

NEWS

NEW WINDSOR SCHOOL MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER



[NECSD Virtual Learning Support](#) site will provide the most up to date information on anything related to technology and Virtual Learning for our Students and Families. It includes sections for general help, resources, help line, and forms related to technology.

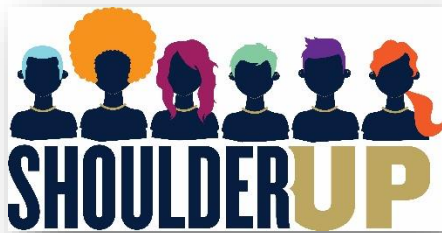
Please make sure to visit the site on a regular basis to be informed of current technological updates.

If you have any questions or have specific questions, please reach out to the contact listed below.

helpdesk@necsd.net (845)568-6532

Here is the link for students/parents to report any issues with Chromebooks:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxcghp9l>



Mr. Camt and Mr. Lee delivering goodies to our amazing staff on various celebratory occasions!

Getting Ready for Summer!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I can't believe how quickly this year has gone by. It seems like yesterday when we were excited to begin in-person, hybrid instruction.

Thankfully, we all have adjusted effectively and efficiently and are all doing very well.

Let's all finish out the year strong! And to prepare for our next school year.

I think we all deserve a wonderful Summer to recharge and rejuvenate. I am hoping that we will be back to our "normal" lives as much as possible by September.

Thank you again for all of your efforts and zeal toward our NWS scholars and the community at large.

Mr. Camt
Principal



Our scholars dressed for success!

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DISTANCE LEARNING

Let us Finish Strong!

Often times, it is how we finish that makes a difference!



BY: MR. LEE

What matters to us is not how we may have begun the school year, but how we finish it off. We are all aware of the pervasive impact that the COVID-19 Pandemic had on all of us. Every single one of us. It has influenced our children in the way they learn and interact with their classmates as well as the community at large. For the most part, our scholars have adjusted very well; better than we had hoped.

As we continue our year and get closer to finishing out the school year, there is one thing on all our minds. What will September look like? Will things go back to normal (as can be)? Will we start out the 2021-2022 school year with proper social distancing and hybrid instruction? The unfortunate truth is, we will not know until the first day of the new school year.

Therefore, instead of focusing on the unknown, I suggest that we focus on the known; what we can do to finish out the current year strong!

One of the most important part of setting up for the following school year is to focus on how we can prepare our scholars for the following year. Although we all may have doubts and concerns on what tomorrow will bring, we can all agree on the fact that we need some closure – for at least this school year – to feel a sense of normalcy (again, as normal as possible).

“No matter who you are or what you do, embrace the challenge to first start with the goal to finish strong.” – Andy Andrews

How can we prepare our scholars for the next academic year? What are some things I can do to make sure that our scholars are ready for next grade level? These are some of the many questions that keep some of our teachers awake at night.

I’m sure as a parent or a guardian, you are concerned as well.



This is the new norm!

Some of the most important things you can do to prepare your scholar for the new school year are as follows:

- Make sure your scholars read on a daily basis – appropriate reading level materials (Fiction/Non-Fiction/Various interests/etc.)
- Make sure your scholars minimize screen-time activities – such as games, T.V., YouTube, etc...
- Make sure your scholars work on their summer packets!
- Make sure your scholars read on a daily basis – I know I already said this – but it is so very important!
- Discuss what your scholars are reading! I know this takes time – but it will raise their interest levels tremendously!
- Link Math to Life! Discuss numbers and certain simple operations (like addition and subtraction) as part of your conversations! It will make a huge difference!

Every little effort during the summer can really make a difference!

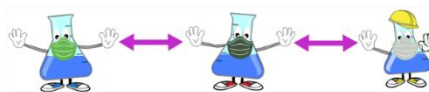
“The last thing you want to do is finish playing or doing anything and wish you would have worked harder.” – Derek Jeter

Remember parents and guardians! Summer is an extension of the current school year before beginning the new school year! Make it count! Finish out the year strong!

