

# NEWFIELD NEWSLETTER



Newfield Central School District, 247 Main Street, Newfield, NY 14867 • (607) 564-9955

September 2011

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Newfield Community:

I look forward to the opening of school each year – probably even more than the parents do! Although summer is very busy, it can be too quiet and we miss the students and staff.

Since there were no building projects this summer, the cleaning crew was able to deep clean every inch of the campus. The buildings are sparkling and ready for a new year.

Although it was sad to say good-bye to staff members, it is always exciting to welcome new ones. We said good-bye to Ms. Carolyn Brown (Earth Science) and are saying hello to Ms. Kory Langley. We said good-bye to Jackquelyn Woodard (middle school guidance) and are saying hello to Jacqueline Bre-non. We said good-bye to Sarah Allen (Spanish) and are saying “welcome back” to Anna Llanos Carson. We are also welcoming Arnie Kelsey in Maintenance, Dr. Renee Christopher (leave replacement for Mrs. Myagi), Kittie Hollander (replacing Casey Powers), and new school monitors Cortney Utter and Rebecca Weaver. Jamie McCaffrey (social worker) will be back with us as well.

There are also some communication changes in store that will help us keep families up to date. We plan to open the Parent Portal which will give parents access to their child(ren)’s academic records, attendance, and discipline on a daily basis if they wish to view it. This will be a gradual implementation as we work out the details this fall. Each parent will have a password that will allow secure access. It is important that we have current phone numbers and email addresses on file, though, so please let your school office know of any changes.

Please contact me by phone, email or in person if you have any questions or concerns during the coming year. Thank you for your support and partnership as we begin a new year!

**Dr. Cheryl Thomas**

## RACHEL'S CHALLENGE

On September 21st, our middle school and high school students and staff, as well as families, will have the opportunity to participate in Rachel's Challenge. Rachel's Challenge is a program designed to help motivate all members of the school community to work together to build a positive, safe and engaging school culture.

As explained on their website, “Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20th, 1999. Rachel's Challenge was inspired by her acts of kindness and the contents of her six diaries. The mission of this program is to inspire, equip and empower every person to create a permanent positive culture change in their school, business and community by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion.”

Here at Newfield, the Rachel's Challenge Program will consist of the following:

- 2 school-wide assemblies in the morning, one for middle school students and staff and one for high school students and staff, during the school day.
- 1 community event in the evening.



The following information from the Rachel's Challenge website describes the student assemblies: The entire student body participates in a 1-hour multi-media assembly that opens with a 5-minute documentary-style clip that will inform the students about the Columbine tragedy. The goal of this video is to set the stage and add some context to the amazing life of kindness that Rachel lived. The rest of the assembly focuses on true stories from people who were impacted by her acts of kindness and encourages the students to live their life with purpose, kindness and compassion by accepting Rachel's 5 Challenges:

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# SEPTEMBER 2011

## District Events Calendar



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## RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFO

During the course of the school year, NCS releases student information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, photographs, and the name of the school previously attended by the student. This information, by law, can be released by the district without prior consent of the parents and appears in such things as programs for athletic events or concerts, the honor roll, the yearbook, etc.

Parents or legal guardians must notify the Superintendent in writing by October 15 if some or all of this information is **not** to be released without prior consent. Please send this notification to the District Office, 247 Main Street, Newfield, NY 14867.

## Student Driving

Students who are properly licensed to operate a vehicle may drive to school after receiving permission from a parent and school officials. Driving permission forms are available in the high school office. Students permitted to drive will receive a parking tag to be displayed on the vehicle's rearview mirror and a list of rules governing their driving privileges on campus. All students are to park in the last two rows, near the community playground.

All students attending vocational school and/or the community school will ride the school transportation unless special permission is granted by the high school principal.

### *Nurse Notes*

6th graders are required to have a TDaP & Varicella (chicken pox) vaccination.  
Kindergarteners must have the vaccines required for school (2 MMR, 1 Varicella, 3 TDaP, 3 Polio, 3 HepB).

Children without the required vaccinations will  
**NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND SCHOOL**  
per Public Health Law Section 2164(7)(a)

Please have shot records and physicals faxed  
to your school nurse.

