

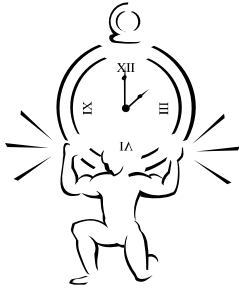
NEWFIELD NEWSLETTER



Newfield Central School District

January 2012

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Happy New Year! That is always the wish that is so easily spoken on January 1st and thought about each day following. We wish for peace, for prosperity, for safety, for good health, for time with family and friends. Some wish for their children to do well in school and to graduate without any issues! Others wish

for recognition and someone to be proud of them. Or they may wish to make a difference in the world, to bring joy and happiness to others. Some of these wishes may be things that are out of our control, but most are totally dependent on the decisions we make and how we choose to act each day.

In addition to academics, a major emphasis in our schools this year is about taking responsibility for our actions, thinking about others before ourselves, and putting aside prejudices and bullying behaviors. We want to support parents in reinforcing these things at home as well. We can only make a difference in the world if we have made a difference in our own community first.

There are challenges ahead of us as we pause to reflect mid-way through our school year, but there have also been accomplishments. We are navigating through the state required School Quality Review (SQR) process which requires us to look analytically at student achievement data and come up with a plan for improvement. Our two areas of concentration in the elementary school are literacy and the special education program. Look for some small changes in these areas that will hopefully make big differences in student achievement!

Dr. Cheryl Thomas
Superintendent of Schools

Budget 2012-2013 Survey Results

If you have not yet had a chance to give us your opinion on the 2012-2013 budget, please go to our website www.newfield-schools.org and take the short survey before the end of January. Here are the results so far:

1. ***Should we stay within the tax cap limit?***

- a. 51% said yes
- b. 49% said no

2. ***Where are you willing to cut?***

- a. A majority voted for increasing revenue rather than cutting (ex. charge for community use of the buildings and for student parking passes).
- b. The next highest category was for savings through efficiencies (ex. eliminate AC, lower temperatures in all buildings).
- c. The least desirable option was to make cuts to programs.

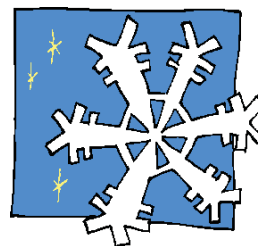
3. ***Suggestions for how the district can save money:***

There were many of these. We will be talking about these during Board of Education budget sessions. Several ideas, although they make sense, are not possible due to state mandates or education law. We will be explaining these as well.



JANUARY 2012

District Events Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
1 New Year's Day	2 NO SCHOOL	3 5:30 PM JV/V BB vs. O-M 5:30 PM JV/V Girls' BB @ O-M	4	5 7:00 PM Board Mtg. - Elem. Lib.	6 5:30 PM JV/V BB vs. TAE 5:30 PM JV/V Girls' BB @ TAE	7 9:00 AM Indoor Winter Track @ Cornell																																																																																				
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Golden Paw Winners for November 2011

Kindergarten

Joseph Howell
Emily Lockwood
Cameron Weiland
Autumn Lucas
Sophia Shaff
Lily Vorhis
Charleigh Wrisley
Evan Miller
Madison Shrader
Jason Putnam-Cole
Aram Steinhagen
Kamora Peterson
Porter Rowbotham
Trinity Bell

First Grade

Zachary Taylor
Caiden Castrechino
Liane Jackson
Kenny DiLiberato
Caleb McWhorter
Trevor Sinn
Leah Cooper
Leyna Sanders
Ashlee Merriman

Second Grade

Matthew Dunn
Christian Holden
Bryce Williams
Michael Emery
Hunter Miller
Skylar Hurd
Myia Sobus
Taylor King
Hayden Becker
Reese Husch

Third Grade

Michael Newby
Victoria Myers
Brennan Hover
Jaclynn Harrington
Skye Frost
Danny Reilly
Alex McEver

Jenna Goodwin
Isabelle Disodoro
Zach Donley
Zack Donley
Gavin Trask
Kayden Reed
Travis Larkin

Fourth Grade

Zoe Carl
Richard Rooman
Brianna Miller
Amber Tierney
Devon Parents
Lena Kennel Ramsey
Reaquan McBean
Hailey Goodrich
Matthew Dickens
Mahalame Mace

Fifth Grade

Anthony Pawlewicz
Shania Valentine
Alexis Blakeslee
Ayden Zahradnik
Rayin Rumsey
Dakota Curtis
Dakota Geiger
Jasmine Monroe
Alaina Blakeley

Special Areas

Taylor Whitted
Anthony Kithcart
Noah Weiner
Rebecca Brown
Logen Bogart
Faith Deets
Aram Steinhagen
Zoe Carl
Coach Green
Kacey Berggren
Josh Deets
Arthur Hardison
Matty Schloupt
Ally Place
Grace Utter

Elementary Student Council

Student Council would like to thank everyone that contributed to the Giving Tree. We collected 275 items that included hats, gloves, scarves, toys and many more things.

