

NEWFIELD NEWSLETTER



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

March 2014

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Trojan Masquers present...

Dear Community,

As we struggle with budget decisions for 2014-2015, I want to again thank you for your continued support and patience. It is certainly a juggling act to try to maintain and improve our current programs as per our district goals, while at the same time having to deal with rising costs that are out of our control. We also need to lobby our state politicians for state aid that will insure a free, appropriate, and equitable public education for all students. At a recent national conference for superintendents, I was dismayed to hear some of my colleagues complaining that they had to reduce the number of foreign language choices to five next year, or that they had to combine the boys and girls bowling teams, or make choices as to the types of enrichment activities that would be provided. Really? We may not have the enrollment or finances to support all of these choices in-house, but we have looked at out-of-the-box options to be able to provide some of these to our students. For example, our students have the opportunity to take AP courses on-line, take and receive credit for many college courses, participate in music, drama and sports, etc. Almost anything is possible with technology and cooperation!

Dr. Cheryl Thomas
Superintendent of Schools



Lookin' to go on an exciting road trip? Well, "forget the maps, forget the guides...all you need is a path – and a pal – and a song" – AND a ticket to the Newfield Trojan Masquers' Spring production of "Shrek The Musical."

Set in a "kingdom far, far away," Shrek's repulsive bliss is interrupted by a band of fairy tale misfits (led by Erik McSwain as Pinocchio) who have been banished to the ogre's swamp by the wicked, vertically-challenged, wanna-be king, Lord Farquaad (Eric Allen). The only way to remedy this unwelcome home invasion is for Shrek (Jeffrey Allen) to venture out of his odorous comfort zone and speak to this tiny tyrant directly. What transpires on this journey is truly life-changing not only to Shrek, but to those he meets along the way: the urban, streetwise Donkey (Patrick Banfield) who never shuts up, and who has a fondness for soul music; the beautiful, reclusive Dragon (Nicole Moravec) whose fiery disposition limits her desperate search for love; the boisterous, temperamental Princess Fiona (Marissa Fagnoli-Peterson) who has long awaited her Prince Charming, and who ultimately finds him in the most unlikely hero; a tormented, yet courageous cookie (Mackenzie Green) with an attitude; and, an abundantly cheerful crowd of Duloc citizens. While the path to true love is somewhat messy, it is sprinkled with interesting travels, budding friendships, and the realization that "...what makes us special, makes us strong!" And, at about 100 strong, the cast, crew, pit orchestra, and production staff are excited to share this unique and amusing fairy tale with YOU! So, "let your freak flag fly!" at the Vincent Aiosa Auditorium (Newfield High School) on the following dates and times:

Showtimes:

Fri., March 14 - 7:00 p.m.
Sat., March 15 - 4:00 p.m.
Fri., March 21 - 7:00 p.m.
Sat., March 22 - 4:00 p.m.

Ticket Information:

Adults \$6.00
Senior Citizens \$4.00
Students \$4.00

Presale tickets in HS Office

SHREK is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019
Phone: 212-541-4684 Fax: 212-397-4684 www.MTIShows.com

WEBSITE SURVEY FEEDBACK

Thank you to all those who took the time to share their thoughts with us about the new website! Some of those suggestions included:

1 Post emergency school closings (snow days) prior to 6 a.m.

Great suggestion – we will do this!

2 Add a fine arts tab like the athletic tab

The athletic department has part-time secretarial help (shared with guidance) to manage their website. Music and art teachers can add to the calendar and have concerts and events show up right on the front page of the website. That is a little less cumbersome and time-consuming for them.

3 List teachers' phone extensions as well as e-mail on the website

Teachers cannot receive phone calls from outside the district. They need to focus on uninterrupted teaching as much as possible. An email works best.

4 Have a printable athletic events calendar/keep athletics section up-to-date

We will be working with the new secretary to make this site more user-friendly.

