

# NEWFIELD NEWSLETTER



*Newfield Central School District*

*February 2012*



Dear Community,

The governor's budget is out but we can't find much "extra" money he promised for education in the aid allotted for Newfield. It is so discouraging. If you haven't been able to attend the Board meetings where we are outlining the financial status of the district, you can still get the information on the website by going to the Board of Education page. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us or call us at any time. It is very important that everyone in our community understand exactly what is happening politically and economically – not just to Newfield, but also to all school districts in New York State.

*If you are interested in helping the Newfield Central School District through this financial crisis, please come to an introductory meeting of the*

**SAVE OUR SCHOOLS  
STEERING COMMITTEE  
on  
Saturday, March 3rd in  
the Aiosa Auditorium  
from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

*The Board of Education and Superintendent will be forming groups to work on issues such as communicating budget information to the community, writing grants, making Newfield enticing to out-of-district families, and writing letters to the politicians who are putting us in this situation. This is your chance to make a real difference and contribute to finding a solution.*

The next steps for us, now that we can anticipate actual revenue (state aid), will be to put together the budget and determine how large the gap is between what we can raise in revenue and what we need to spend to maintain our educational programs. Those are the presentations and discussions that will begin to take place in February at the Board of Education meetings. Discussions about the cuts to the budget that need to be made will also take place between February and April. The results of the community survey will help the Board make those tough decisions.

Several elementary and special education teachers are helping to put together a fantastic research-based reading program that will improve student achievement in English/Language Arts. It is important for us to concentrate in this area in order to remove our SINI status ("School in Need of Improvement"). The elementary school was designated by the State Education Department as a SINI school because many of our elementary special education students were not able to meet the higher standards imposed by the state. Our students are not doing worse than they have in the past, but the NYS standards have been changed so that the "passing" grade is higher than it has ever been. It is a challenge, but one that we will roll up our sleeves and work hard to meet!

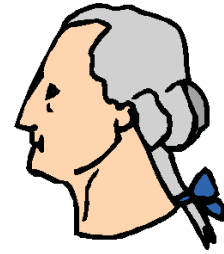
Thank you for your continued support as we work to improve the academic program in Newfield.

*Dr. Cheryl Thomas, Superintendent of Schools*



# FEBRUARY 2012

## *District Events Calendar*



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |              |   |              |              |
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| <div>12</div> <div>Lincoln's Birthday</div>   | <div>13</div> <div>6:30 PM Booster Club Mtg. - HS Library</div> | <div>14</div> <div>7:00 PM Jazz Night - HS Cafe</div> <div>Valentine's Day</div>      | <div>15</div> <div>5:00 PM -7:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Travel Club - H.S. Cafe</div>  | <div>16</div> <div>7:00 PM Board of Education Meeting</div> | <div>17</div> <div>4:30 PM Mod. Girls' BB v. Candor</div>                               | <div>18</div> |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |              |   |              |              |
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| <div>26</div>   | <div>27</div> <div>4:30 PM Mod. Girls' BB @ Watkins</div>       | <div>28</div> <div>6:30 PM 8th Gr. Transition Night - MS Rm. 411/417</div>            | <div>29</div> <div>4:30 PM Mod. Girls' BB @ Waverly</div>  |   |   |               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |              |   |              |              |

## GOLDEN PAW WINNERS FOR DECEMBER

### Kindergarten

Paige Morse  
Trevor Everhart  
Nathan King  
Zakim Adams  
Jesse Tome  
Kayla Sidle  
Madison Schrader  
Andrew Hubert  
Kolleen Fenner  
Kyle Bruno  
Cameron Owens

### First Grade

Billy Ketter  
Christopher Griffin  
Calleigh LaDue  
Mallorie Marshall  
Samara Ketcham  
Zephyr Ramsey  
Gianna Sheperdson

