

NEWFIELD NEWSLETTER



Newfield Central School District

January 2013

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Newfield families:

What do we do in Newfield to keep your children safe? This topic has once again surfaced in the wake of the recent tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut. Unfortunately, it has not been a new or unusual topic for school personnel since Columbine in 1999. Our teaching or administrative majors in college did not include training for school violence nor was it something we thought about when we dreamed about becoming teachers, but we have all had multiple trainings post-graduation and continue to explore best practices for handling all kinds of emergency situations.

Safety is a top priority in Newfield. Over the past couple of years we have developed a comprehensive safety plan that outlines every possible scenario and our response to it. We work with the TC Sheriff's Department and the NYS Troopers to coordinate response teams. Each building has a safety team that is trained in CPR, AED, and Emergency Response Management. Staff members are stationed in front of the elementary school to assist parents and monitor the parking lot every morning. We have installed emergency door locks that lock down the entire campus (elementary, middle, and high schools) with a single push of a button. There is a county-wide network that keeps us informed of threats or dangers. We teach students about "stranger danger" and encourage all students to speak up rather than being bystanders when they see something that needs to be reported. We limit access to the schools during the day to only one door per building, which can be monitored either by a person and/or by camera. Security cameras have been installed around the buildings and campus. We practice our safety drills diligently each year and have debriefing sessions to review and critique ourselves. We will be adding a new one this year called "Reunification Drill". This will be used in the event that students and parents need to be reunited after an incident, whether on campus or off campus. We will need your cooperation as it will involve having you drive in to pick up your child, bring a photo ID to show school personnel, and sign your child(ren) out at a location other than the school.

The best deterrent to violence is people who stand up for what is right, who report their suspicions to administration and who refrain from spreading rumors. Rumors get in the way of investigations by diverting attention away from what is real. We encourage people to report what they themselves have

actually seen or heard. If information is heard second-hand, encourage the person with first-hand knowledge to report it to administration or go with them to do so – and let it end there. Each time a story is repeated, it gets distorted and people can be hurt by the untruths that creep in as the tale is retold.

Thank you for your help in keeping Newfield a safe, warm, and welcoming place to live and work.

Dr. Cheryl Thomas
Superintendent of Schools





JANUARY 2013

District Events Calendar



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READING PARTNERS: *Making Memories For Life*

This year, Mrs. Zifchock's class teamed up with Mrs. Down and Ms. Sherry's classes to create a reading partner program between the second graders and kindergarteners. The second grade class splits up between the two rooms and reads to their kindergarten buddies. Sometimes the kindergarteners even read to the second graders! The older students talk about it all week-they can hardly wait to read to their little friends. Their excitement to read is the best part! Sometimes a project or craft is added for the partners to work on.

As an elementary student, Mrs. Zifchock participated in a reading partner program. She still remembers the names of her reading buddies! Ms. Sherry, Mrs. Down and Mrs. Zifchock are excited to start this tradition in Newfield and hope to be making life-long memories for all students involved.



Mrs. Zifchock's second graders and their kindergarten reading buddies in Ms. Sherry's and Mrs. Down's rooms.

BOOK TRAILERS

"Ms. Atkins, can we come in during recess or stay after school to work on the Book Trailers?"

The majority of Ms. Atkins' 7th grade ELA students have been asking this question, and it is music to her ears. Each month, the 7th graders present their independent reading book in a formal Book Chat. Since they were given access to the district's incredible new technology – the iMacs and iPads – the class decided to digitalize the Book Chats and take learning to an entirely new level.

Using Edmodo, a secure social networking site for education, students have collaborated and communicated across class sections and other disciplines. Through the use of this new tool, Ms. Atkins is learning more about her students' interests, learning preferences, strengths and weaknesses. She created a poll on the ELA 7 Edmodo site asking students whether they would be interested in developing Book Trailers on iMovie, which would build on the original Book Chats, and the idea thrilled them. They started right away.



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By working with students one-on-one and allowing them to help one another, rather than the teacher being the sole source of guidance, Newfield's seventh graders are soaring. They are

practicing hands-on learning, teaching one another, and editing and revising without being asked. They are personally invested in each project, and the intrinsic motivation is outstanding.

Contrary to many of the students' beliefs, developing Book Trailers in class isn't just for fun. This unit covers eleven Common Core ELA State Standards, and it encourages students do complete tasks any ELA teacher would want: edit, revise, create, reflect, use text, communicate, illustrate purpose, and learn.



The district's new technology allows for faculty and students to take 21st century learning to the next step. All in all, Ms. Atkins can confidently say that she is preparing college and career ready students for their future!

