

NEWFIELD NEWSLETTER



Newfield Central School District

October 2012

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Community,

I hope you have had the opportunity to stop in and see our beautiful new terrazzo floors in the middle school and high school. If you are a parent of a 4th or 5th grader, you may also have noticed the new classroom floors in those areas. We are delighted to now have energy efficient lighting in all three gymnasiums. These summer projects reduced the availability of the buildings over the summer, but were well worth the effort. We expect to see substantial cost savings with the new lights.

We have now settled into our second month of school. Open Houses, baseline testing, and the jitters of beginning a new school year are behind us. We need your help to sustain the higher academic standards necessary to graduate college and career ready students. The efforts to prepare our students for this begin in pre-K and continue all the way through high school. Here are some of the ways you can help:

- Pre-K** Read to your child every day; name colors, shapes, letters; draw, cut, paste
- K** Read to your child every day; play rhyming games; tell stories to each other
- 1** Read to your child every day; write letters or postcards to family members
- 2** Read to your child every day; write stories; play games that use numbers
- 3-5** Have your child read fiction or non-fiction books every day; do Sudoku puzzles together
- 6-8** Have your child read every day; talk to his/her teachers regularly; set aside a quiet place for your child to do homework and check it every day
- 9-12** Have your child read every day; check The Parent Portal each week; make sure homework is getting done; visit colleges; talk about careers; hold your child responsible for his/her actions.



I encourage you to look for other ways to be involved in the schools. The PTA, the Sports Booster Club, and the Fine Arts Boosters can always use members. The elementary classrooms are often looking for volunteers for special projects. If you have a desire to be involved, we can use you! Contact your building principal with questions or to volunteer.

Dr. Cheryl Thomas
Superintendent of Schools



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District Events Calendar



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Proclamation

Whereas, each year, School Board Recognition Week is observed by the more than 700 school boards in school districts throughout the Empire State; and

Whereas, the men and women serving as members of school boards are dedicated to children, learning, and community, and devote many hours of service to elementary and secondary public education as they continually strive for improvement, excellence, and progress in education; and

Whereas, the members of New York's local school boards respond to the educational needs of the communities they serve and, in doing so, these leaders help strengthen our state's educational system and improve future prospects for our children; and

Whereas, during October 29, 2012 – November 2, 2012, special activities and programs will be held in communities across New York State in observance of School Board Recognition Week and it is fitting to join in acknowledging the commitment and contributions of members of local school boards;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 29, 2012 – November 2, 2012 as

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capital in the City of Albany this tenth day of July in the year two thousand twelve.

A blue ink signature of Andrew M. Cuomo.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Lawrence Schwartz.
Secretary to the Governor

PRIMARY PROJECT

Primary Project is a program designed for students in K-2nd grades. Children in Primary Project get to spend a half hour a week of personal time with a trained child associate. Denise Nosewicz has been our child associate for the past 12 years and, through her other roles (school monitor and strings teacher), is a friendly, familiar face at school.

What is Primary Project?

- It is one-on-one time with a caring adult at school where the child is the center of attention.
- The child chooses and gets to lead his/her play session, choosing his/her toys and activities in the playroom.
- Students are recommended for Primary Project if it is determined that this one-on-one time will help them feel more connected, secure and confident about school.
- Primary Project supplements the efforts of teachers and parents to help build a positive foundation for school.

For more information about Primary Project, please contact school social workers Linda Getz (ext. 1213) or Jamie McCaffrey (ext 1215).

"THANK YOU" TO OUR OWN 2012-13 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Sylvia Allinger, President
Mr. Randy Brown, Vice President
Mr. René Borgella Mrs. Paula Miller
Mrs. Missy Rynone Mr. Timothy Shultz
Mrs. Michelle Yaple

In the Middle...

Here at Newfield Middle School we are proud of the academic achievement of our students. Each quarter we recognize students that have earned an 85-89% on our Honor Roll and those that have earned a 90% or greater on our High Honor Roll. An Honors Assembly is hosted by the Honors Program and each student receives a star pin. Each fall we recognize those students that achieved honor roll status during our last 10 weeks of the prior year. Congratulations!

40 Week High Honor Roll 2011-2012

Grade 6

Borgella, Alexander
Brown, Jacob
Castrechino II, Robert
Edger, Taylor
Eldridge, Alexie
Hart, Hunter
Heroux, Megan
Howell, Caitlin
LaBarge, Stephen
Moravec, Gregory
Reilly, Francis
Rooman, Roger
Ruocco, Nolan
Scott, Savanna
Swansbrough, Kayle
Watkins, Heather

Grade 7

Allen, Eric
Brown, Robert
Heffron, Erwin
Hodge, Shelby
Johnson, Mathew
Keagle, Zachary
King, Logan
King, Patrick
McKenna, Devonn
McKenna, Jordann
Miller, Andrew
Myers, Antoinette
Pierce, Christopher
Poludniak, Devon
Vanetten, Scott
VanOstrand, Tyler
Westberry, Mark
Worcester, Salena