### Second Grade

Hayden Mikula  
Garrett Porter  
Derek Pawlewicz  
Noah Weiner  
Kaydence Wood-Smith

### Third Grade

Arthur Hardison  
Payton Thorton  
Sophia Mras  
Maia Turner  
Hannah West  
Lucia Shaff  
Adrianna Royce  
Cody Hayward  
Arthur Hardison

### Fourth Grade

Devante Magee  
Kyler McIlroy  
Taylor Christopher  
Kevin Jacobs  
Reaquan McBean  
Teagan Moynihan

### Fifth Grade

Cole Burun  
Hailey Laue  
Brianna Lower  
Slavik Yalanzhi  
Hunter Colburn  
Thomas Birch  
Vivian King

### Specials

Shania Valentine  
Vivian King  
Mason Weaver  
Robby Sill  
Logan Bogart  
Jeffrey Hein  
Matthew Katalina  
Kayden Reed  
Matthew Dickens  
Shaylene Hari



## PTA BARNES AND NOBLE FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars! This year's PTA Barnes and Noble fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Barnes and Noble on Elmira Road in Ithaca. A wide variety of performing groups will be present to entertain store-goers and shoppers. Look for vouchers that will support your Newfield PTA and more information including a schedule of performances in the March newsletter.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES

**Are you interested in being a member of the Board of Education?** There will be two seats up for election this spring. The incumbents are Sylvia Allinger and Missy Rynone. Petitions are available in the District Office and must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on April 16th. Please contact Cathy Shipos, District Clerk, with any questions.

**Community members are invited to attend Board meetings**, usually held at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Upcoming topics of interest include discussions of the 2012-13 budget. Most meetings include a Privilege of the Floor for public comment, so come and talk to us! Agendas can be found on-line at <http://boarddocs.cnyric.org/newfield/Board.nsf/Public> (or follow the link from the Newfield school website).

*Sylvia P. Allinger, President*  
*Randolph Brown, Vice Pres.*  
*René Borgella*  
*Paula Miller*  
*Missy Rynone*  
*Timothy Shultz*  
*Michelle Yaple*



## ELEMENTARY MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The elementary music department has a wide variety of exciting activities happening in the new year! Thanks to the gracious support of several grant funders, students will be exposed to some wonderful guest artists, be involved in an integrated unit dealing with the Harlem Renaissance, take a field trip to the Clemens Center, and create living literature showcases that will help bring folk tales to life.

Target granted \$4,600 to the elementary school in the form of an Arts in Education grant, a Family Reading grant, and a Field Trip grant. The Arts in Education grant funds will be used to sponsor a variety of guest artists that will be visiting with students throughout the school year. These artists will include African drummers, Middle-Eastern music specialists, and a musician from the Caribbean. Artists will also be supported with funds from the elementary Student Council. The Family Reading grant will support a literacy night at the elementary school in the spring. We are hoping to pair our performers with this event and provide entertainment for the parents who will be attending. The Field Trip grant will support a field trip for fifth graders to the Clemens Center. Students will be traveling to see *The Color of Justice*, a play about the civil rights movement. Student will travel to see this play after a month-long integrated unit that will be hosted by Cindy Linville (elementary librarian), Colleen Betters, (elementary art teacher), and Sunshine Miller (elementary music teacher).

The Community Arts Partnership will also provide grant funds to the elementary school this spring. The Arts Partnership grant supports integrated learning projects that focus on classroom curriculum and the arts. The first grade teachers Jan McClure, Barbara Westervelt, and Louise Furstoss will be helping students prepare one-act plays centered on folk tales from the United States. These living literature showcases will feature the folk music talents of Mr. Richard Stearns, a local music icon. Stearns will use a variety of folk instruments to help bring the students' renditions of the folk tales to life. Ithaca College has also supported this project with a Clynes Collaboration grant. This grant money will be used to purchase supplies, props, and costumes for the living literature showcases. Dr. Emily Mason from Ithaca College will also collaborate with the music and first grade teachers to help shape the spring project.