Mr. Lee



Social distance, please



NWS RESOURCES

Online Resources

There are plenty of resources for our students and families to maximize their learning.

Please make sure to visit the district link for online resources: District Online Resource Link: <https://tinyurl.com/y6fogyzw>

Below are links to some other important websites – but please make sure to visit the district site for a more comprehensive list of links:

- Launchpad: <https://tinyurl.com/y6nuiwao>
- Flipgrid: <https://info.flipgrid.com/>
- Reflex Math: <https://www.reflexmath.com/>
- BrainPOP: <https://www.brainpop.com/>
- BrainPOP Jr.: <https://jr.brainpop.com/>
- Google Classroom: <https://classroom.google.com/>
- NewsELA: <https://newsela.com/>



ACADEMIC PROGRESS UPDATE

State Assessments

Parents and Guardians!

We are almost done with our State Assessments for this year. We only have the Science for 4th Grade left (Monday, June 7 & Virtual Students: Wednesday, June 9, The science testing will end on June 11, 2021) and only the written part of the test will be given. Please reach out to Mr. Lee with any questions you may have. Remember that for this year – the State Tests do not count toward any measurements and it is mostly for practice purposes.

If you need Parent Portal information, please reach out to our secretary @ jgiusto@necsd.net and she will assist you in getting the proper information.



We take social distancing very seriously!

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Women’s History Month Recognition

BY: MRS. CACI

March is Women’s History Month, where we recognize the accomplishments of trailblazing women who advocated for causes and fought for representation and equality. While considering and celebrating the work of women throughout history, we can think about the important character traits that helped women stand up for their rights and change history. The character traits of independence, perseverance, courage, altruism, and creativity are integral in creating social change. These traits are also important to in the context of education and should be instilled in our students. Building and encouraging these traits in our children will not only support them throughout their education, but beyond in their endeavors and careers once they graduate.

Independence allows children to function on their own or with minimal support, making decisions and growing based on their choices. Courage enables children to take on challenges and perseverance helps them continue pushing forward to complete a project or solve a problem. Altruism lets us use our strengths for the greater good and help to make the world a better place. Creativity provides us with different possibilities and ways to solve problems and address issues.

All of these character traits allow us to make positive contributions to our communities and contribute to the greater good. If you are looking for ways to have fun while encouraging these traits in your children, check out <https://apertureed.com/family-resources/free-home-resources/> and <https://www.edutopia.org/SEL-parents-resources>.



*Mrs. Caci
New Windsor School Phycologist*

**OUR STAFF MEMBERS ARE AMAZING!
THEY HELP NWS STAY AWESOME IN SO MANY WAYS!!!**



Our staff enjoying a scoop of their favorite ice cream – during a week of Appreciation!
(We actually appreciate them every day...)

MORE CELEBRATIONS!

Our Teams!

5th Grade Team: We are delighted to say that our fifth grade scholars have enthusiastically embarked upon reading in full force. We began with “Esperanza Rising”, followed by “The Lion the Witch and The Wardrobe”, “Wonder” and currently, “Number the Stars”. We have been able to construct narrative, informative, and opinion essays in response to our novels. Students have also been enjoying their research reports and reactionary book reviews. Each day, they eagerly work on organizing their ideas to plan, organize, and write essays in order to develop writing skills. Presently, students are involved in both whole and group work, closely examining paired passages in order to construct a response by identifying evidence and connections.

4th Grade Team: Ms. Quinci’s class created digital notebooks as a culminating project explaining the American Revolution. Ms. Quinci’s class became poets! Students created virtual poetry journals exploring figurative language.



Ms. Quinci’s class also celebrated Black History month by reading books on important African American heroes, such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Harriet Tubman. We then created a slideshow to represent our work.