Grade 8

Adams, Jordan
Allen, Jeffrey
Banfield, Cole
Bledsoe, Casey

Bona, Casandra
Castrechino, Chyanne
Duff, Sage
Fagnoli-Peterson, Marissa
Ford, Elisha
Garcia, Thome
Green, Mackenzie
Henderson, Kiersten
Hollenbeck, Myranda
King, Spencer
Lorer, Jennah
Malone, Jazmin
Ober, Seamus
Shay, Alexis
Strosnider, Alora
TenWolde, Zozha
Warnimont, Jeremiah
Yalanzhi, Nataliya

40 Week Honor Roll 2011-2012

Grade 6

Adams, Connor
Aubin, Bre-Anna
Baker, Christopher
Brewster, Hannah
Cotto, Christian
Denmark, Atavia
Denmark, Christian
Hockenberry, Desiray
Holmes, Miotia
Johnson, Carvin
Olmstead, Camryn
Pierce, Ashli
Severtson, Tristan

Grade 7

Bentley, Nicholas
Burns, Christina
Byrd, Mariyah
Chrisman, Bradley
Hackett, Jaclyn
Hall III, Wayne
Havlik, Hannah
Hernandez, Starlit

Hines, Eric
Hockenberry, Andreana
Jacobs, Jordan
Ketter, Destani
Rathbun, Tandom
Schloup, Mariah
Schumacher, Kathryn
Wells, Tyler
Yaples, Rachel

Grade 8

Baker, Alexis
Casterline, Cadence
Disidoro, Todd
Fenner, Kelsey
Festa, Tyler
Mosher, Rhianna
Olmstead, Bailey
Spradlin, Dakota
Teeter, Jessica
Youst, Leslie



***Please drive carefully,
watch for pedestrians and
follow traffic signs in the
parking lot!***

Newfield High School ~ College & Career Ready!

Jen Rudolph, Cornell Upward Bound, Director



With all of the hype for the upcoming presidential election, you have had the chance to hear so many different opinions and views on government spending, war (and peace), education, unemployment...and on and on (and on...). Regardless of where you fall on the political scale of right and left, most should find it easy to agree on the fact that using your time wisely in high school can only help you go farther after you graduate.

I can say confidently that I've never heard a high school student say, "I'm looking forward to being unemployed after I graduate." I've heard a lot of high school students say, "I don't know what I want to do after I graduate." Most students want to further their education, or join the work force, or serve their country--most students WANT to be productive citizens when they graduate from high school.

Understanding this, as well as how much work it takes to be prepared to enter the workforce or be prepared for college, demands that students use their time productively.

This year, students have a couple of new opportunities to do just that.

The Cornell Upward Bound program is now a part of Newfield High School. We are looking for 3-4 motivated students in each grade (9-11) that desire to go on to college and want resources, assistance and help in making plans to get there. To join our program students must qualify as low-income (usually means they qualify for the free or reduced priced lunch) and/or be the first in their family to go on to college (meaning neither parent has a four-year degree). If this sounds like you, or someone you know, email upward-bound@cornell.edu for more information OR ask about our program in the high school office. We will be hosting additional information sessions in the school throughout October and November. Stay tuned for more details!

The new College & Career Readiness Labs are a great place to take advantage of teachers, online resources and other supports to help students make the most of their high school experience and be better prepared for their path after high school. With the additional focus on not just completing homework, but understanding what was learned in class, using extra time to research options for life after high school, and having time to focus on the "extras" like studying for the SAT, writing resumes and preparing applications, it's a winning combination! Using this time to get ahead will make a significant difference in each student's future, guaranteed.

Message for students: As you start off your 2012 school year remember to make the most out of every opportunity, challenge yourself and ask the questions you need to in order to be the best student and citizen you can be!

THIS YEAR, I HOPE AND DREAM
Barry Derfel, High School Principal

This will be a year of great accomplishment and pride for Newfield High School. We at the high school continue to work toward our vision – *We are Newfield: **Conscious, Consistent, and Committed to what is best for our Community.*** Each day, we become more convinced that our vision provides us with an accurate moral compass to help us navigate the challenges, uncertainty, and possibilities that are public education.

As principal, I am determined to help us actively deepen long-term partnerships of trust with the families of our students and with our community. To jump-start this effort, I would like to share with you some of my hopes and dreams for the year. I do this so that you don't have to guess about what I am trying to do, or wonder why I do the things I do.

This year, I hope that we are able to help more young people develop their skills and build the right networks so that they are offered jobs that pay a living wage and provide them with access to health care and other essentials necessary to lead safe, healthy, and productive lives.

This year, I hope that we are able to help more students strengthen their academic resumés so that they are accepted to increasing numbers of prestigious universities and colleges, and that they are offered the financial aid necessary to make their attendance a realistic option.

This year, I hope that we are able to teach our students how to bring to the surface and name the underlying issues that create tension in their social, emotional, and academic lives, and that we are able to help them learn how to then advocate for their needs in mutually respectful and successful ways.