Mrs. Green's Class donated the most items and will have a ice cream/pizza party to celebrate!

Items collected were given to the Community Good Neighbor Fund to be distributed to the Newfield Community.

Thanks again,

Elementary Student Council



Elementary students go out for recess when weather permits. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play with boots, hats and mittens for those snowy days!

High School Mid-Term Week

During the week of January 23-27, the high school will run its formal mid-term and Regents exam schedule. High school students need to be in school if they have an exam. Vocational students will be expected to attend their regularly scheduled vocational classes Monday through Friday.

Below is a schedule of course mid-term exams for the week for all high school students:

	<u>8:00-10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:45-3:00</u>
1/23	Per. 1 Class Exam	Per. 2 Class Exam
1/24	Per. 3 Class Exam	Per. 4 Class Exam
1/25	Per. 5 Class Exam	Per. 6 Class Exam
1/26	Per. 7 Class Exam	Per. 8 Class Exam
1/27	Per. 9 Class Exam	Rating Afternoon

Below is the Regents Exam Schedule for select students:

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>12 Noon</u>
1/23	None	None
1/24	Algebra RCT Global	English Physics
1/25	Living Environment RCT US History	Trigonometry RCT Math
1/26	US History Geometry RCT Science	RCT Reading Chemistry Earth Science
1/27	Global History	None

There will be transportation provided at 10:30 a.m. to take students home who do not have an afternoon exam. Students needing transportation to school for an afternoon exam only must sign up in the high school office during the week of January 9 to request a ride. Regular bus runs will be made in the morning and at 3:00; these are unchanged.

Lunch will be available for students in the high school cafeteria between 10:30 and 11:45.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Derfel at 564-9955 extension 3130.

JUNIOR NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Frankie Reilly (Class of 2018) was selected to represent Newfield Central School at the Junior National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, DC in July of 2011.

The JNYLC focuses on leadership skills and taught Frankie how to further develop his leadership qualities at school, in his community and in his future. Frankie had the opportunity to meet and learn from some of today's leaders and work together with other kids from around the country.

Frankie works very hard at everything he does, including Boy Scouts. He worked side by side with his family to raise the funds needed for his tuition and travel fees to attend this program.

Congratulations, Frankie!





Gingerbread House Building Event

The third grade students in Mr. Armstrong's, Mrs. Shults', Mr. Linde's and Ms. Herrick's classes literally created an entire city during the month of December with their annual gingerbread house building event.

Prior to "construction day" each of the teachers and students brought in supplies to build and decorate the houses. First, the students used their reading and language arts skills to read sets of directions for building and decorating their houses. After that, the students used their math skills to measure their houses and estimate the supplies they needed on sets of blueprints.

On the first afternoon of the project all 76 third graders gathered in the upper gym to build the frames of their houses. On the second day the students used their blueprints to decorate their houses. Their final creations were beautiful and creative. Their houses included such things as satellite dishes, lawn furniture, snowmen, decorative trees, porches, decks and even a basketball court!

The third grade teachers would like to extend a huge thank you to the parents and students that donated supplies, the National Honor Society students who were a great help, the cafeteria staff, the custodial staff and the special area teachers. They would also like to thank the parents who donated time from their busy schedules to come in and assist.

Newfield High School Café

The Newfield High School Café would like to thank all our loyal customers. Because of you the café was able to provide gifts for two children from the giving tree at the bank. We also were able to make a donation to the Community Good Neighbor Fund.

On top of the charitable work we are able to do, your steady business allows us to provide a valuable learning experience for our students. They are learning about responsibility on the job, money, customer service, and the importance of helping the community.

Thanks again, and remember if you are hungry or thirsty, come see us in room 208 in the high school or call extension 3208 for delivery.



DOING WHAT'S BEST FOR OUR COMMUNITY -- *Increasing Academic Rigor*

Earning a HS diploma is the single-most important first step that our students can take to increase their chances for a healthy and economically secure future. One of the most important steps that we adults can take to increase our students' chances for a healthy and economically secure future is to teach them how to be academically rigorous.