5 Too many faculty without content on their webpages

We are working individually with teachers to help them feel comfortable managing their own websites. It may take a while, but we're hoping the finished products are better quality because of the efforts.

6 Assignments/work are hard to find on Blackboard

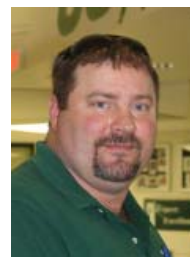
Feedback was forwarded to the middle school for consideration. Blackboard is a link, and not actually part of the new website.

7 User name for 8th grade needs to be corrected

Done!

8 Add survey link on the website so people don't have to type it

Done!



Will Ellers



Skip Sims



Arnie Kelsey



Paul Smith

BEST SUPPORTING ROLE...

Our Maintenance Team has been hard at work this winter keeping the buildings and grounds functioning and safe. With the harsh winter they have been doubly tasked to keep the buildings warm and the parking lots free of snow and ice. Once the boilers were repaired, many hours were dedicated to the upkeep and maintenance of the system. I'm pleased to say that, because of this work, the school has been a warm and comfortable learning environment for our students. The several snow storms this winter have kept the grounds crew busy removing snow and ice from the parking lots and sidewalks. There were a few days when I thought there would be no way we could be ready in time for the students' arrival, but because these men came into work early they were able to complete their work with time to spare. I commend each of these hard working employees for their dedication and commitment during this time.

Steve Yapple
Facilities & Security Manager

If you haven't had a chance to give your feedback, please do so!

DISTRICT RECEIVES TITLE VI GRANT FROM NYSED

Newfield is eligible for \$16,000 in Title VI funds. This federal grant is intended to help increase achievement for students in rural, low-income districts. As with all grants, the "allowable" expenditures are limited. Since we cannot count on the money being available in subsequent years, it is recommended that expenditures are for one-time purchases. One of the "allowable" expenditures is for education technology. This year the grant will be used to purchase iPads with protective cases, a storage cart and reading software to use in a grade 3-5 classroom. Limiting the use to a specified group of students will allow us to collect data on the effectiveness of using iPads in increasing reading fluency.

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES

Are you interested in being a member of the Board of Education? There will be three seats up for election this spring. The incumbents are René Borgella, Daniel Frank and Paula Miller. Petitions are available in the District Office and must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on April 21st. Please contact Cathy Shipos, District Clerk, with any questions.

Budget Presentations are available on the school website! Presentations will be added following each Board meeting in Powerpoint format.



THIRD GRADE - GOING FOR THE GOLD WITH READING

The third graders in the classes of Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Shults, Mrs. Peck and Mr. Linde are continuing to meet with great success in their year-long reading incentive program! The latest incentive has been centered around the Winter Olympics. The students have been busy reading many documents about Sochi, Russia, the history of the Winter Olympics, learning about the various events, reading articles about many of the athletes, graphing and more! The students have also used iPads as part of an "Olympic Scavenger Hunt" to locate facts about the Olympics. Each week the students have been asked to read at home. Based on the number of minutes they have read at home the students can earn points for a gold medal, a silver medal or a bronze medal.



To culminate the reading incentive there are many special events planned. The students will create several tasty treats and will also be awarded medals and pins. As an extra special event, the students will be treated to a guest visit by a relative of one of the Winter Olympic athletes! Keep reading, third graders and go for the gold!

Our next reading incentive at third grade will have a Shrek theme, to coordinate with our high school musical.

WHAT'S IN YOUR SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNT?

Hello Parents,

Have you checked your child's lunch account? You can LOOK at your child's lunch account for FREE and/or pay on line. Go to my paymentsplus.com to sign up.

For the month of March, if your child is in elementary and pays full price, they should have a least \$42.00 on their account to cover lunches. Middle and high school students who pay full price should have a least \$47.25 on their account to cover lunches. All students who pay reduced prices need \$5.25.