Karen Russell, RN 564-9955, ext. 3114  
Christine Laughlin, RN 564-9955, ext. 4032  
Health Office Fax 564-3624

## HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING RULES

### Building Rules for High School Students

- Be on time.
- Use appropriate language.
- Keep your hands to yourself.
- Walk.
- Dress appropriately - Keep your pants all the way up and your body properly covered (see "Discipline Procedures", section 'h' for further clarification).
- Keep electronic/battery operated devices turned off and put away when inside the building (including but not limited to: cell phones, mp3 players, iPods, and other electronics, etc.).
- No gambling in any form allowed.
- No smoking by anyone is allowed.
- No water guns, water bottles, etc.
- No food/drink allowed outside of the cafeteria, except with special permission.
- No roller blades, skateboards, or bicycles.
- No hats – except on Principal approved days – On approved days, please remove hats and hoods when in the office of when in the classroom.
- No card playing.
- No hacky sack (except in the gym).
- No board games.



### School Lunch Prices

Due to increased cost based on The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, lunch prices have increased.

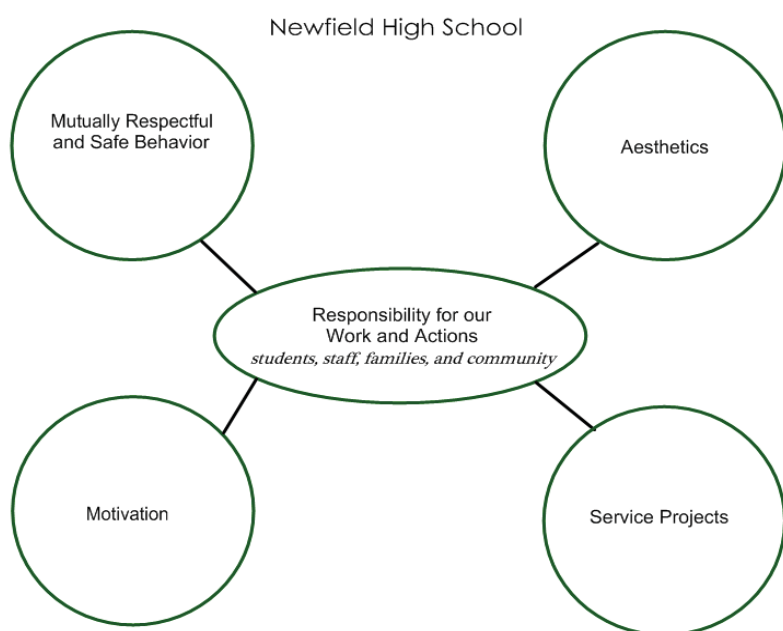
Elementary Lunch - \$1.65  
Middle/High Lunch - \$1.90

**BREAKFAST is still FREE  
for ALL STUDENTS!**

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Hello students, families, and community! All of us here at Newfield High School are excited to welcome you back for the start of a new school year.

As a staff, we have spent a great deal of time identifying the many reasons why Newfield High School is a great place to be and thinking about how to continue building on these characteristics as we move forward. Together, we have identified the following goal: **creating a school where all of us take responsibility for our work and actions – students, staff, families, and community.** As we move into the new school year, your input and collaboration will be crucial. The diagram below shows the four areas that we plan to focus on, in order to achieve this goal.



To help all of us become motivated and excited about this work, we will be participating in a program called Rachel's Challenge. Please look for the article that Ms. Griggs and I wrote together elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Barry Derfel**  
**H.S. Principal**



## High School Open House

Please plan to attend the High School Open House on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. This is a unique opportunity to meet the faculty in a casual setting and be a part of your child's education.

**(RACHEL'S CHALLENGE**  
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1. Eliminate Prejudice by looking for the best in others
2. Dare to Dream: set goals, keep a journal
3. Choose your Influences: input determines output
4. Kind Words: small acts of kindness = huge impact
5. Start a Chain Reaction with family and friends

We will also be working with our school counselors and our teachers to make connections between this program and the many other ways we promote a positive culture here at Newfield. As we go through the school year, we will look for and share examples of this work in action.

Finally, on the evening of September 21st, we will host a special event designed to enlist the support of families and community members. Our hope is that by participating in this program at the start of the school year, we will all be inspired to continue working together throughout the year to build a positive, safe, and engaging school culture.

For further information, you can visit the Rachel's Challenge website at:  
<http://www.rachelschallenge.org/>.

Looking forward to a great school year,

**Cathy Griggs and**  
**Barry Derfel**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Newfield Central School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast is at **NO CHARGE** in all grades; lunch costs **\$1.65 in elementary school and \$1.90 in middle/high school**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is **FREE** for breakfast and **\$0.25** for lunch.