High School Mid-Term Week

During the week of January 22-25, the high school will run its formal mid-term and Regents exam schedule. High school students need to be in school only if they have an exam. **Vocational students will be expected to attend their regularly scheduled vocational classes** Tuesday through Friday. In observation of Martin Luther King Day, there will be no school on Monday, January 21.

Below is a schedule of mid-term exams for the week for high school students. Vocational students are required to attend BOCES. If there is a conflict, make-up exams can be scheduled by setting up a time with the teacher of that class.

	8:00-10:30 a.m.	11:45-3:00
1/21	No School	No School
1/22	Science Mid-Terms PM BOCES make-ups	Math Mid-Terms AM BOCES make-ups
1/23	History Mid-Terms PM BOCES make-ups	English Mid-Terms AM BOCES make-ups
1/24	PM BOCES make-ups	Ind. Skills Mid-Terms AM BOCES make-ups
1/25	Spanish Mid-Terms PM BOCES make-ups	Rating Afternoon Make-ups for Exams

Below is the Regents Exam Schedule for select students:

	8:00 a.m.	12 Noon
1/21	No School	No School
1/22	Algebra RCT Global	English
1/23	Living Environment RCT US History	RCT Math
1/24	US History	RCT Reading
1/25	Global History RCT Writing	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 in the afternoon only for an exam or for PM BOCES must sign up in the high school office during the week of January 7 to request a ride. Regular bus runs will be made in the morning and at 3:00; these are unchanged.

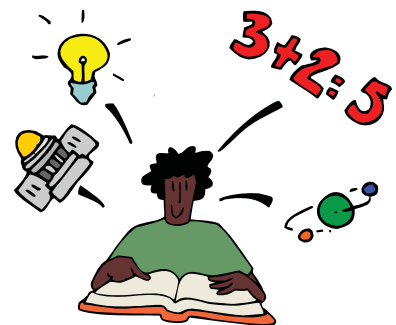
Lunch will be available for students in the high school cafeteria between 10:30 and 11:45.

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

Middle School Midterm Schedule 2012-2013

****Monday, 1/21/13** there will be no school in recognition of Martin Luther King Day

****MS students** will have full days Tuesday, January 22nd through Thursday, January 24th. Midterms will be double periods and given during their core classes each day.



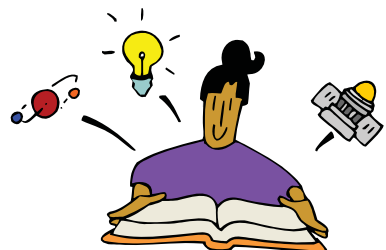
Tuesday 1/22/13
English Language Arts
(3 pm dismissal)

Wednesday 1/23/13
Math
(3 pm dismissal)

Thursday 1/24/13
Social Studies
(3 pm dismissal)

Friday 1/25/13
Science
(10:30 am dismissal)

****Breakfast and lunch** will be served Tuesday through Thursday. Lunch will not be provided on Friday 1/25 as students will be dismissed at 10:30 am.



News from the High School Guidance Office

Rick Pawlewicz • 564-9955 • rpawlewicz@newfieldschools.org



Happy New Year! January is here already which means that we are approaching the halfway point of the school year! I've highlighted a few things that you should be aware of in the coming months.

High School Mid-Term Week is right around the corner (January 22-25). Students will be scheduled to take exams that closely resemble the State Regents exams at the end of the year. These mid-terms will account for 1/6 of a student's overall average in that class. These are important tests and you can help your student prepare for them by knowing their testing schedule, providing them the support to study for the tests and making sure they get plenty of rest and nutrition prior to the exams. Regents exams are also offered during this week. If your child did not pass a required exam for graduation, they can take this opportunity to set up a study plan and re-take it.

Seniors should be engaged in one of the final steps of the college decision making process...**FINANCIAL AID**. Students and parents should NOT procrastinate with this process because it could literally cost thousands! Get organized, review your checklists/deadlines and complete the FAFSA either online (strongly suggested) or by hard copy. Go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> to apply for an electronic PIN (needed for online application) and to start working on the application.

Juniors have received their PSAT results and will begin their college search process, which starts with their senior year scheduling. Students will meet individually with me to review transcripts, discuss post-secondary options and make student course selections that will help them get to where they want to be. Parents are invited and encouraged to be a part of this meeting. I also scheduled a **JUNIOR PARENT COLLEGE NIGHT** on Tuesday, March 5 @ 6:30pm.... put it on your calendar.

2013-2014 student scheduling will be in full swing starting in January and should last until April. If you are interested in meeting with Mr. P to discuss your child's schedule for next year, please call ext. 3133 or email rpawlewicz@newfieldschools.org.