There isn't enough time to make daily or weekly calls to parents about students' accounts. Our efforts to keep lunch prices in line are made harder when we have additional costs for sending your child's lunch account statements home whether it is in their backpack or by mail. Your cooperation in keeping track of your own child's lunch account will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You,
Robin Wood, Food Service Director

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAREER WEEK & NEWFIELD'S GOT TALENT

The week of February 10-14th was celebrated as Career Week in the middle school, and our students had a variety of opportunities for career exploration! Each day had a different "dress up" theme (such as dress like your future career day), students filled out career inventories online, several students helped teach lessons to their peers, the Learning Web visited during lunch periods, and much more! The week culminated in Newfield's Got Talent, where the student body celebrated the many musical talents in our midst!

Jackie Brenon
Middle School Counselor



MIDDLE SCHOOL 20 WEEK HONOR ROLL

HIGH HONORS

Grade 6

Adams, Ian
Belden, McKenna
Brock, Bijou
Carl, Zoe
Christopher, Taylor
Furman, Connor
Genung-Bailor, Faith
Goodrich, Hailey
Howell, Cian
Kennell-Ramsey, Lena
Kithcart, Anthony
Knight, Philip
Luby, Matthew
McBean, Reaquan
McIlroy, Kyler
Parente, Devon
Pawlewicz, Kade
Payne, Patrick
Riley, Branden
Schwoeble, Alexander
Tyskewicz, Brooke
Westmiller, Josie
White, Cameron
Wood, Joshua

Grade 7

Bickham, Kaitlyn
Brown, Mackenzie
Clarey, Lucaya
Downing, Morgan
Esposito, Jillian
Hallock, Jasmine
Hulbert, Chassity
Hunsinger, Autumn
Meeker, Bryan
Miller, Carson
Mras, Nicholas
Pawlewicz, Anthony
Place, Kayla
Quinn, Bailey
Reed, Kylee
Tuckerman, Joseph
Wendt, Shawn
Yalanzhi, Steve

Grade 8

Borgella, Alexander
Brown, Jacob
Edger, Taylor
Grochocinski, Ian
Hart, Hunter
Heroux, Megan
Hill, Simon
Howell, Caitlin
LaBarge, Stephen
Reilly, Francis
Ruocco, Nolan
Scott, Savanna
Watkins, Heather

HONORS

Grade 6

Crawford, Jasmine
Davis, Gage
Dickens, Matthew
Dougherty, Kagan
Jacobs II, Kevin
LaMontain, Joseph
Monroe, Ashley
Moynihan, Teagan

Grade 7

Bello, Jailyn
Birch, Thomas
Burun, Cole
Gradel, Taylor
Hunter, Stone
Hurd, Drew
Jordan, Elijah
Laue, Hailey
Rumsey, Rayin
Sill, Robert
Watros, Hannah
Wood-Ellis, Gabriel

Grade 8

Adams, Connor
Castrechino II, Robert
Cotto, Christian
Eldridge, Alexie
Johnson, Bradley
Marinos, Jordan
Moravec, Gregory
Olmstead, Camryn
Ponton, Cheyenne
Weaver, Morgan



Faculty/Staff Annual Basketball Game

***Support the Travel Club and
come watch a basketball
showdown!***

When? Thurs., March 27 at 7:00 PM

Where? High School Gymnasium

Why? Help the Travel Club raise money to take students to Costa Rica and have an evening of fun for the whole family!

Cost: \$2.00/student and \$3.00/adult

There will be a snack concession stand and a raffle, too!



Four Middle School teachers were part of a unique opportunity this year called ***Connecting Educators to the 21st Century Workplace***. Tony Hackett, Liz Atkins, Betsy Edwards and Renee Christopher spent time visiting and establishing partnerships with local businesses such as CBORD and Borg Warner in order to connect the workplace to the classroom. They created content area lesson plans incorporating Common Core Standards and followed a development model of problem solving, inquiry, and design. Students in these classrooms were extremely engaged and enthusiastic about learning; the program was a major success!

NEWFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

We Need You to Help Answer the Question: Who is Newfield?

As I explained in the last newsletter, we will be doing something different on Thursday, April 10th. We will not be holding classes as usual. Instead, we will spend the day exploring answers to the question: Who is Newfield?

Whatever your particular area of expertise, we are hoping that you would be willing to come into school to share it with us. We want to create a full day of workshops, demonstrations, and activities, led by you, that will help us celebrate who we are as a community.

Perhaps you know a lot about canning vegetables, or tanning a hide, or chemical engineering. Maybe you know how to weatherize a trailer or how to fix a small engine. Maybe you know how to drive an 18-wheeler. Are you a mathematician? Perhaps you are a small business owner. Do you know how to sew your own clothes? Are you an expert in homeopathic medicine? Do you know a lot about our local history? Do you know all about the hiking trails throughout Newfield? Can you build a house? Maybe you play in a band, or you record music. Perhaps you are a storyteller.

If you are interested in participating, please give me a call, stop by the high school office to let me know, or send me an email. If you are curious but not yet sure if you are willing to participate, I encourage you to give me a call so we can talk about the possibilities. Our goal is to have between 50 and 75 different community members in our building on April 10th to help us deepen our understanding of the Newfield High School Vision. We are Newfield: Conscious, Consistent, and Committed to what is best for our Community.

Mr. Barry Derfel, H.S. Principal



H.S. MARKING PERIOD

The end of the 24th-week marking period is March 21. You should expect your child's high school report card on March 28.



*Thank you to all
students, staff,
families, and
community for your
loud, proud, and
positive support of
our winter sports
teams this season.*

*We appreciate your
efforts to help us
create a mutually
safe and respectful
school community.*

--Mr. Derfel



HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 18-Week Marking Period

HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

Banfield, Patrick
Byrd, Mariyah
Havlik, Hannah
Heffron, Erwin
Hockenberry, Andreana
Ketter, Destani
Poludniak, Devon
Swartout, Rylie

Grade 10

Adams, Jordan
Allen, Jeffrey
Castrechino, Chyanne
Fargnoli-Peterson, Marissa
Malone, Jazmin
McSwain, Erik
Mosher, Rhianna
Olmstead, Bailey
Owens, Kaleb
Strosnider, Alora
Teeter, Jessica
Warnimont, Jeremiah
Youst, Leslie

Grade 11

Barrett, Brian
Dickens, Dawn
Graves, Lesa
Hallett, Arin
Meeker, Billy
Mulcahy, Katya
Nye-Smith, Luke
Piotti, Seth
Rynone, Riley
Schlaupt, Hannah
Stewart, Dekhari
Strednak, Alexandra
Tyskewicz, Ashley
West, Shelby

Grade 12

Abbey, Alicia
Apgar, Steven
Babcock, Alyssa
Kopf, Samuel
Schumacher, Lauren

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

Allen, Eric
Heath, Katherine
Henry, Alora
Hodge, Shelby
Johnson, Mathew
King, Patrick
Linnik, Arthur
McKenna, Devonn
McKenna, Jordann
Miller, Andrew
Myers, Antoinette
Pierce, Christopher
Schlaupt, Mariah
VanOstrand, Tyler
Worcester, Salena
Yaples, Rachel

Grade 10

Banfield, Cole
Bledsoe, Casey
Duff, Sage
Ford, Elisha
Furman, Reanna
Green, Mackenzie
Hollenbeck, Myranda
King, Spencer
Lorer, Jennah
Marufova, Fariza
Ober, Seamus
Shay, Alexis
Tenwolde, Zoe
Yalanzi, Nataliya

Grade 11

Bowers, Matthew
Bump, Rachael
Carter, Max
Castrechino, Dillon
Frank, Nathan
Gerow, Thomas
Johnson, Andrea
Moynihan, Taina
Naylor, Melissa
Schreiber-Harris, Alex
Tuckerman, Megan
Warnimont, Kelsey
Woods, Alaina