Martin Luther King	
Date of birth :January 15, 1929 Atlanta, Georgia	Important event: Gave a famous speech called I Have A Dream
Death date:April 4, 1968	Important event : one last march
	<p>Accomplishments He fought for civil rights and he stop segregation and helped people. He and other African Americans also stop riding the bus until they could sit wherever they want and it worked. He did important things to stop segregation and led more marches.</p> <p>Interesting facts He wanted everyone to be together no matter what skin color. He and other African Americans would march and do peaceful protests. He also told people not to use violence. He give speeches but his most famous was I Have A Dream.</p>

3rd Grade Team: A lot is going on in grade 3 as winter’s cold hold thaws preparing for a blossoming spring. Father Winter’s wicked wind ushered in a long season of multiplication and division. Our third graders have been working vigorously to build their multiplication fluency. We began with concrete concepts for our scholars to visualize and draw. They grasped constructing equal groups, arrays, rows, and columns. By setting up these manipulatives they can better comprehend the meaning of multiplication and division equations. What’s their secret in building their fluency? Reflex Math! They absolutely love multiplying and dividing using this wonderful online resource. Most of them don’t even realize they are doing math as Reflex blends problem solving and gaming. A modern day kid’s dream come true!

We celebrated Black History Month with a digital research project. Our students utilized Encyclopedia Britannica from the district’s Launchpad to gather information and details. They created google slides describing outstanding Americans like Misty Copeland, Kamala Harris, President Barack Obama, Viola Davis, Jesse Owens and more. Mrs. A. Merrill taught us how to take our slides and make them into a beautiful book creation by using BookCreator. Our third graders shared their works of art and presented their projects via google meets.

In Grade 3 we like to collaborate with our school community to make us better learners and increase their academic experiences. We are looking forward to spring when the winter seeds of math blossom into tall, exquisite flowers of area, telling time and fractions. Our reading garden will be sprinkled with stories that will take us on an adventure to a magical land that’s located second star on the right and on a farm with whimsical creatures that teaches us all a valuable lesson. Three is the magic number... grade

Special Subject Team: From all of the Special Subject Area Teachers: Physical Education, Music, Library and Art, we encourage you to remember the tactile, concrete, and three dimensional world in which we live; It is not all about technology! We want to remind you to get up, step away from the screen, and utilize the skills that you have acquired from participating in your Special Area Classes.

Take a look at this fun and imaginative drawing created by a student in

Ms. De Forest’s Art Class:



Created by E.H., 4th Grade - Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Gordon

How does this picture make you feel?
 If there were music playing in the background, what would you hear?
 What book do you think of?
 Does this remind you of a game you have played in Phys Ed or can you think of a fun game to play here?
 You just might find that the more you engage in the hands-on, creative activities taught in our Special Area Classes, the more you will enjoy your time away from the screen!

Kindergarten Team: Our youngest scholars at New Windsor School have been so excited to be in our classrooms and joining us from home! They are proud to share that they have learned their alphabet letters and sounds. Now they are decoding words and reading up a storm! The Kindergarten teachers are encouraging them through reading conferences and helping them set goals for themselves. They have learned to read over 30 words. Our K students LOVE to read and write!

The 100th Day of School has come and gone and our scholars are truly 100 days smarter. Each classroom experienced a myriad of challenges and activities to deepen their understanding of numbers and problem solving. They are not only readers, but mathematicians too!



RECENT PICS

Recent Events!



Staff Appreciation is every day!!!



Ice Scream makes us happy! (Thank you to NWS PTO!)



We are all dressed up for success!!!

Kindergarten Team (cont’d): Our school days are filled with social/emotional learning as well. Our students are exploring their listening skills and learning about responsibility with our school counselor, Mr. Michalek. We have talked about all the school community helpers in our building that are here to support them- our principal, school nurse, security officers, cafeteria staff, and custodians. New Windsor school is a special place where faculty and staff come together to support all our students!

As March began the Kindergarten classrooms celebrated “Read Across America” and the inspiration for it all, children’s author, Dr. Seuss. The children listened to his stories, explored his style and artwork, and participated in cross-curricular activities to enhance their learning. They listened, wrote, built, and “boogied” to music about the famous author and illustrator.

Slowly our world will turn green again, and our Kindergarten scholars look forward to getting a breath of fresh air between their lessons. They are looking forward to visiting New Windsor School’s brand-new playground equipment. Spring, here we come!

