, Taylor
Hart, Hunter
Heroux, Megan
Howell, Caitlin
Reilly, Francis
Ruocco, Nolan
Scott, Savanna
Watkins, Heather

Grade 8

Allen, Eric
Byrd, Mariyah
Heath Katherine
Heffron, Erwin
Hodge, Shelby
Jacobs, Jordan
Johnson, Mathew
Kelly, Dustin
King, Logan
King, Patrick
McKenna, Devonn
McKenna, Jordann
Miller, Andrew
Myers, Antoinette
Pierce, Christopher
Rynone, Dante

Schloupt, Mariah
Schumacher, Kathryn
VanOstrand, Tyler
Worcester, Salena
Yaples, Rachel

Honor Roll

Grade 6

Banta, Zachary
Birch, Thomas
Blakely, Alaina
Burun, Cole
Carl, Ezekiel
Clark, Drew
Hein, Terry-Joe
Hill, Spencer
Jager, Franklin
King, Meghan
King, Vivian
Laue, Hailey
Rumsey, Rayin
Seip, Samuel
Swartout, Domanick
Troy, Gregory
Valentine, Shania
Watros, Hannah
Zahradnik, Ayden

Grade 7

Adams, Connor
Cotto, Christian
Denmark, Atavia
Denmark, Christian
Eldridge, Alexie
Hill, Simon
LaBarge, Stephen
Moravec, Gregory
Rooman, Roger
Severtson, Tristan
Weaver, Morgan

Grade 8

Burns, Christina
Chrisman, Bradley
Ferris, Mina
Hackett, Jaclyn
Havlik, Hannah
Henry, Alora
Hernandez, Starlit
Hockenberry, Andreana
Keagle, Zachary
Poludniak, Devon
Rathbun, Tandom
Spencer, Brett
Tyskewicz, Lauren
Vanetten, Scott
Wood-Ellis, Abigail
Wylie, Dylan

OUR STUDENTS THINK AND CARE

Mr. Barry Derfel, H.S. Principal

Early in November, I suggested the following focus to our staff: *Getting Our Students Genuinely Involved – It's time to reach out explicitly and invite genuine input about our vision from our students. They have really stepped up and are trying hard to meet our expectations. Now we need to work on making this a shared vision. Talk to colleagues at your grade level and/or department and see if you can work out a way for all of our students to spend 5 minutes this week talking or writing about our vision. What do they think it means to us? What does it mean to them? If you can collect their thoughts and send them to me, I will collate them and share them with all of us.*

Here are some excerpts from what some of our students had to say:

- These goals are great to have for our school because students can get involved with service projects and they can branch off of the school's goals and make goals for themselves.
- I think that all of these goals are important, and should be strived for, although I think we need to look at the reason we are at school: education.
- Personally, I think that these goals are trying to help the school as a whole. I don't agree with them because we are not a whole. People have to set their own goals and pursue them as they please.
- I agree and approve of the goals presented; however, I believe it will be nearly impossible to achieve.
- I think that these are good goals to want to achieve as a group.
- I believe these are goals a school should have – respect and safe behavior is necessary for safety in our school.
- I don't think these are terrible goals or ideas, but I think the staff should have to follow them, too. I know some do, but I also know others don't.
- I believe the students do need to set goals for themselves, and to keep motivated. I think that is probably the most important responsibility.
- I feel motivation is a key part of this. To do anything (like the other goals) there must be some kind of motivation to get people to participate.
- I believe that these goals are good because they basically are about equality and being good. However, I don't believe that there is a need to put these on paper and shove them down people's throats.
- This doesn't seem to be a piece of writing that will shape us as a school; many of its elements are already present in our school.
- I think that it doesn't matter as much what you write, if you're helping to achieve them. You can set as many goals as you want, but it's what you do that counts.
- I support the ideas for Newfield High School. I believe that having these goals will motivate us to become a better school.
- I believe that these goals are a good idea, but that not everyone will be willing to work towards them.
- I think that these goals are appropriate for our school. I think that having a part in these goals will only help us to become successful later on in our lives.