Grade 12

Blanford, Samantha
Crawford, Mariah
Ferrara, Angelina
Fuller, Alexander
Harden, Tiffany
Hatch, Emily
Hollander, Rachel
Hunt, Marissa
Hunter, Zachary
Johnston, Alexander
Miller, Jasmine
Moore, Brandon
Moynihan, Anastasja
Pakkala, Tristan
Robbins, Joshua
Sims, Angela
Stranger, Amy
Walker, Breeann
Zichettella, Brianna

STUDENT OF DISTINCTION

9th Grade

Eric Allen, Katherine Heath, Alora Henry, Shelby Hodge, Mathew Johnson, Patrick King, Arthur Linnik, Jordann McKenna, Andrew Miller, Antoinette Myers, Christopher Pierce, Tyler VanOstrand, Rachel Yaples

10th Grade

Cole Banfield, Sage Duff, Reanna Furman, Mackenzie Green, Spencer King, Fariza Marufova, Seamus Ober, Alexis Shay

11th Grade

Taina Moynihan, Alex Schreiber-Harris, Alaina Woods

12th Grade

Angelina Ferrara, Alexander Fuller, Emily Hatch, Marissa Hunt, Zachary Hunter, Alexander Johnston, Brandon Moore, Anastasja Moynihan, Tristan Pakkala, Joshua Robbins, Angela Sims, Breeann Walker, Brianna Zichettella

CORRECTION: Missing from 12 week Student of Distinction was ***Rachel Hollander.***

Happy St. Patrick's Day

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NEWFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Legos at the Library, March 3, 2-7pm

Back by popular demand! The Lego and Duplo table will be open for play and creation from 2 to 7pm. This month we've got more wheels.

Animé Night at the Library, March 10, 5-8pm

Screening of various animé with a learn to draw session at 6:30pm with Abby. This session is for children 11 and up.

Seuss Themed Crafts, March 18, 2-7pm

Dr. Seuss was born March 2nd. Stop by on the 18th to make Dr. Seuss themed crafts including a hat like Bartholomew Cubbins.

Movie Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26, 3:30 to 5pm

We will be showing movies in March to accompany our Science Saturday series. Stop by after school to see a film related to the science topic of the week. Movie titles will be announced the week before viewing.

Science Saturday Returns, 1-2pm

Wendy Wright will again be leading our popular Saturday Science series. Each week we will explore a different creepy crawly creature.

March 15 – Bees

March 22 – Monarch Butterflies

March 29 – Tarantulas



Pushing the Limits: Book and Discussion Group

March 25, 6:30pm

Please join us for a discussion of nature and the environment as introduced in the book, *When the Killings Done* by T.C Boyle. Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book.

CHRYSLIS, March 8 & 29, 10am-2pm

This series of weekend workshops assists Newfield students in all aspects of the college search and application process. The program is free but space is limited. Interested students must register with Mr. Pawlewicz by calling 564-9955 ext 3131 or emailing rpawlewicz@newfieldschools.org.

436 is the school district code number to use on your New York State tax return for the Newfield Central School District.

RAFFLE TO BENEFIT CLASS OF 2014 AFTER-GRADUATION CELEBRATION

1st Prize: ½ pig – cut & wrapped

2nd and 3rd Place Prizes:
Spiral Ham

Drawing: April 10, 2014

Tickets 1 for \$5.00; 3 for \$10.00

Contact Joan Hunter (280-6887)
or Lucy Ferrara (279-3259)

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PRE-K REGISTRATION

for 2014-2015 will be held on April 3rd from 3 to 6 and on April 7th. We will be sending out registration materials to families having children who will be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2014 and are Newfield residents. If you are new to the area or not sure if we have your information, please call or email Debbie Peterson, 564.9955x1110 or dpeterson@newfieldschools.org.