When I say teach our students to be academically rigorous, I mean that we teach and motivate our students to consistently read, write, listen, speak, and think at their highest levels. I happen to be a dad as well as a principal, and I know that reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking at their highest levels is not currently at the top of most young people's priority list. However, this does not mean that we can't teach our young people how to do this, or that we can't motivate them to do so consistently. Together as educators, families, and community, I believe we can.

How will academic rigor increase our students' chances for a healthy and economically secure future? To begin with, we live in a time when economic stability, access to health care, and access to the many other basic necessities of life is hard to come by. At the same time, the numbers of people looking to find jobs that will provide these essentials is quite high. Whether they are looking to gain admittance to technical schools, entry level jobs, universities, or colleges, our students can increase their chances for success by making sure that their skill set is the sharpest of all those who apply.

How do we teach our students to become academically rigorous? Our teachers provide instruction that introduces and reinforces basic skills and comprehension while simultaneously requiring our students to develop complex skills and engage in higher level thinking tasks. Our families support this effort by expecting their children to meet these challenges with the energy and persistence necessary for success. Finally, our students must come to recognize the significant role that academic rigor can play in helping them establish a healthy and economically secure future, and they must choose to learn how to read, write, listen, speak, and think at their highest levels.

As always, I welcome your feedback and continue to appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with you.

Barry Derfel
H.S. Principal

Student of Distinction 12-Week Marking Period

9th Grade

Dillon Castrechino, Nathan Frank, Thomas Gerow, Lesa Graves, Brianna Jacobs, Andrea Johnson, Cassandra Martin, Katie McKee, William Meeker III, Nicole Moravec, Taina Moynihan, Melissa Naylor, Luke Nye-Smith, Seth Piotti, Alex Schreiber-Harris, Alexandra Strednak, Megan Tuckerman, Alaina Woods

10th Grade

Angelina Ferrara, Alexander Fuller, Myles Garcia, Emily Hatch, Brianna Hulbert, Zachary Hunter, Brandon Moore, Anastasja Moynihan, Tristan Pakkala, Joshua Robbins, Brianna Zichettella

11th Grade

Jacqueline Gerow, Peter Hoskins, Anna Johnson, Colin Miller, Kodie Sears, Taylor Tubbs, Cynthia Ulbing

12th Grade

Kaysee Bachelor, Illari Delgado, Caitlyn DeMann, Adam Friedlander, Sarah Griggs, Steven Hawke, Cierra Hulbert, Brandon Kamin, Mitchell Laughlin, Adam Moore, Cortney Russell, Patricia Wall, Meghan Woods



HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 12-Week Marking Period

HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

Cooper, Devin
Dickens, Dawn
Goldman, Andrew
Rice, Alexis
Schlaupt, Hannah
Scofield, Mikayla
Sexton, Christie
Trask, Tyler
Tyskewicz, Ashley
Warnimont, Kelsey

Grade 10

Clay-Adams, Gaelyn
Crawford, Mariah
Johnston, Alexander
Murray, Alexis
Puig-Pimentel, Jose
Sims, Angela
Stranger, Amy

Grade 11

Atherton, Ashley
Brown, Laura
Carney, Erica
Cutter, Marissa
Davis, Zandra
Doucett, Erin
Hoffman, Taylor
Roscioli, Taylor
Scott, Connor
Sinn, Kiersten
Strednak, Emerald
Terlouw, Courtney
Tuckerman, Erica
Ward, Devin
Wood, Lindsey
Wood, Rebecca
Yaples, Michael

Grade 12

Bastian, Sierra
Bleiler, Eric
Carter, Zane
Cooper, Skyler
DeMann, Caitlyn
Fagnoli-Peterson, Kelci
Ferrara, Francesco
Hayes, Corey
Heffron, Shea
Johnson, Amber
Nunez, Niko
Redman, Katherine
Rouleau, Mara
Ruocco, Ravin
TenWolde, Elizabeth
Wood, Dillon
Wright, Heather

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

Bump, Rachael
Carter, Max
Castrechino, Dillon
Frank, Nathan
Gerow, Thomas
Graves, Lesa
Harris, Kelsey
Jacobs, Brianna
Johnson, Andrea
Martin, Cassandra
McKee, Katie
Meeker III, William
Miller, Jasmine
Moravec, Nicole
Moynihan, Taina
Naylor, Melissa
Nye-Smith, Luke
Piotti, Seth
Rynone, Riley
Schreiber-Harris, Alex
Strednak, Alexandra
Tuckerman, Megan
Woods, Alaina

Grade 10

Babcock, Alyssa
Ferrara, Angelina
Fuller, Alexander
Garcia, Myles
Harden, Tiffany
Hatch, Emily
Hulbert, Brianna
Hunter, Zachary
Moore, Brandon
Moynihan, Anastasja
Pakkala, Tristan
Robbins, Joshua
Zichettella, Brianna