As you can see, our students care about the work we are doing, and they have their own ideas about this work. I encourage you to talk to our students, and each other, about our vision and goals work. Send me an email, send me a note, or stop by the office to tell me in person what people have to say. Together, we can continue to build a safe, healthy, and effective learning community. We are Newfield: **C**onscious, **C**onsistent, **C**ommitted to What is Best for Our **C**ommunity.



HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

6-Week Marking Period

HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

Bastian, Jacob
Biskup, Luke
Henry, Sierra
McSwain, Erik
Owens, Kaleb
Sexton, Sarah
Strosnider, Alora
Teeter, Jessica
Troy, Abbigayle
Willis, Dylan
Woodruff Jr., Patrick
Youst, Leslie
Zahradnik, Kali

Grade 10

Bump, Rachael
Chrisman Jr., Andy
Cooper, Devin
Graves, Lesa
Hallett, Arin
McKee, Katie
Piotti, Seth
Riker, Shyanne
Trask, Tyler
Tyskewicz, Ashley
Yancey, Kierra

Grade 11

Arnold, Catrina
Babcock, Alyssa
Gehring, Kagan
Harden, Tiffany
Hunter, Zachary
Lampila, Anthony
Sims, Angela
Stranger, Amy
Youst, Jeramie

Grade 12

Beach, Michael
Bentley, Robert
Dougherty, Aaron
Everhart, Dominique
Hoffman, Taylor
Milton-Owens, Shiane
Moore, Morgan
Mosher, Zachary
Pakkala, Megan
Pickren, Laken
Reed, Shannon
Schumacher, Amber
Tuckerman, Erica
Ward, Devin
Wood, Rebecca
Yaples, Michael

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

Adams, Jordan
Allen, Jeffrey
Baker, Alexis
Banfield, Cole
Bledsoe, Casey
Bona, Casandra
Castrechino, Chyanne
Disidoro, Todd
Duff, Sage
Fagnoli-Peterson, M.
Fenner, Kelsey
Festa, Tyler
Ford, Elisha
Furman, Reanna
Garcia, Thome
Green, Mackenzie
Henderson, Kiersten
Hollenbeck, Myranda
King, Spencer
Lorer, Jennah
Malone, Jazmin
Mosher, Rhianna
Ober, Seamus
Olmstead, Bailey
Shay, Alexis
TenWolde, Zozha
Warnimont, Jeremiah
Yalanzhi, Nataliya

Grade 10

Carter, Max
Castrechino, Dillon
Frank, Nathan
Gerow, Thomas
Harris, Kelsey
Johnson, Andrea
Martin, Cassandra
Meeker III, William
Miller, Jasmine
Moravec, Nicole
Moynihan, Taina
Naylor, Melissa
Nye-Smith, Luke
Rynone, Riley
Schreiber-Harris, Alex
Sexton, Christie
Strednak, Alexandra
Tuckerman, Megan
Woods, Alaina

Grade 11

Ferrara, Angelina
Fuller, Alexander
Garcia, Myles
Hatch, Emily

Moore, Brandon
Moynihan, Anastasja
Pakkala, Tristan
Robbins, Joshua
Zichettella, Brianna

Grade 12

Atherton, Ashley
Bacorn-Royce, Kyle
Brown, Laura
Carney, Erica
Cotto, Carletta
Cunningham, Forrest
Cutter, Marissa
Davis, Zandrea
Doucett, Erin
Gerow, Jackie
Harris, Allison
Hoskins, Peter
Hulbert, Brianna
Johnson, Anna
Krogman, Luke
Miller, Colin
Miller, Evan
Mix, William
Peabody, Joseph
Roscioli, Taylor
Scott, Connor
Sears, Kodie
Terlouw, Courtney
Tubbs, Taylor
Wood, Elizabeth
Wood, Lindsey



NEWFIELD PRINCIPAL LEADS DIGNITY ACT TRAINING

Our very own high school principal, Barry Derfel, co-presented to a group of educators at TST BOCES on November 19th on the Dignity for All Students Act. Attendees learned how to intervene to interrupt biased language or "put downs" in the school. Different strategies to use in daily interactions with students were introduced so teachers, administrators and other staff members can interrupt oppressive behavior in order to stop it from happening, educate students and staff, and develop student and staff leadership.