***The elementary school has received \$7,600 to support these projects! A hearty thank you to Target, Ithaca College and The Community Arts Partnership for their commitment to enriching the lives of our students.***

## JAZZ NIGHT

***February 14, 2012***

***7:00-9:00 PM***

***Newfield HS Cafeteria***

Come celebrate an evening of jazz, coffee and desserts with the Newfield High School Jazz Band. Free-will donations will be accepted to benefit the Newfield Fine Arts Boosters. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!



## MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to the following students for participating in All-County Chorus in January: **Chyanne Castrechino, Alexie Eldridge, Marissa Fagnoli-Peterson, Mackenzie Green, Caitlin Howell, Bailey Olmstead, Zoe Tenwolde, Dylan Willis, Gabrielle Amato, Laura Brown, Zandrea Davis, Kelci Fagnoli-Peterson, Peter Hoskins, Annie Johnson, Evan Miller, Cortney Russell, and Elizabeth TenWolde.**

Congratulations to the following students for being accepted into the Area All-State Mixed Chorus: **Gabrielle Amato, Laura Brown, Peter Hoskins, Emma Lance, Evan Miller, and Elizabeth TenWolde.** The students will perform in a concert on February 4 at Ithaca College. For more details, please contact Megan Rosenberg.

## IN THE MIDDLE!

**Career Week** - Today's students have more options and more career information than any other generation so far. Our goal at the middle school is to take full advantage of this and jump start student learning as soon as possible. With that being said, Newfield Middle School will once again be celebrating Career Week from February 13th-17th! This is a time when the faculty and staff raise awareness about the importance of career education, the need for young people to start planning early, and the community's role in helping them make informed decisions.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in giving a presentation to students on a particular career on February 17th between the hours of 8:00 -10:30 a.m. please contact Jackie Brenon at 607-564-9955 extension 2132 or [jbrenon@newfieldschools.org](mailto:jbrenon@newfieldschools.org) by Wednesday, February 8th.

**Attention 8th Grade Parents** - On Tuesday, February 28, 2012, the middle school will be hosting an Informational 8th Grade Transition Night at 6:30pm in Room 411/417 of the middle school. You and your child will be provided with important information regarding the high school curriculum, graduation requirements, and the scheduling process. You will also have the opportunity to sign-up for a time to meet with me during the month of March regarding your child's schedule for next year.

I strongly encourage you and your child to attend this event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time at 607-564-9955 ext. 2132 or [jbrenon@newfieldschools.org](mailto:jbrenon@newfieldschools.org). I look forward to seeing you on February 29th!

*Jackie Brenon*  
*Middle School Counselor*

## End of the 18-Week HS Marking Period

The end of the 18-week marking period was January 27. You should expect your child's high school report card with mid-term examination grades on February 3.



## BLAST FROM THE PAST

**Hansi Hoskins** graduated from Newfield High School in June 2005. She attended the University of North Carolina – Greensboro and graduated in 2009 with Bachelor's Degree in Vocal Performance. Hansi opted to continue her education at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill where she earned her Master's Degree in Library Science in 2011.

Hansi's decision to attend college in North Carolina had a lot to do with academic programming and a little bit to do with the weather. UNC-Greensboro provided her the opportunity to be academically fulfilled as an undergraduate and her graduate work at UNC-Chapel Hill allowed her to apply her passion to a marketable profession in the working world. She currently is employed as a researcher for the Bradsby Group (a recruitment firm) where she has many responsibilities and activities that keep her busy throughout the day.

Hansi's advice to current Newfield students is to "find academic programs that satisfy your interests. You may need to do some work to figure out how to make money doing what you love. Take the time to explore your options and try to figure out what career options are available to you before you jump into a major!"



