SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON



■Monthly Update ■

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR • BUSINESS SERVICES
PUPIL SERVICES • TEACHING AND LEARNING SERVICES

April 2022

District Administrator

2022 Herb Kohl Foundation Excellence Scholarship, Initiative Scholarship, Fellowship, Leadership Award Recipients Announced

The selection committee for the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Student Scholarship. Teacher Fellowship and Principal Leadership program has announced recipients of the 291 Herb Kohl Foundation awards for Wisconsin students, teachers, and principals. Awards of \$6,000 are being made to 100 teachers, 17 principals, and their schools, and a \$10,000 scholarship will be given to 174 graduating high school students. The Kohl Foundation award program was established by Herb Kohl, philanthropist, and businessman. Since 1990, the foundation has awarded more than \$28.3 million to Wisconsin educators, principals, students, and schools. "Education is the key to the future of Wisconsin and our nation," Kohl said. "I am very proud of the accomplishments of these students, teachers, and principals and look forward to the great contributions they will make in the future." Student Excellence Scholarship recipients have demonstrated excellence in the academic arena and high motivation to achieve, have displayed a broad range of activity and leadership outside the academic setting, and have shown strong promise for succeeding in college and beyond. Teacher Fellowship recipients are educators who have been chosen for their superior ability to inspire a love of learning in their students, their ability to motivate others, and their leadership and service within and outside the classroom. Principal Leadership Award recipients are school principals who are being recognized for setting high standards for instruction, achievement and character, and creating a climate to best serve students, families, staff and community. Excellence Scholarship, Fellowship and Leadership Award recipients are selected by a statewide committee composed of civic leaders, and representatives of education-related associations and the program's co-sponsors: The Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, regional

Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESA), the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, and the Wisconsin Homeschooling Parents Association. Initiative Scholarship recipients, chosen by their schools, have overcome significant obstacles or adversity, have demonstrated exceptional initiative in the classroom, and have shown strong promise for succeeding in college and beyond, but have not yet received other academic-based scholarships.

Congratulations to Anne Ferge, New London High School Next Generation Academy Advisor and high school students Cynthia Magana, Avrie Musketvitsch and Alaena Wolf for their distinguished recognition as a Kohl EducationalFoundation recipient.

Anne Ferge- 2022 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellow

Cynthia Magana- 2022 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Initiative Scholar

Avrie Musketvitsch-2022 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Initiative Scholar

Alaena Wolf- 2022 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Excellence Scholar



School Board of Education Results

Board of Education election results from April 5, 2022.

- Mandy Wilz 1395
- Holly Schweitzer 1346
- Tina Ruckdashel 1162
- Pete Bosquez 1083

Mrs. Wilz and Mrs. Schweitzer will officially begin their role as Board of Education members at our April 25, 2022, special meeting. Thank you to Mr. Bosquez and Mrs. Ruckdashel for their service to the School District of New London.



B212

The April B212 extra degree of effort recognition acknowledges our

Senior class of 2022. Recently our Seniors participated in an exit interview process with community members from the New London area. During the interview process, students were asked



critical questions to reflect on their experiences within our school district. Additionally, students were presented with questions about future goals and aspirations following graduation related to post-secondary education or workforce readiness opportunities. Our Senior class is commended for their efforts during the recent exit interview process, in which they demonstrated their formal interview skill sets.

Director of Business Services

Track Program Donation

The Schlueter Family donated \$540 to the track program to make a purchase for the program. We thank Larry and Lucille

for their generous donation to help support the track program!



<u>Diamond Vogel</u> Donation

Diamond Vogel donated 10 gallons of clear coat paint to the Woods Department at New London High School. Their donation did not specify the value but it exceeds \$600 in cost if the district would have

needed to purchase this. We thank them for their donation!

Director of Pupil Services

4K Outreach Upcoming Events

Literacy Round-up Results

On Friday, March 4, 2022, over 100 people (students, families, and staff) participated in our 4K Literacy Round Up event at the Washington Center.

Students who are three and four years old and their families came to attend and participate in our literacy event.

The event involved the 4K teaching staff from our district, as well as our collaborative partners—Head Start and Day Care Center



of New London. Students were able to engage in projects involving literacy, gross motor activities, fine motor activities, counting and family engagement. The staff received assistance from the 8th grade student council students as well as the Catalyst Academy staff and students.

Stuart Stotts Literacy/Family Outreach

On Friday, April 8, 2022, at the Washington Center at 9:00 a.m., all families who participate in our 4K programs are encouraged to attend the Stuart Stotts event.

Stuart Stotts is an author, storyteller, educator, and songwriter. He's sung with and performed for kids and families in schools, libraries, and community settings around the world since 1984. Stuart is a Kennedy Center teaching artist and a frequent presenter at educational events, keynoting conferences and leading workshops for early childhood and elementary school teachers, librarians, and social service professionals around the country.

His keynote presentations are funny, practical, engaging, and based in everyday practice and experience. Stuart always emphasizes the importance of story, relationship, brain-based

research, and on-going learning in striving for improvement and success.

4K/5K Family Visitation Day

On Friday, May 6, 2022 the district will host 4K/5K

visitation day in all of the elementary schools. All New London families with children ages 3 and older are encouraged to attend. Parents will learn more about what 4K and 5K is all about, be able to see the classrooms and



instructional areas, and ask questions they may have about their own children. Additionally, families will also receive a bulldog t-shirt for attending this event.

Director of Teaching and Learning

Math Instructional Updates

Through an ongoing review and discussion including presentations at our Instructional Committee, New



London has decided to renew our math programming with Math Expressions for grades K-6 and Big Ideas Math for grades 7- Algebra

Trigonometry. Reboot training and support of enhanced features will take place this spring and summer.

English Language Arts Review

As presented at our last Instructional Committee meeting, our team continues to review our English Language Arts curriculum. At our last meeting with staff representatives from grades K-2, we discussed the desire to keep the Sadlier Phonics resources for next year regardless of possible transition to American Reading Company for additional



instructional resources. We also met with both Southern Door and Greenwood to ask about their success with the program. Next steps include grades 5 and 7 participating in a pilot unit, a possible site visit, and training on the platform and assessment

tool on April 19, 2022. American Reading Company

prides themselves on providing materials that include scaffolded skills instruction in foundational reading and compliments our current instructional model. Beyond these resources, we also looked at other programs including Journeys, Wonders, and Studysync. Should a full adoption of new programming be suggested, this purchase would be eligible for ESSER III funding and would meet the mark for the 20% evidence-based improvement strategies. I will continue to keep the board updated.

Fourth Quarter Begins!

As we head into our 4th quarter, we are wrapping up state assessments, enrolling in summer school and planning for fall scheduling. Report cards were sent home in Thursday folders on April 7, 2022. Parents who have questions or concerns should contact their child's teacher for further information. Next month I will be presenting further data on student achievement from this year.

Summer Registration Open until May 1, 2022

Summer registration has begun and we have gotten good feedback on options for students and on the online registration process. Visit the district website for details on course offerings and directions on how to register.