Our Senior **College Acceptances** have grown this past month. Stop outside the HS Office and see where our students may be next fall: Alfred State, Baldwin-Wallace University, SUNY Brockport, Broome CC, Barry University, Cayuga CC, Cedarville University, Coastal Carolina, SUNY Cobleskill, Cornell University, Corning CC, Daemen College, FingerLakes CC, SUNY Fredonia, Gannon University, Genesee CC, Hiram College, Jamestown CC, Kent State, Liberty University, Lyndon State College, Miami-Dade College, Monroe CC, Niagara University, Onondaga CC, St. Bonaventure, TC3, University of Hartford, University of New Haven, University of North Western Ohio, Wells College and Wilson College, to name a few! We are also proud to mention that one of our seniors has committed to serve in the National Guard!

Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?

--Barry Derfel, H.S. Principal

Given the recent tragedy in Sandy Hook Elementary School, the title of Dr. King's last book (published 45 years ago) raises a question that seems especially relevant today. We find ourselves faced with the profound and significant responsibility of choosing an answer.

On Monday morning, December 17th we held a brief assembly in the auditorium for our high school students and staff. As I explained that morning, it is important to acknowledge when tragedies occur. It is respectful, and it allows us to come together to provide each other with mutual support. It is important that we both acknowledge the pain and suffering of the Sandy Hook Elementary School community and that we find ways to learn from this event.

I reminded students and staff that the work we are doing here at Newfield High School is real, important, and relevant. Along with learning content, we are learning how to create a safe, healthy, and effective learning environment. We are learning how to advocate for our needs in the appropriate time, place, and manner. And we are learning what it means to be mutually supportive.

Before dismissing students back to class, I asked everyone to "turn to the person next to you and say 'good morning.'" I pointed out that we do this each morning as we walk into the building, that we do this when we pass each other in the hallways, and that we do this when enter our classrooms. I explained that it is precisely these small, intentional efforts that help us connect with each other and build community.

To extend our efforts to build community beyond and across the walls of our school, I invite all students, staff, families, and Newfield residents to join me in reading Dr. King's last book together. On the very last page, Dr. King writes, "We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now... We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent co-annihilation. This may well be [human]kind's last chance to choose between chaos or community" (pg. 202).

If you are interested, please stop into the high school office to pick up a free copy of the book. You will be asked to leave your name and contact information so that I can share with you more specific details about where and when we will meet to begin discussing the book.

I have no doubt that you will find the book relevant and compelling. It will likely affirm much that some of us believe to be absolutely true; for others of us it will surely challenge our deepest core beliefs. By coming together as students, staff, families, and residents to talk about these issues we make it possible to define, embrace, and embody the values of democracy, equity, and diversity (ISLLC Standard 5). We make it possible to choose community over chaos.

THE CIRCUS IS COMING!
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Thursday, April 11, 2013
SAVE THE DATE!
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CSD Class of 2015

LOOK FOR INFORMATION
TO COME HOME VIA
BACKPACK EXPRESS IN
MARCH!

REMINDER:

Families, please remember to update your email addresses and current phone numbers for Alert Now messages. If contact information changes, please notify your child's building office.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 12-Week Marking Period

HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

Allen, Jeffrey
Bona, Casandra
Disidoro, Todd
Festa, Tyler
Henry, Sierra
Laue, Alexander
Monroe, Elianna
Owens, Kaleb
Sexton, Sarah
Strosnider, Alora
Teeter, Jessica
Troy, Abbigayle

Grade 10

Alger II, Marcus
Blakeslee, Kamrie
Bump, Rachael
Chrisman Jr., Andy
Cooper, Devin
Graves, Lesa
McKee, Katie
Piotti, Seth
Warnimont, Kelsey

Grade 11

Abbey, Alicia
Arnold, Catrina
Babcock, Alyssa
Bamforth, Taylor
Crawford, Mariah
Doolittle, Matthew
Gehring, Kagan
Harden, Tiffany
Johnston, Alexander
Sims, Angela
Stranger, Amy
Washington, Shay
Youst, Jeramie

Grade 12

Beach, Michael
Davis, Zandrea
Everhart, Dominique
Heiderich-LaDue, John
McLaughlin, Christopher
Miller, Evan
Mix, William
Moore, Morgan
Mosher, Zachary