This year, I hope that we are able to help all of our students complete all of their work, all of the time.

This year, I hope that we are able to teach our students how to identify and interrupt hurtful language and behavior in ways that are effective and mutually respectful.

This year, I hope to increase the degree to which our students, their families, and our community shape our vision and goals, and work with us to achieve what should become our collective goals and vision.

I know that it will require shared responsibility to achieve all that I hope and dream we will achieve this year. I know that our school will need to actively invite and support genuine partnership. I know that our students, their families, and our community will need to accept these invitations. All of us will need to push ourselves out of our comfort zones.

I invite you to join me any Wednesday between the hours of 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. in the secondary cafeteria for informal conversation. I will be there every Wednesday, with no

agenda. Please stop by and join the conversation. While I realize that there are many people who will not be able to visit with me at this time, it is a start.

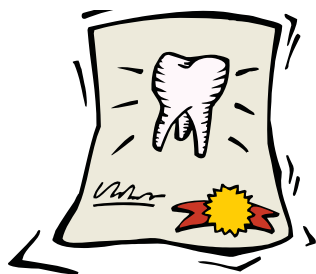
I would also like to find a regular day and time to be available for informal conversations in Ward's, Jim Ray's, Meadowbrook, or some of our other neighborhoods. If you are able to help me figure out how to make this work, please let me know.

For those of you who have Internet access, I invite you to spend some time on my webpage. There is a link to it on the High School webpage, or you can Google Barry Derfel. My webpage is designed to be a digital portfolio of all the work I am trying to do as principal, to be a means for documenting much of the work we are doing as a building, and to be a resource for helping all of us push this work forward.

Finally, I know that building trust takes time, energy, and persistence. I value your input and insights and will be working extra hard this year to deepen home/school/community trust and collaboration. Please stop by to visit, give me a call, or send me an email. This year, I hope and dream about the never-ending possibilities of public education.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

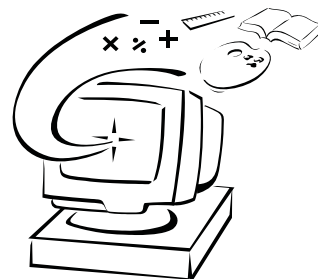
High School Absences, Doctor Appointments and Excuses



Many high school parents ask us if their children need notes. The answer is, yes. Please send notes in with your child for absences, late arrival to school, or early release for doctor appointments. All notes need to have a parent/custodian signature on them.

End of the Marking Period

The end of the first six-week marking period is Friday, October 19. High school report cards will be mailed home Friday, October 26. Please call the office, 564-9955, extension 3131, if you do not receive it.



Newfield Café



Newfield Café is back! The café is a student run service for staff and National Honor Society students. We can be found in room 208 in the high school. Students deliver coffee and other items to staff at all schools first thing in the morning. The students enjoy the opportunity to practice customer service skills, money management, and learn some of the aspects of running a business. We serve coffee, tea, cold beverages and a variety of healthy snacks at the same affordable prices as last year. Our profits are used for charity and to help our students through their high school career. Staff can call 3208 or e-mail Megan Field, or stop by to see our yummy selection, if they would like a delivery.

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Newfield Central School students are involved in the community...

TOWN OF NEWFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Tai Chi- Mondays and Wednesdays in room 68 of the elementary school from 5-6 p.m.

Shake your Soul/Yoga Dance - There will be a Shake Your Soul/Kripalu Yoga Dance class offered through the Newfield Recreation Adult Wellness Program. The class includes stretching, dancing, centering activities and MUSIC! Relieve stress and get some exercise while moving to the beat. No experience necessary! Relax and let go as you are being guided in dynamic movement by Debra DeLorenzo, certified Shake Your Soul teacher. Bring strength and freedom to body, mind and spirit. Unleash the dancer within!

Time: 5:00 p.m.
Dates: Tuesdays beginning October 2
Place: Newfield High School Choral Room
Price: \$7.00 per class
Contact: Debra DeLorenzo 564-7948
Bring: A yoga mat and/or blanket, water bottle
Wear: Comfortable clothes



Fall Flick-Free Outdoor Movie- Join us for a free showing of the recent release "*Dr. Suess' The Lorax*". Free popcorn and hot cocoa will be available. Bring your lawn chair and blankets and enjoy the show! Friday October 5, 2012 at sundown at Newfield Mill Park on Main Street.

Newfield Rec Ski & Ride Club will again be heading out to Greek Peak for fun in the snow on six Friday nights this year. Jan. 4, 11, 18 & 25, plus Feb 1 & 8. All beginners and elementary students get two weeks of traditional lessons, and everyone gets five weeks of ABT - Activities Based Training. These are fun activities with ski instructors to help improve skills and challenge yourself. The Club Sign Up and Information Meeting will be at 6 pm on Friday Oct 12, at the Town Hall. Hope to see you there!

Winter Youth Sports Sign Up: Basketball and winter cheerleading. Monday and Tuesday October 22nd and 23rd at the Newfield Town Hall 6-7:30 p.m.