



### February 2021

#### District Administrator

##### Wolf River Community Bank



New London High School participated in the Wolf River Community Bank Half-Court Contest for a chance to win money for our District. Mrs. Ferge, Mr. Lawton, and Mr. Lubinski each attempted three shots (free throw, 3-Point, and half court) and raised \$350 for the District.

Thank you to Wolf River Community Bank for this opportunity and for their donation to our school. Check out the video (Shiocton, Hortonville and New London are all included):  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E4cR6FMcj\\_gc3CbLmm-a5GxWb8z7fOTd/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E4cR6FMcj_gc3CbLmm-a5GxWb8z7fOTd/view)

##### Connections Committee

On January 27, the Connections Committee met to develop initiatives to enhance relationships, understand, and provide further communication with the New London school community and beyond.

The committee received an update on the Parkview Elementary digital open house tour, which will be shared with our community. Initial viewing of the digital open house will be presented to the Board of Education at the February special meeting and then be made available for our school community. Thank you to the City of New London and Casey Zempel for assisting with the production.

A review of potential community connections concepts from the recent Wisconsin Association of School Board convention were discussed:

- Development of a school community awards program
- Board leadership visits with students
- Further development of alumni profiles
- Measuring the impact of district volunteers and partnerships

Discussion took place about the potential development of a public service message to share

the School District of New London's great attributes to community members and individuals who may be interested in the School District of New London.

##### B 212

The February B 212 extra effort recognition recognizes Katie Bellile for her B 212 attitude, performance, and work ethic. As shared by Mr. Yerkey, High School Principal,



*"Katie recently organized the NewLASS scholarships program. She has gone above and beyond in meeting and coordinating with students, building schedules, contacting interviewers, and planning with the administration. She has done these things while still excelling at her regular duties of athletics, counseling, Skyward, and the countless other things she does."*

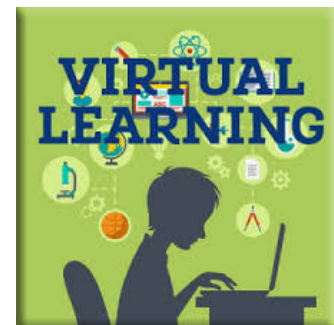
*The student service center would not run as efficiently or effectively without Katie."*

Congratulations, Katie, for your B 212 efforts!

On February 2, New London High School provided an opportunity for seniors to participate in NewLASS scholarship interviews. Thank you to our school community partners that support opportunities for our students.

##### Virtual Learning Survey

A Skyward virtual learning survey was recently shared with all parents/guardians inquiring about interest in continued virtual educational instructional



platforms for students and families during the 2021-2022 academic year. Survey results will allow

the district to plan accordingly to meet student needs and further develop appropriate staffing levels to support a virtual learning platform. Thank you to all families who completed the interest survey.

## **Director of Business Services**

### **Total Compensation Committee Meeting**

The Total Compensation Committee met on January 25 to review the following agenda items:



- A. Review of 403(b) matching program options

The committee reviewed and is very close to finalizing a recommendation to bring to the full Board for review and approval to implement this year.

- B. Review of bus driver recruitment options

The committee discussed several options to strategically address the district's bus driver shortage. Surrounding district data and private contractor data was reviewed to bring a formal recommendation to the Board for consideration on February 8, 2021.

- C. Review of 2021-22 CPI for base wage increases

The CPI for base wage increase is 1.23% for wages July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. The committee suggested moving forward with the past process to provide wage increases to staff and will bring a formal recommendation to the Board in March.

- D. Review of employee incentives

The committee evaluated options to provide staff with a 1x incentive for the 2020-21 year for the extraordinary efforts many have taken to provide education to students during the COVID-19 challenges. The district will receive additional CARES Act Funding that could pay for this incentive.

The committee will continue to discuss options and funding methods to potentially make a recommendation to the Board for consideration.

- E. Review of current certified staff equity benchmarks

The committee revisited the discussion about equity benchmarks for certified staff that was discussed at prior meetings.

## **Director of Pupil Services**

### **Knights of Columbus Donation**

Jim Russel from the Knights of Columbus, representing Fr Herb Council 1797, once again donated generously to the special education program at New London High School. This is an annual donation received from the Knights of Columbus as a result of their Tootsie Roll annual fundraiser which supports citizens who have intellectual disabilities. Pictured are high school special education teacher Jill Spencer and some of the students at New London High School with Jim Russel, the Chairman of the local Knights of Columbus. Thank you to the Knights for their continued support of the School District of New London.



### **Additional Color Blind Glasses Donation**

As a result of the publicity received from WBAY, Channel 2 news story and the Press-Star article in the paper, an additional citizen from the community has stepped forward to purchase five additional sets of the EnChroma Color Blind Glasses for students in our school district. A special thanks to Debra Radmer, a parent of former students who graduated from our district, and a current grandparent of a student in our district. Debra donated over \$1,000 to purchase the glasses for the students in need of this service.

## Dr. Seuss on the Loose



The annual Dr. Seuss on the Loose event will take place on Friday, February 26, 2021, at the Washington Center in New London. This is a chance for families to meet their future 4K teacher and also a chance for families to

complete the 4K registration process.

Play based activities will take place during the event. To help us plan, please call (920) 982- 2011 to let us know you plan to attend.

## Director of Teaching and Learning

### 4K Enrollment/Registration



Based on our census and local family information, families have received information regarding 4K enrollment for our community collaborative program. If you know anyone with students eligible for 4K, please encourage them to fill out paperwork or call our

offices to get the process started! Questions can be directed to Lesley Baehman at (920) 982-8447. Families who enroll by February 28 will also receive a Bulldog to welcome them to our educational family.



### State Assessment Windows

The state assessment windows are just around the corner. It is important to note the schedule for these tests as they are different for each building. Newsletters, websites and calendars will share specific details and ways to prepare students to do their best. New London is proud of how our students

use the state assessments as a manner to understand their own learning and to allow ALL students access to career opportunities with this added information. Overall, these assessments, along with our local assessments, help guide our instructional efforts.

Grade Level or Group	Assessment
Grades 3-4	WI Forward Exam
Grades 5-8	WI Forward Exam
Grade 10	WI Forward Exam (Social Studies Only)
Grades 9-11	ACT or ACT Aspire
Students who qualify for the alternate assessment (IEP)	Dynamic Learning Map
English Language Learners	Access Exam

Students who have chosen to be At Home Learners in New London Connect are still required to test; arrangements will be made to test these students as well as those at school with safety protocols in place to protect cohorts.

If you have any questions about state testing, please email [dsievert@newlondon.k12.wi.us](mailto:dsievert@newlondon.k12.wi.us) or call the Office of Teaching and Learning or your building principal.

### Instructional Committee

At the recent Instructional Committee meeting, we discussed current and future options for virtual learning. The committee agreed that continuing to offer options for our students is important. You will hear later tonight about how we hope to maintain and grow our options for both our current and future students.



Sincere thanks to those on this committee for their feedback and input. Our next steps include: survey families for potential enrollment, renew our partnership with RVA and build processes and procedures for the future. I look forward to updating the full board next month with a monitoring report. Our next Instructional Committee meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2021, at 4:15 at the District Office.