

NEWFIELD NEWSLETTER



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

April 2012



**WORLD FAMOUS
TRUMPETER
ALLEN VIZZUTTI**

Newfield will be hosting world famous trumpeter Allen Vizzutti during the month of May.

Equally at home in a multitude of musical idioms, Allen Vizzutti has visited 40 countries and every state in the union to perform with a rainbow of artists and ensembles including Chick Corea, 'Doc' Severinsen, the NBC Tonight Show Band, the Airmen Of Note, the Army Blues and Army Symphony Orchestra, Chuck Mangione, Woody Herman, Japan's NHK Orchestra and the New Tokyo Philharmonic, the Budapest Radio Orchestra, , the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Leipzig Wind Symphony and the Kosie Wind Orchestra. Performing as a classical and a jazz artist, often in the same evening, he has appeared as guest soloist with symphony orchestras in Tokyo, Germany, St. Louis, Seattle, Rochester, Syracuse, Milwaukee, Buffalo, Phoenix, Croatia, Slovenia, Edmonton, Vancouver and Winnipeg to name

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LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Community Members,

The budget will be adopted this month by the Board of Education. I want to thank all of you for your support and ideas as they wrestled with some very difficult budget decisions. We believe the budget will sustain the excellent programs in Newfield and guide us in "doing more with less" next year. Thankfully, the state did not take back as much state aid this year as they did last year and our tax cap is not as low as we thought it might be – both things that have enabled us to avoid deep cuts in the budget. The official Budget Hearing will be on May 3rd and the vote will be on May 15th.

We will soon be entering the testing season for our elementary and middle school students, with high school students not too far behind. Since the elementary school is now a SINI school ("School In Need of Improvement") by New York State standards, the teachers have been working hard all year to provide students with the knowledge and skills they need in order to meet the higher standards. In the midst of all of this, we are also working on revising the curriculum to align with the national Common Core Standards, learning how to write Student Learning Objectives, and changing the way teachers and principals are evaluated.

When the dust settles, I believe we will see positive changes and make great strides toward academic excellence, even though change is hard and often painful. It's a lot like growing up in that it happens in stages. Stage 1 is where we learn "the way things are" from our own, unique perspective of the world. Stage 2 comes when we realize that not everyone has the same perspective. Stage 3 is the realization that different doesn't have to mean wrong, and that others sometimes think we're the one that's wrong. Stage 4 can be a time of rebellion and angst as we realign our world view and adjust to new knowledge and developing skills. Stage 5 is the realization that it can actually be fun to learn other ways of doing things. The final stage is when we actually go searching for new ideas and collaborate with others on how to implement them in order to improve ourselves and our practices.

Thank you for sticking it out with us through the difficult changes! If we all work together, we can accomplish great things!


Dr. Cheryl Thomas
Superintendent of Schools



APRIL 2012

District Events Calendar



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name a few. Music lovers in Germany, Poland, England, Sweden, Brazil, Canada, Japan, Australia and the United States have heard his brilliant sound over the airwaves of national television. Allen's status as an artist has led to solo performances at the Hollywood Bowl, Carnegie Hall, Newport Jazz Festival, Banff Center for the Performing Arts, Montreaux Jazz Festival, the Teton, Vail, Aspen and Breckenridge Music Festivals, the Charles Ives Center and Lincoln Center in New York City.

From his home in Seattle Washington, Allen's current career activities embody an impressive schedule of recitals, concerts, recording and composing. His continued commitment to music education and the value of music in everyday life results in an extensive schedule of guest appearances at universities throughout North America, Europe, Japan and Australia.

Mr. Vizzutti will be meeting with students throughout the district and will be holding master classes and clinics during his visit. Look for details regarding Mr. Vizzutti's visit in May's district newsletter!

*"Beautiful...lyrical...stunning...stupifying."
"Trumpet player supreme."
-Syracuse Post Standard*



PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR CHANGES FOR APRIL:

April 6 – NO SCHOOL (Snow Day give-back) if no snow days are used between now and then

April 5 and 23 – Parent/Teacher Conference Day for Elem only (change from April 16th)

April 27 – 12:40 pm dismissal for all students

April 30 – NO SCHOOL for all students

BUDGET AND BOARD VACANCIES

Discussions of the proposed **2012-13 school budget** will continue at Board meetings throughout April. All community members are invited to attend and get involved in the process. April meetings are scheduled for **April 5th** and **(Wednesday) April 18th**, with the budget hearing on **May 3rd**. Additional community meetings have also been scheduled at the Newfield Fire Hall on April 30th, the Newfield Public Library on May 7th and the Garden Apartments on May 8th. Check the website for details. The annual budget vote will be held on **May 15th**.