## SERVICE – DOING WHAT’S BEST FOR OUR COMMUNITY

*Here at the high school we have been working together to promote service as a way to help us achieve our goals and vision. Below are just a few examples:*

**Civil Service:** We are partnering with the Tompkins County Personnel Department so that our seniors can take a full-day field trip to visit the Sheriff, EMS, Airport, and Health Department, as well as the downtown County offices. Students will get a chance to learn where these departments are located, to meet the various department heads, and get a tour and a brief description of what the people in these departments do. The trip also includes a brief presentation by the County Administrator, as well as time for questions and answers. As a follow-up to the field trip, Heather Buck from the Tompkins County Personnel Department will lead students through the process of registering online. This will allow our students to be notified of all civil service job openings within Tompkins County, and to register for taking the appropriate civil service exams necessary for any jobs they may be interested in. Civil Service exams are offered for free in Tompkins County, and once students are registered, they will continue to receive job information after graduation for as long as they are interested. Ms. Buck will also have our students take a mock exam, so that they have a chance to become familiar with what these exams typically include.

**Textbook MP3’s:** A small group of students has volunteered to read our textbooks aloud into a digital recorder so that students who have difficulty reading textbooks can download these MP3’s and listen to the recording as they follow along in the text. When I was a teacher at Boynton Middle School I did this for my 7th grade students and found that it had a dramatic impact – homework completion went up to almost 100%. I am hopeful that this will have a similar impact here at the high school.

**Reducing Hunger in Newfield:** I was recently awarded a small grant from Ithaca College to help us bring together Newfield teachers, staff, families and other members of the community, along with IC faculty and students, to address issues of hunger and access to food in our community. One part of the project will

be to form a small study group to read and discuss current articles and books for strengthening partnerships between schools and families. The second part of the project is to facilitate a community discussion – Hunger in Newfield: What is our Current Situation and What Can We Do to Make It Better? The plan is to organize a panel of long-time residents, food-pantry organizers, Newfield farmers, a town council member, and educators to discuss the current problems of hunger and food access in Newfield and to propose how we might all coordinate our efforts to help eliminate hunger in our community. The panelists will provide information about the conditions of hunger and food access as they exist in Newfield today, the history of how this issue has evolved over the past 25 years, and ideas for how we might all work together to improve access to food throughout Newfield over the next 3-5 years. ***If you would like to be involved in this effort, please give me a call, stop by to visit, or send me an email.***

**Adopt a Hallway:** The Class of 2013 is in the midst of its “Adopt a Hallway” project. They’ve completed the stairwell and are aiming to finish with their mural near the beginning of February.

**The Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls Basketball:** The teams each spent two Saturday mornings working with Dustin James and the Newfield Recreation program. The student-athletes helped instruct the children in the Rec program on basketball fundamentals such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and setting screens. The participants then practiced what they learned by playing 3-on-3.

**Varsity Club:** Varsity Club hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive in November and will do so again in the spring. Not only do these events help those in need it, they also earn Newfield a scholarship from the Red Cross (last year valued at \$500).

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

## News from the H.S. Guidance Office

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Time flies when you're having fun! It doesn't seem possible that we just completed mid-terms and are more than halfway through the 2011-2012 school year. It seems like yesterday that we were welcoming students back to school and now we are talking about graduation (which is less than 90 school days away). Our seniors continue to receive acceptances from colleges around the nation (see below) and are now facing the daunting task of finding their best fit academically and financially. We are very proud of their efforts and wish them all the luck in the world in making this momentous decision.



Our juniors have already begun the first steps in preparation for their senior year. By the end of this month, I will have

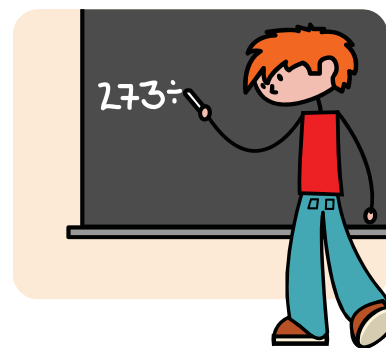
met with every junior to review their academic history, their tentative plans for after high school and their course selections for next year. I invite all students and parents to meet with me on Tuesday, March 6th in the High School Library at 6:30 p.m. for a **College Information Night**. Attending this meeting will provide concrete tips and guidelines to help them through the college search process.