1. **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Ms. Robin Wood, 247 Main St., Newfield, NY 14867.**
2. **WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?** All children in households receiving benefits from **food stamps, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations** or **TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
3. **Can foster children get free meals?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.
4. **CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Mr. David Barr** to see if they qualify.
5. **WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
6. **SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at **564-9955, ext. 4024** if you have questions.
7. **MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. **I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a **FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL** application.
9. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. **If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. **WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Joanne James, Newfield Central School, 564-9955, ext. 4121.**
12. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. **WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. **My spouse is deployed to a combat zone. is her combat pay counted as income?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
17. **MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for **food stamps** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009**.

**2011-2012 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES  
FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK  
REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART**

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$20,147	\$1,679	\$840	\$775	\$388
2	\$27,214	\$2,268	\$1,134	\$1,047	\$524
3	\$34,281	\$2,857	\$1,429	\$1,319	\$660
4	\$41,348	\$3,446	\$1,723	\$1,591	\$796
5	\$48,415	\$4,035	\$2,018	\$1,863	\$932
6	\$55,482	\$4,624	\$2,312	\$2,134	\$1,067
7	\$62,549	\$5,213	\$2,607	\$2,406	\$1,203
8	\$69,616	\$5,802	\$2,901	\$2,678	\$1,339
*Each additional household member add:	\$7,067	\$589	\$295	\$272	\$136



**How to Apply:** To get free or reduced price meals for your children you may submit a Direct Certification letter received from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, OR carefully complete one application for your household and return it to the designated office. If you now receive food stamps, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number for all the children for whom you are applying, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. An application that is not complete cannot be approved. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your food stamp or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application.

**Reporting Changes:** The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive food stamps.

**Income Exclusions:** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

**Nondiscrimination Statement:** This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

**Meal Service to Children With Disabilities:** Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

**Confidentiality:** The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cheryl Thomas  
Superintendent of Schools

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## NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH--BUT WE DO OFFER FREE BREAKFAST!!!

**PARENTS** did you know that Newfield Central School is the only school in this area to offer ALL students FREE BREAKFAST? Besides being the most important meal of the day, eating breakfast has been shown to lead to higher test scores, better class attendance and better behavior. It has also proven that students who eat breakfast are more likely to participate in physical activities and are more energetic. The more students who eat breakfast (especially free & reduced students), the more the program will succeed; this is due to our district being a high free & reduced food program. Having high numbers of these students eating breakfast allows us to keep this program available for all students. PARENTS-- to keep this program at NO COST to all our students, I need your help. Please encourage your child/ren to eat breakfast at school as much as possible. Thank you!



**Robin Wood, Food Service Director**

Date Withdrew \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment IIIA

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\*Temp Free Expires \_\_\_\_\_**2011-2012 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk**

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and return it to (name/school). Call (phone number), if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Income <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Food Stamp or TANF Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either food stamp, TANF or FDIPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 5, and sign the application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CASE # \_\_\_\_\_

3. If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant or a runaway, please call this number: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Homeless ☐ Migrant ☐ Runaway (Homeless Liaison/Migrant Education Coordinator)

4. Household Gross Income: List all people living in your household, how much and how often they are paid (weekly, every other week, twice per month, monthly). If you have listed a foster child above, you must report their personal income.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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5. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application and provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all of the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: \*\*\*-\*\*-\_\_\_\_

I do not  
have a  
SS# ☐

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**

**Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)**  
 Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

☐ Food Stamp/TANF/Foster☐ Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_☐ Free Meals ☐ Reduced Price Meals ☐ Denied/Paid ☐ Temporary Free 45 Days Expires \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Date Notice Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Reviewing Official \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, submit a Direct Certification letter received from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance OR complete only one application for your household using the instructions. Sign the application and return the application to \_\_\_\_\_. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is no longer needed. Call the school if you need help: \_\_\_\_\_. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

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**PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.**

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
  - (2) List their grade and school.
  - (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, and check the box for each child with no income.
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**PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING FOOD STAMPS, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 5.**

- (1) List a current Food Stamp, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. Do not use the 16-digit number on your benefit card. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
  - (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 5. SKIP PART 4. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a food stamp case number, TANF or FDPIR number.
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**PART 3 Before completing an application for a child who may be homeless, a migrant education student, or a runaway, please call your school's homeless liaison or migrant education coordinator at this number:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Homeless Liaison/Migrant Education Coordinator name and Phone Number)*

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**PARTS 4 & 5 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 5.**

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
  - (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
  - (3) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 5** if Part 4 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. If you listed a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.
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**OTHER BENEFITS:** Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In order to determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Food Stamp, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

### DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR DAILY DISMISSAL

Kdg. – 5th grade

Please complete the form below and send it to your child's teacher on the first day of school so that he/she is certain where your child is to go for daily dismissal. Your child will be released in accordance with these directions unless a note changing this plan is sent to his/her classroom teacher at least one week in advance.

STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CHILD'S TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

My child is to go:

\_\_\_\_ home on bus letter \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (home address)

\_\_\_\_ to this babysitter

Name of sitter \_\_\_\_\_

Address of sitter \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # of sitter \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ by riding bus letter \_\_\_\_\_ to this sitter

\_\_\_\_ by walking to this sitter's house

\_\_\_\_ by being picked up at school by this sitter

\_\_\_\_ to the Newfield School Childcare Program where my child is a registered participant

\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my child in the hallway near the Elem. Office at the end of school. Daily K-5 Dismissal is at 3:00.

## NEWFIELD CHILDCARE PROGRAM

All Newfield families are encouraged to enroll in one or more of the Newfield Childcare Programs. Programs offered are Nursery School, Day Care and the Before/After School Program. We are looking forward to providing care, education and socialization for your child in a stimulating, nurturing and safe environment. For an application or more information, please contact Kittie Hollander at 564-9955, ext.

## "SAY CHEESE!"

From time to time we have newspaper reporters and photographers cover assemblies and other special events at our school. Pictures of the children enjoying the performance or event make news stories extra special to the people in our community. **If you DO NOT want to have your child's name and/or photo released, you need to fill out and return this form today!** If you have any questions, please call 564-9955.

\_\_\_\_ I **do not** give permission for my child's name and/or picture to be used in newspaper or other publications of school events.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

**September 22, 2011 at  
5:30 p.m.**

Visit classrooms, meet teachers, learn about programs, and enjoy a PTA-sponsored ice cream social in the high school cafeteria at 7:00.

### PLEASE NOTE:

**We ask that children remain under parental supervision throughout the evening. Thank you!**



# Bus Route Description - Fall 2011

*All routes originate from Newfield School. Buses begin picking up students with the first road listed, continuing down the list. Buses depart from the school at the noted times and arrive at the school between 7:40 and 7:45 Am.*

**ALL ROUTES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## **ROUTE A - 7:15 AM**

Douglas Rd. (from Millard Hill)  
Wards Park (Red Barn only)  
Wards Blvd. East  
Sebring Rd.

## **Route A - 3:00 PM**

Sebring Rd.  
Douglas Road (All)  
Wards (Red Barn only)  
Wards Blvd. East  
Douglas to Millard Hill Road

## **ROUTE B – 7:15 AM**

Rt. 13 North from Main St.  
Decker Rd.  
34/96 South  
Manhattan Dr., Nob Hill,  
Melody Lane, Holiday Lane

## **Route B – 3:00 PM**

Rt. 13 North to Decker Rd.  
34/96 South  
Manhattan Dr., Nob Hill,  
Melody Lane, Holiday Lane

## **ROUTE C – 7:05 AM**

Vankirk Rd.  
Cox Rd.  
Starks Rd.  
Bull Hill Rd.  
Vankirk Rd.  
Irish Hill Rd.  
Van Buskirk Gulf (#679-870)  
Kelloggs Corners Rd.  
Briarwood Lane

## **ROUTE C – 3:00 PM**

Briarwood Lane  
Cox Rd.  
Starks Rd.  
Bull Hill Rd.  
Kelloggs Corners Rd.  
VanBuskirk Gulf Rd.  
Irish Hill Rd.  
Warris Rd.  
Vankirk Rd.

## **ROUTE D –**

### **Depart 6:50 AM**

Lower Piper Rd.  
Brown Rd.  
Station Rd.  
34/96 (Station to Short Rd.)  
Van Buskirk Gulf Rd.  
Tupper Rd.  
Van Buskirk Gulf/Bower Rd.  
Shaffer Rd. (Piper to Adams)  
Adams Road  
Old Payne Road  
Shaffer Rd. to Benj. Hill

### **ROUTE D – 3:00 PM**

Shaffer Rd. to Benjamin Hill  
Adams Rd.  
Old Payne Rd.  
Shaffer Rd. (Adams to Piper)  
Van Buskirk Gulf/Bower Rd.  
Tupper Rd.  
Van Buskirk Gulf Rd.  
34/96 (Station to Short Rd.)  
Station Rd.  
Lower Piper Rd.  
Brown Rd.