In addition to the budget vote, two positions on the **Board of Education** will be filled by election on May 15th. Current incumbents are Sylvia Allinger and Missy Rynone. If you are interested in running for one of these vacant seats, please call or pick up a petition in the District Office. This petition is due to the District Clerk by **April 16th** at 5:00 p.m.

If you will be eligible to use an **Absentee Ballot** because of a disability or legitimate absence, you can obtain an application from the District Clerk. Applications must be returned seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the vote if the voter is picking up the ballot in person. The ballot must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15th in order to be counted.



SUMMER PROGRAM FOR 3-5 YEAR OLDS

The Newfield Child Care Program is exploring the possibility of a summer program for 3-5 year olds, contingent on need, available space and staffing. If you, or someone you know, is interested please contact Kittie Hollander at 564-9955, ext. 1101 or 4103 or at Khollander@newfieldschools.org.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE



Cassandra R. Martin, daughter of Renee and Patrick Breen of Newfield, was nominated by her teacher Anneke Valles to attend the National Young Leaders state conference in Albany. Cassandra was recognized as an outstanding individual achieving academic excellence and showing strong leadership potential. Her essay application garnered Cassandra a scholarship to be used toward expenses as well as a gift from her parents and grandparents.

Nurse Notes

6th graders are required to have a **Tdap & Varicella** (chickenpox) vaccination.

KINDERGARTENERS in the fall must have the vaccines required for school

(2 MMR, 1 Varicella, 3 DTaP, 3 Polio, 3 HepB).

Children without the required vaccines will

NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

per Public Health Law Section 2164(7)(a)

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

Karen Russell, RN 564-9955 ext.3114 Christine Laughlin, RN 564-9955 ext.4032

Middle/High Health Office Fax 564-3624 Elementary School Office Fax 330-9000

GOLDEN PAW WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY

Kindergarten

Gianni DeJesus
Grace Deets
Paige Morse
Andrew Hubert
Cameron Owens
Jenna Wolfe
Autumn Lucas
Sophia Shaff
Jaimee West
Natalie Tibbals
Angelis Owens

Grade 1

Kacey Berggren
Samara Ketcham
Jalen Hardison
Vincent Longmire
Caleb McWhorter
Tiarrah Hall
Linkin Thornton
Connor Lynch
Brody Jackson
Pavel Jofre

Grade 2

Miguel Jofre
Matthew Tibbals
Mya Brewster
Sean Roe
Wyatt Shults

Sean Roe

Kiarra Schoenfeldt
Logan Dempsey
Jessikah Russell

Grade 3

Mason Weaver
Jake Humble
Tatiana Smith
Lauren Gradel
Skyler Dannic
Timothy DeMann
Molly Brown
Kaylee Hines
Sarah Kate Sprentall
Sarah VanCamp
Vanissa Longmire
Max Stansfield
Kyle LaBarge
Maura Wood-Ellis

Grade 4

Thomas Havlik
Jeff Hein
Ian Adams
Lamar Johnson
Kyler McIlroy
Chandler Cotto
Zoe Carl
Chandler Cotto
Reaquan McBean
Devante Magee
Kade Pawlewicz

Grade 5

Kayla Place
Taylor Gradel
Carson Miller
Anthony Pawlewicz
Morgan Downing
Carson Miller
Drew Clark
Brianna Lower
Jasmine Hallock
Meghan King

Specials

Zach Banta
Marcus Griffin
Mogan Adams
Ashley Monroe
Zakim Adams
Alexis Blakeslee
Sarah Kate Sprentall
Taylor Whitted
Levi Burke
Logen Bogart



BUS CONDUCT CHALLENGE

The District believes that students can take responsibility for their actions on the bus and help keep themselves and other students safe during their ride to and from school. But, why not make it FUN?!