Newhart, Kayla
Pakkala, Megan
Peabody, Joseph
Wood-Ellis, Alyssa
Yaples, Michael

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

Adams, Jordan
Baker, Alexis
Banfield, Cole
Bledsoe, Casey
Castrechino, Chyanne
Duff, Sage
Ford, Elisha
Furman, Reanna
Garcia, Thome
Green, Mackenzie
Henderson, Kiersten
Hollenbeck, Myranda
King, Spencer
Lorer, Jennah
Malone, Jazmin
Mosher, Rhianna
Ober, Seamus
Olmstead, Bailey
Shay, Alexis
TenWolde, Zozha
Warnimont, Jeremiah
Yalanzhi, Nataliya
Youst, Leslie

Grade 10

Carter, Max
Castrechino, Dillon
Frank, Nathan
Gerow, Thomas
Harris, Kelsey
Johnson, Andrea
Meeker III, William
Miller, Jasmine
Moravec, Nicole
Moynihan, Taina
Naylor, Melissa
Nye-Smith, Luke
Rynone, Riley
Schreiber-Harris, Alex
Sexton, Christie
Strednak, Alexandra
Tuckerman, Megan
Woods, Alaina

Grade 11

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

Grade 12

Bacorn-Royce, Kyle
Brown, Laura
Carney, Erica
Cotto, Carletta
Cutter, Marissa
Doucett, Erin
Gerow, Jacqueline
Harris, Allison
Hoskins, Peter
Hulbert, Brianna
Johnson, Anna
Krogman, Luke
Miller, Colin
Noteboom, Hollie
Scott, Connor
Sears, Kodie
Sinn, Kiersten
Terlouw, Courtney
Tubbs, Taylor
Ward, Devin
Wood, Elizabeth
Wood, Lindsey
Wood, Rebecca



Student of Distinction 12-Week Marking Period

9th Grade:

Jordan Adams, Cole Banfield, Chyanne Castrechino, Sage Duff, Elisha Ford, Reanna Furman, Thome Garcia, Mackenzie Green, Myranda Hollenbeck, Spencer King, Jennah Lorer, Jazmin Malone, Rhianna Mosher, Seamus Ober, Zozha TenWolde, Nataliya Yalanzhi

10th Grade:

Max Carter, Dillon Castrechino, Nathan Frank, Thomas Gerow, Kelsey Harris, Andrea Johnson, William Meeker III, Nicole Moravec, Taina Moynihan, Melissa Naylor, Luke Nye-Smith, Alex Schreiber-Harris, Christie Sexton, Alexandra Strednak, Megan Tuckerman, Alaina Woods

11th Grade:

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

12th Grade:

Kyle Bacorn-Royce, Erica Carney, Marissa Cutter, Jacqueline Gerow, Peter Hoskins, Brianna Hulbert, Anna Johnson, Colin Miller, Connor Scott, Kodie Sears, Courtney Terlouw, Taylor Tubbs, Devin Ward, Elizabeth Wood, Lindsey Wood, Rebecca Wood



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PROJECT GRADUATION ALL-NIGHT PARTY NEWS

Congratulations to Dustin Hunt from Ithaca. Dustin was the winner of our CVA Wolf Muzzleloader!

Bottles and cans piled up from the holidays? Want to help Project Graduation? Take them to K & H Redemption Center and tell them to donate the money to Newfield Project Graduation.

Upcoming:

Look for our ½ Pig Raffle beginning in mid-January! We'll be raffling a cut and wrapped ½ pig from Cudlin's.

February 2 – Pancake Breakfast – Newfield Fire Hall

BASKETBALL CLINICS LED BY VARSITY TEAMS



On December 1st and 8th the Town of Newfield Recreation Department teamed up with the Newfield varsity girls and boys basketball teams for a series of youth basketball clinics. The clinics provided an opportunity for the 2nd-6th grade participants to spend time with, and learn from, the older and more experienced basketball players. Coaches Emerson and Barrett led their team's clinics which consisted of warm ups and stretches, skill building drills geared toward all facets of the game, and fun basketball games like "knock-out" and "break the ice."

The clinics appeared to be fun and worthwhile for all involved, and we look forward to continuing to build on their success!



NEWFIELD CHILDCARE PROGRAM

All Newfield families are encouraged to enroll in one or more of the Newfield Childcare Programs. Programs offered are Nursery School, Day Care and the Before/After School Program. We are looking forward to providing care, education and socialization for your child in a stimulating, nurturing and safe environment. For an application or more information, please contact Kittie Hollander at 564-9955, ext. 4103.



SUBSTITUTES NEEDED IN ALL AREAS

Would you like to work at the school? Do you need some extra income? If you are interested in being a **substitute for a teacher, school nurse, teacher aide, bus driver, food service helper, cleaner or clerical worker**, please go do the school district website (<http://www.newfieldschools.org/node/10>) and download the application. If this is a problem for you, applications are available in the District Office.