## **ROUTE E – 6:50 AM**

34/96 South from Depot  
Slators Lane  
34/96 South to Valley View  
Valley View Rd.  
Maple Ave.  
Short Rd.  
Rt. 34/96 North  
Crestview only

## **ROUTE E – 3:00 PM**

34/96 South from Depot Rd.  
Slators Lane

Rt. 34/96 South to Valley View  
Valley View Rd.  
Maple Ave.  
Short Road  
34/96 North  
Crestview only

## **ROUTE F – 7:00 AM**

Main St. Ext.  
Pine Circle  
Rt. 13 South  
Test Rd.  
Sebring Rd. to Rt. 13  
Rt. 13 South  
Cayuta Rd.  
Rt. 13 North

## **ROUTE F – 3:00 PM**

Main St. Ext.  
Pine Circle  
Rt. 13 South  
Test Rd.  
Sebring Rd. to Rt. 13  
Rt. 13 South  
Cayuta Rd.  
Rt. 13 North

## **ROUTE G - 6:50 AM**

Blovsky Hill Rd.  
Carter Creek Rd.  
Rowell Hill Rd.  
Trumbull Corners Rd. (from  
Millard Hill to Hines Rd.)  
Hines Rd.  
Millard Hill Rd. (all)  
Burdge Hill Rd.

## **ROUTE G – 3:00 PM**

Blovsky Hill Rd.  
Carter Creek Rd.  
Rowell Hill Rd.  
Trumbull Corners Rd. (Millard  
Hill to Hines Rd.)  
Millard Hill Rd. (all)  
Burdge Hill Rd.

*Those big, yellow  
buses are back on the  
road!  
Be safe and watch for  
students.*

**ROUTE H –  
Depart 6:50 AM**

Cayutaville Rd.  
Connecticut Hill Rd.  
Black Oak Rd.  
Tower Rd.  
Protts Hill Rd.  
Horton Rd.  
Butternut/Deer Run Rd.  
intersection  
Stonehaven Circle  
Trumbull Corners (Horton to  
Rt.13)

**ROUTE H – 3:00 PM**

Trumbull Corners Rd. (to  
Horton Rd.)  
Horton Rd.  
Stonehaven Circle  
Butternut/Deer Run Rd.  
intersection  
Protts Hill Rd.  
Cayutaville Rd.  
Connecticut Hill Rd.  
Black Oak Rd.  
Tower Rd.

**ROUTE I – 7:00 AM**

Smith Rd.  
Piper Rd. (to Shaffer)  
Shaffer (to Van Buskirk Gulf)  
#357 Van Buskirk Gulf  
Sunnyview Drive  
Benjamin Hill Rd. (all)

**ROUTE I – 3:00 PM**

Smith Rd.  
Piper Rd. (to Shaffer)  
Shaffer (to Van Buskirk Gulf)  
#357 Van Buskirk Gulf Rd.  
Sunnyview Rd.  
Van Buskirk Gulf Rd.  
Benjamin Hill Rd. (all)

**ROUTE J – 6:50 Am.**

#595 Vanbuskirk Gulf Rd.  
Taggart Rd.  
Cornish Hollow Rd.  
Seeley Hill Rd.  
VanBuskirk Rd.  
Dawes Hill Rd.  
Lampila Road  
Shaffer Rd. (from Lampila to  
Van Buskirk Gulf) - EXCEPT  
#732-738)

**ROUTE J – 3:00 PM**

#595 Van Buskirk Gulf Road  
Taggart Rd.  
Cornish Hollow Rd.  
Seeley Hill Rd.  
Van Buskirk Rd.  
Dawes Hill Rd.  
Lampila Rd.  
Shaffer (from Lampila to Van  
Buskirk Gulf) - EXCEPT #732-  
738)

**ROUTE K – 7:15 AM**

Shaffer Rd. (#732-738)  
Ruuspakka Rd.  
Barnes Hill Rd.  
Dassance Rd.  
Cloverland Park

**ROUTE K – 3:00 PM**

Shaffer Rd. (#732-738)  
Ruuspakka Rd.  
Barnes Hill Rd.  
Dassance Rd.  
Cloverland Park