Grade 11

Gerow, Jacqueline
Hoskins, Peter
Johnson, Anna
Krogman, Luke
Miller, Colin
Sears, Kodie
Tubbs, Taylor
Ulbing, Cynthia
Vanetten, Kayla

Grade 12

Amato, Gabrielle
Bachelor, Kaysee
Delgado, Illari
Friedlander, Adam
Griggs, Sarah
Hawke, Steven
Hulbert, Cierra
Kamin, Brandon
Laughlin, Mitchell
Moore, Adam
Russell, Cortney
Smith, Jessie
Valentin, Jacqueline
Wall, Patricia
Woods, Meghan



Student of Distinction 6-Week Marking Period

9th Grade

Max Carter, Dillon Castrechino, Nathan Frank, Thomas Gerow, Lesa Graves, Brianna Jacobs, Cassi Martin, William Meeker III, Jasmine Miller, Nicole Moravec, Taina Moynihan, Melissa Naylor, Luke Nye-Smith, Riley Rynone, Alex Schreiber-Harris, Alexandra Strednak, Megan Tuckerman, Alaina Woods

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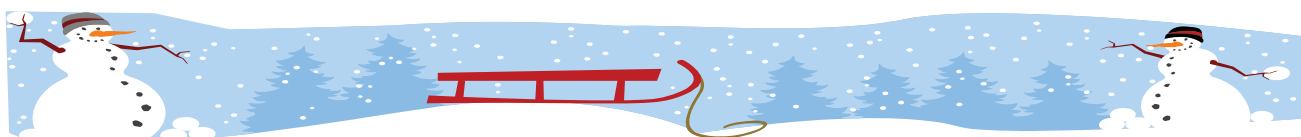
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**CARR-RT PRESORT
RESIDENT/BOXHOLDER
NEWFIELD, N.Y. 14867**

~Newfield Schools Are Community-Minded~

Newfield Public Library News

The Newfield Library had a busy year in 2011. In addition to regular services that will be described in the Annual Report to the Community, many activities were funded by grants, gifts and donations. The most notable change is the exterior work done on the building. Library Trustees worked with a consultant who specializes in historic buildings to maintain the integrity of the 1850 building donated by the Newfield Grange. Grant money was received from the Triad Foundation for this project. The interior of the building has had a facelift too. The second floor has been updated with new furnishings, a closet, historic photographs and a fireplace with a grant from the Lawrence E. and Lillian C. Payne Memorial Fund and a donation made by Debi and Randy Brown.

The Summer Reading Program was funded with donations from the Community Arts Partnership and the United Way. These funds made it possible to hire Newfield students and hold many programs last summer. The Tompkins County Tourism Program's Celebrations Grant and the Tioga State Bank funded the Bicentennial programs that included the Ice Cream Social, the Historical Society's annual meeting speaker and two Writer's Workshops facilitated by Irene Zahava.

Other programs that were funded externally were Great Big Faces funded by the Pennies Project community donations, Community Arts Partnership funds and library funds. A Czech Treasure Box for youth programming was funded by Cornell's European Studies. Toys for the children's area were funded by a donation from the Hill family. The Chrysalis program for high school students was funded through a Rosen Fund grant administered by the Community Foundation of Tompkins County.

Many generous community members and the Senior Citizens group made donations and honorariums. As 2011 came to a close, another generous donation was received from the Newfield Business Association to develop a business center in the library. An Open House for the community to visit the library and look at all the changes is planned for 2012. Stay tuned on our website or Facebook for more information. NPL thanks you for your support and wishes all a Happy New Year.

Newfield Recreation Ski & Ride Club News

The first of six trips to Greek Peak will take place on Friday January 6. The last trip is planned for February 10 with a pizza party provided by Greek Peak. The bus leaves from Newfield High School at 3:15 and returns at 9:00 pm.

Ski & Ride Club is a great way for first-timers to advanced skiers and boarders to get out of the house this winter. Greek Peak provides traditional lessons the first two nights for beginners and elementary students. Activities Based Training is also available for quick on-mountain tips and challenges. Why not try super quick turns, jumps, or even skiing backwards? The instructors help to improve basic skills and teach new ones, so that everyone can have even more fun on the slopes. Every time you participate in an ABT course you are entered into a raffle for great prizes including skis, snowboards and ipods.

Get some exercise and fresh air with Ski & Ride Club. Hang out with old friends and make some new ones. Come check it out. Space is still available, as well as some scholarship assistance, but don't delay! More info at newfieldrecreation@gmail.com