Our program began with a reminder to students and staff of the expectations for behavior on the bus. Each day, the students on the bus earn credit for their group effort at demonstrating good behavior. After the first five days, buses with safe behavior on each of those days will earn a reward. The next goal will be to reach two weeks of safe behavior. After this, buses will receive "celebrity" guest visits from people who will randomly select a bus and check for safe behavior. Students who have had a good week of safe behavior when these visits occur will earn more rewards!



Here are the Rules:

1. Be Safe: Stay in your seat, sit down, and face forward.
2. Be Caring: Help others and make room for everyone.
3. Be Respectful: Listen to the driver and use appropriate language.
4. Be Here, Be Ready: Follow the driver's directions and be on time.

Ultimately, a "Best Bus of the Year" Award will be given in June to those students who have made a difference on their bus.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST, CREW AND ORCHESTRA OF "ANNIE" on another fantastic production! The sets, the singing, the dancing and the funny little "extras" always make Newfield shows a special treat and this year was no exception. Great job to all!



Abbi, Elianna, Tamika, Serena, and Pheobe put the finishing touches on their roller coaster. While studying the uses for potential energy, students competed to build the most thrilling roller coaster in Mr. Doran's Science Class.

COMMITTED TO WHAT'S BEST FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Help Eliminate Hunger in Newfield

I don't know exactly how we can eliminate hunger here in Newfield, but I think this would be a meaningful and worthy task for us to join together to work towards. I do know that there is a significant history of individuals, organizations, and informal groups of people who have been doing this work for a long time. In fact, I remember when I was a student at Ithaca College and one of my teachers, Janet Fitchen, brought my future wife (Lisa) and me out to Newfield to drop off clothes we had collected at the college to a woman named Georgia Coffin, who knew families that could use them. And, I am well aware of the many ways that our students currently support our community through the canned food drive, helping out at the food pantry, and other such efforts.

In the early fall of this year, as our school moved forward with our building goals work (including service), I started to think about what it would be like if a group of students, staff, families, and community came together to think about the reasons why hunger in Newfield persists, and what it would be like for us to act together in ways that might actually lead to the eventual elimination of hunger in our community. What better way to build meaningful connections between home, school, and community than to bring us together to solve such an important and persistent problem?

Later in the fall, while a group of us were at a human rights workshop, we had the time to talk about this in some depth. We came away motivated to really make this happen, and now we are reaching out to humbly invite you to join us.

Our plan, at this point, is quite modest. We want to host a free dinner at the High School, in late April. The date has not yet been set. We would like this meal to consist entirely of food grown and purchased from our local community, and we'd like the meal to be cooked by our own students, staff, and community members.

At this dinner, we'd like to begin a broader discussion about the current state of hunger in Newfield and how we might coordinate our efforts to most strategically eliminate it.

If you are willing to help plan this event, if you have local produce, meat, or other food items that you would like us to consider purchasing and cooking for this meal, or if you would like to help out on the night of this dinner, please let me know.

There is no limit to what we might be able to achieve together. As our high school vision states, we are conscious, consistent, and committed to what's best for our community.

Mr. Barry Derfel
H.S. Principal

Attention Trojan Fans:

The Class of 2013 will be selling Newfield Trojan window clings for vehicles. These items will be available for \$7.00 each. The Trojan window clings are 6"X9.6". Show your school spirit and get your Trojan window cling today!



Contact Jana Leyden or a current member of the Class of 2013 to place your order. Please make checks out to "Newfield Class of 2013".

Contact Information for Jana Leyden at jleyden@newfield-schools.org or 564-9955, ext. 3202.

**Please help to keep
our school grounds
clean! This means
that you should al-
ways pick up your
trash and clean up
after your pets.**

REMINDER:

**The NYS tax code
for
Newfield
Central School
District is 436.**

SEMI-FORMAL DANCE

Dress up in your evening attire and come dance the night away! The high school student council invites students in grades 9-12 to attend the annual semi-formal dance on Saturday, April 21, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The cost is \$8.00 per person.

If you are planning to bring a guest, a permission form will need to be signed during the week of April 16 by your parent and returned to the high school office by April 19.

Drinks will be available for 50 cents and there will be many door prizes to be given away throughout the evening.