**ROUTE L – 7:15 AM**

#474 Douglas Rd.  
Corrington Rd.  
Cole Circle  
Whitted Dr.  
Bishop Rd.  
Fishkill Rd.  
Rt. 13 S, p/u to Main St.  
Hidden Pines

**ROUTE L - 3:00 PM**

#474 Douglas Rd.  
Corrington Rd.  
Cole Circle  
Whitted Dr.  
Bishop Rd.  
Fishkill Rd.  
Rt. 13 S, p/u to Main St.  
Hidden Pines

**ROUTE M – 7:15 AM**

Depot Rd.  
Valley Manor Park (all stops)  
#45 & #111 Adams Rd.  
Old Payne Rd. (p/u all)

**ROUTE M - 3:00 PM**

Depot Rd.  
Valley Manor Park (all stops)  
#45 & #111 Adams Rd.  
Old Payne Rd. (p/u all)

**ROUTE N - 7:10 AM**

#1721 34/96  
Blakeslee Hill Rd. (all)  
Shelter Valley  
(not Crestview)

**ROUTE N – 3:00 PM**

Blakeslee Hill Road (all)  
Shelter Valley (not Crestview)  
#1721 34/96



Joel Meade, Director of Transportation  
Newfield Central School District  
247 Main St.  
Newfield, NY 14867  
(607) 564-9955 X 4141

The Newfield School Transportation Department would like to thank all the parents who returned the questionnaire, this helps out greatly! There have been numerous changes for the 2011-12 school year, so **please read the route descriptions carefully**. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at the above number. REMEMBER: SAFETY-SAFETY-SAFETY AT THE BUS STOPS!!!!

**REMINDER:**

*The school day is from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.  
Dismissal is at 3:00 PM for ALL students, K-12.  
There will no longer be a 2:00 PM dismissal.*

Newfield Central School  
247 Main Street  
Newfield, NY 14867

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RESIDENT/BOXHOLDER  
NEWFIELD, N.Y. 14867

## SCHOOL TAX NOTICE

You will be receiving your 2011-12 school tax bills in the mail on or near the first of September. Please mail tax payments to: Newfield School Tax Collector, 247 Main Street, Newfield, New York 14867. If necessary, tax payments may be made in person at the Newfield branch **only** of Tioga State Bank. Tioga State Bank lobby hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. 'til 4:00 p.m. and Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. 'til 5:00 p.m.

Again this year there are two options for making your tax payment. **Option A** is a full payment without penalty from September 1st through September 30th, or a full payment with a 2% penalty from October 1st through November 2nd. **ANY PAYMENTS OUTSTANDING AFTER NOVEMBER 2ND WILL BE RELEVIED ON YOUR TOWN/COUNTY TAX BILL IN JANUARY, WITH PENALTIES ADDED.**

**Option B** is an installment plan with the first installment payment on or before September 30th. The second installment is due March 1st to the Tompkins County Division of Finance, 125 E. Court Street, Ithaca, New York 14850.

Property owners are responsible for tax payments, whether they are received in the mail or not. If you do not receive your taxes in a timely way, please be sure to contact the Tax Office at Newfield Central School, 564-9955 ext. 4122 or email your request to [jjames@newfieldschools.org](mailto:jjames@newfieldschools.org).



## NEWFIELD RECREATION

The Recreation Assessment Committee will soon be asking you what activities you would like to see in our town.

We are targeting all groups, our goal is to enhance the quality of life here in Newfield.

If there are specific events, leisure activities or recreation opportunities you would like to see, we are interested in hearing from you.

A survey will be coming out soon, so please watch for it and respond.

*Recreation Assessment Committee*

## **NEWFIELD OLD HOME DAYS** **September 9th and 10th**

### **Friday, Sept. 9**

Food Tents & Carnival Rides Open - 5:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, Sept. 10**

5K Run - registration starts at 7:30 a.m.

Parade (from bank to school) - 11:00 a.m.

Miniature Tractor Pull - 1:00 pm.

Fire Department Water Ball - after parade

NPL Book Sale - after parade

FREE live music all day

Chicken BBQ - 12:00 noon until gone

Carnival Rides Open - 1:00 p.m. (wristbands 1-4:00)

Food tents, vendors, NPL book sale - all day

FREE Ithaca Community Band Concert - 7:00 p.m.

Cake for Bicentennial - 8:00 p.m.

Fireworks - at dark