Sophomore and freshman scheduling will occupy much of my time this month. I will meet with students and make recommendations for course selections based on individual student goals and plans for after high school. It is NEVER too early to begin thinking about "life after high school."

Encourage your students to investigate college options, military opportunities, internships, apprenticeships, gap-year programs and the world of work.



Our **Senior College Acceptances** have grown this past month and you should stop outside the High School Office and see the places where our students may be next fall: Alfred University, SUNY Alfred, Appalachian Bible College, SUNY Brockport, Cazenovia College, College of St. Rose, Corning CC, SUNY Cortland, Daemen College, SUNY Delhi, Drexel University, Elmira College, Fingerlakes CC, Franklin Pierce College, SUNY Fredonia, Genesee CC, Hartwick College, Ithaca College, Kueka College, LeMoyne College, Lycoming College, Mansfield University, Millersville University, SUNY Morrisville, Mount Ida College, Niagara University, Northern Illinois University, SUNY Oneonta, Onondaga CC, SUNY Potsdam, Sage College, Salem College, St. John Fisher College, St. Michael's College, TC3, University of Findlay, University of New Haven, University of North Dakota, University of Northwestern Ohio, University of Vermont, Wells College, to name a few!



*If you know of a former Newfield graduate interested in sharing their Blast from the Past, contact Rick Pawlewicz @ [rpawlewicz@newfieldschools.org](mailto:rpawlewicz@newfieldschools.org).*

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## NEWFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Love your library this February! There is a **Valentine's Day Bake Sale** so you can support the library while buying sweets for your sweet. Bake sale goodies will be available at the library from 8:00 a.m. till they're gone on Tuesday, February 14th. If you would like to contribute to the sale, please bring your baked goods to the library on Monday the 13th or in the morning of the 14th.



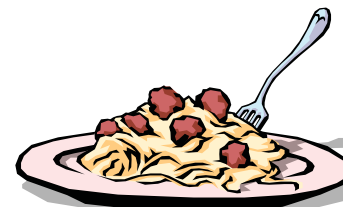
An **Open House** will be held at the library on Saturday, March 3rd from 3:00-5:00. Stop by to see the changes made in 2011. There will be refreshments and a special musical treat. One of the few professional lutesong duos in the United States, Mignarda, will enchant attendees with a fresh and engaging approach to historical music.

As usual, this month there is a **book club, knitting group, genealogy study group and a college preparation workshop**. Check out the website for details ([www.newfieldpubliclibrary.org](http://www.newfieldpubliclibrary.org)). The next session of **tax help for seniors** is scheduled for April 4th. Call the library (564-3594) to make an appointment between 2:00-5:00.



The library is accepting books for the upcoming **book sale on March 31st**. They ask that you not give magazines, text books or Readers Digest books. This is the library's biggest fund raiser and they are grateful for the community's support over the years.

*The elementary music department has a wide variety of exciting activities happening in the new year! Thanks to the support of several grants, students will be exposed to some wonderful guest artists (see article on page 4 for details). Pictured here is Aloja Airwele. He recently performed with the elementary chorus and has served as a guest artist at the school several times.*



## SPAGHETTI DINNERS

Pasta lovers have their choice of spaghetti dinners this month!

The 8th Grade Class is sponsoring a dinner on **February 8th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** to raise money for their annual trip to Washington, DC.

The Travel Club dinner is the following week on **February 15th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** They are also fundraising to support a trip to Spain next year.

Both dinners will be held in the high school cafeteria. Choose one, or both and *mangia!*