STUDENT OF DISTINCTION

6-Week Marking Period

9th Grade:

Jordan Adams, Jeffrey Allen, Alexis Baker, Cole Banfield, Casandra Bona, Chyanne Castrechino, Marissa Fagnoli-Peterson, Elisha Ford, Reanna Furman, Thome Garcia, Mackenzie Green, Myranda Hollenbeck, Spencer King, Jazmin Malone, Rhianna Mosher, Seamus Ober, Alexis Shay, Zozha TenWolde

10th Grade:

Max Carter, Dillon Castrechino, Nathan Frank, Thomas Gerow, Taina Moynihan, Luke Nye-Smith, Riley Rynone, Alex Schreiber-Harris, Alexandra Strednak, Megan Tuckerman

11th Grade:

Myles Garcia, Emily Hatch, Zachary Hunter, Anastasja Moynihan, Tristan Pakkala, Brianna Zichettella

12th Grade:

Ashley Atherton, Kyle Bacorn-Royce, Erica Carney, Carletta Cotto, Marissa Cutter, Zandrea Davis, Jackie Gerow, Peter Hoskins, Anna Johnson, Colin Miller, Evan Miller, Taylor Roscioli, Connor Scott, Kodie Sears, Taylor Tubbs, Elizabeth Wood, Lindsey Wood, Rebecca Wood

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NEWFIELD PROJECT GRADUATION is the all-night drug, alcohol and smoke-free graduation party sponsored by the parents of the 2013 graduates. You can help support Project Graduation by "Sponsoring a Senior," whether you want to make a contribution to a senior you know or simply make the graduation a memorable night for any participant. Let us know the name of the senior you wish to sponsor or make the donation to the whole class of 2013 and mail it along with your donation to: Newfield Project Graduation, c/o Helen Beach, 587 Shaffer Rd, Newfield, NY 14867. A list of sponsors will be presented to the seniors.

Look for our upcoming fundraisers!

Money-Ball - Try your luck at girls' and boys' home basketball games! Line up at either hoop during half-time, pay \$1.00 and take your free-throw shot. If you make it, you get \$2.00. If you miss we keep your dollar! Money earned supports the all-night party

Holiday Gift Card/Prize Raffle – Sponsors include: Tops Markets, Wegmans, Eddydale Farms, Home Depot, Stella's Barn, Maguire Automotive, Target, Wal-Mart and the Boatyard Grill/Ciao and other area businesses who have generously donated prizes/gift cards. Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from senior student parents, at home Basketball games and by emailing Kelly O'Gara Sinn at ksinn@twcny.rr.com or 564-7729. The raffle winners will be chosen on Friday December 21, 2012. What great Christmas gifts these prizes make!

Pudgie's Coupon Book Sales - \$10.00 each- available from the senior parents.

NEWFIELD RECREATION SKI & RIDE CLUB

What: 6 trips to Greek Peak

Where: Leaving from in front of the high school at 3:15, returning there by 9:00 pm

When: Fridays Jan. 4 - Feb. 8

How: Sign up at <http://register.communitypass.net/greekpeak> and turn in a Town of Newfield release form <http://newfieldny.org/residents/recreation1/> (the form MUST be on file to ride the bus)!

Who: YOU!!! It's not too late - yet!

NEWFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Library is a fun place to be during the holidays! Our popular Gingerbread House Con-

test makes the library more festive and the sweet smells permeate the entire building. Community members will judge the houses and awards will be announced during Village Caroling on December 8. There's also a People's Choice Award so stop by the library to vote for your favorite.

Give the gift of reading to local Newfield children this holiday season. Once again, we'll be hosting a Library Giving Tree in conjunction with the Community Good Neighbor Fund. Come by to select a tag from our tree. We ask that you purchase a book, wrap it and return it to the library by Saturday December 15

Winter is the perfect time to curl up with a good book! The library has a great selection. Stop by to see what we have to offer!

Happy Holidays from NPL!