This year's theme is "Phantom of the Opera/Masquerade." Come experience the mysterious evening with dancing and friends and door prizes!



SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Newfield Fine Arts Boosters is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner Thursday, April 5th from 5-7 PM at the Newfield High School Cafeteria. Proceeds will benefit the music department.

There will be entertainment provided by the Newfield Band and Chorus students. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens and children. Free for children under 5.

Mike McLaughlin from Pudgie's Pizza will be our chef. Come out and have a great meal and hear some great music!

HEALTHY LIVING COMMITTEE

Please enjoy this recipe from Newfield Central School's Healthy Living committee. If anyone has questions or would like to join the committee they may contact Joanne James at jjames@newfieldschools.org.

Morning Muffins (Makes 24 Regular-sized Muffins)

1/2 Cup Raisins
2 Cups White Whole Wheat Flour
1 Cup Packed Dark Brown Sugar
2 Tsp Baking Soda
2 Tsp Ground Cinnamon
1/4 Tsp Ground Ginger
1/2 Tsp Salt
4 Medium Carrots, peeled and grated (2 Cups)
1/2 Medium Zucchini, grated (1 Cup)
2/3 cup Walnuts, chopped
3 Large Eggs
2/3 Cup Vegetable Oil or Applesauce
1/3 Cup Buttermilk
2 Tsp Vanilla Extract



1. Preheat oven to 375° F.
2. Place the raisins in a small bowl, cover with hot water, and set aside to plump.
3. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, and salt.
4. Stir in the carrots, zucchini, pecans, and pine nuts.
5. In another large bowl whisk together the eggs, oil, buttermilk, and vanilla.
6. Add the egg mixture to the flour mixture and mix until just combined.
7. Drain the raisins and stir them into the batter.
8. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin tin 3/4 full with batter.
9. Bake 25 minutes (15 minutes for mini muffins) or until a wooden pick inserted into muffins comes out clean.
10. Serve.

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~Newfield Schools Support the Community~

NEWFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

We want to thank all of our friends and patrons for making our **March Open House** a really special event. It was a pleasure to spend a few hours sharing food, music, and conversation. The open house was the start of a very busy month at the library, which included all of our regular programs as well as:



- a Nook Tablet training session
- a month-long celebration of E.B. White's beloved classic "Charlotte's Web", which put copies of this wonderful story on bookshelves throughout our community
- a volunteer recognition night, and
- a very successful Spring Book Sale.

Regular visitors to the library may have noticed a marked **increase in after-school traffic**. We couldn't be more pleased to be serving as a community resource for formal and informal tutoring, as well as a meeting place for community and local history organizations. It can be a challenge to juggle the needs of so many different types of users in such a small space, but we do our best to accommodate everyone, and we're happy that you think of us as a community center.

Our **plans for April** include all of our regular programs, including the First Tuesday Book Club, the Wednesday Afternoon Teen Tech Club, Knitting/Crocheting night, one last free Tax Counseling session for Seniors, and another of our popular CHRYSALIS workshops for college-bound students. Behind the scenes, we'll be hard at work planning events for the **Summer Reading Program**, so stay tuned for details.

Newfield Public Library
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w: www.newfieldpubliclibrary.org

FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT NEWFIELD FOOD PANTRY

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012
9AM-3PM
NEWFIELD METHODIST CHURCH
227 MAIN STREET
SPONSORED BY
NEWFIELD GIRL SCOUT SERVICE
UNIT



In honor of the Girl Scout's 100th anniversary, our goal is to collect 2012 units of food. If you would like to contribute to this amazing collection, please drop off at the Newfield Methodist Church, 227 Main Street, on April 28th. You can also arrange for pick up by calling 564-7823 between 9:00-10:30 am on 28th or drop off at one of the many drop off sites between April 14th-28th to be located at Newfield Public Library, the Covered Bridge Market & Hilltop gas station, Tioga State Bank & Newfield P.O. Items accepted for food drive will be non-perishable, canned or boxed items. No expired, rusty, dented or opened items.

Be a part of history as the Newfield Girl Scouts make a difference in their community, one food unit at a time!

**THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING THE
NEWFIELD GIRL SCOUTS
IN THIS EVENT.**