



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

Monthly Update

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February 2024

District Administrator

Years of Service Recognition

As a District, we annually recognize years of service milestones for our District employee groups during February. We are genuinely appreciative and thankful for our dedicated individuals committed to "Success for All Students." On behalf of the School District of New London, my gratitude and appreciation are given.



35 Years of Service: Teresa Huntly

30 Years of Service: Linda Gregory, Brian Mathu, Chris Sanderfoot

25 Years of Service: Patricia Bressler, Laurie Laubenstein, Amy Schramm, Robin Sternhagen, Deborah Volk, Sheila Winton, Michael Wohlt

20 Years of Service: Mary Jnsema, Kyle Lubinski, Janell Martin, Phillip Sloma,

15 Years of Service: Stephanie Buxell, Kelly Parker, Michael Schabow, Michael Ritchie, Stephanie Laabs

10 Years of Service: Kirk Delwiche, Mary Dickrell, Brian Hallman, Kyle Tesch, Tammy Esser, and Beth Dreas

Spring Break-March 4-8

The District-wide spring break is scheduled from March 4 to March 8. All schools and District buildings will remain closed with limited access during this period. We encourage all students, families, and staff to take advantage of this time to rest, recharge, and prepare for the remainder of the

academic year. Please note that student instruction will resume on March 11, 2024.

School Crossing Guard Week

In recognition of the vital role played by adult school crossing guards in ensuring the safety of students and families, Wisconsin has designated February 19-23 as Adult School Crossing Guard Week. We want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all adult District school crossing guards whose efforts make our school community a safer place to learn and grow. Your dedication to this important task does not go unnoticed, and we appreciate everything you do. Thank you for your hard work and commitment!



(Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction) Each day committed adult crossing guards across Wisconsin show up at their assigned crossings to assist students in their journey to or from school. It is important to recognize their dedication to providing safe passage for our children.

This recognition event was developed through the collaborative assistance of agencies and organizations representing the state, county, and local levels. Members of this partnership include AAA Wisconsin, Wisconsin School Safety Coordinators Association, Department of Justice - Office of School Safety, Badger State Sheriffs' Association, Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association, many local partners (listed on poster), and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

B 212

The February 212 Extra Degree of Effort recognizes High School Principal Mr. Brian Yerkey. Mr. Yerkey recently participated in the



Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) 2023 Sportsmanship Summit. The purpose of the Summit was to assist membership schools with their citizenship and sportsmanship efforts for students, student-athletes, adult fans, advisors, parents, and booster clubs; develop plans to improve or maintain good sportsmanship locally; and assist schools in identifying and implementing a respectful environment for education-based athletics. Mr. Yerkey moderated the summit action plan session with students and representatives.



Additionally recognized for his 212 Extra Degree of Effort is Mr. Phillip Sloma, High School Interim Associate Principal/Co-Curricular Director. Mr. Sloma was recently invited to participate as a breakout session lead at the Wisconsin Association of Athletic Directors annual conference. Mr. Sloma shared his perspective with fellow athletic directors from around Wisconsin on how the School District of New London actively strives to meet the needs of all co-curricular students and the necessary elements to ensure event success. Thank you, Mr. Yerkey and Mr. Sloma, for your continued B212 Extra Degree of Effort to support the School District of New London and beyond.



Director of Business Services

Robert Polaske Scholarship Scholarship Donation

In December 2022, Mr. Robert Polaske passed away. He was a long-time resident of New London and in his will he gave a portion of his estate to be deposited in the NEWLASS account.

His intentions were to deposit that in the account and use interest earning to be included in the pool of scholarship funds that are provided annually to graduating seniors. We followed that directive in his will and deposited those funds in the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley in the amount of \$22,006. We thank Mr. Polaske for his generosity and it will perpetually provide funding for scholarships.

School Bus Driver Appreciation Week (February 12 -16)



Thank you drivers for the dedication that you show, getting our precious cargo where they need to go. You drive us safely everyday, while always wearing a smile. So here's the THANK YOU that is so deserved for each and every mile!

Back: Mike Ritchie, Bobbie Schucknecht, Patience Juve, Ray Reichel, Joanne Rhoden, Mike Kammer, Mark Miles, Chris Dey, Mark Plowman, Angie Bigalke, Angela Brown, Cindy Grunwald, Tara Marsh, Jeff Bubolz, Dorla Johnson, Jerry Jennerjohn, Bob Halaska, Grace Kriewaldt
 Front: Lois Cunningham, Josh Fischer, Kari Schroeder (w/ future driver Dawson), Rick Flocker, Katie Christian and Cash the furry garage assistant

Not pictured:
 Ken Carew, Stacy Christian, Dave Faulkes, Mike Frisch, Jeff Graichen, Terry Krenke, Al Magolan, Karen Magolan, Marc Marsh, Kirk Merrill, Alan Novander, Tony Porath, Ken Price, Dennis Smith, Al Tank, Kristi Tesson, Mike Wohlt

Director of Pupil Services

February 2, 2024

Stuart Stotts, Children's entertainer performed at the Washington Center for our 4K families for a community outreach event. Songs, dancing and children's entertainment accompanied this event which was attended by over 100 students and



parents. The Catalyst Academy Students were also present to provide support for the event in terms of set-up and clean-up. Their assistance was greatly appreciated.

4K Day of Fun

The annual 4K Literacy Event will take place on Friday, April 12, 2024, 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. The students at Catalyst Academy and the 8th grade Student Council will assist in making this event a success.



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

Career and Technical Education Month



New London has always been proud of providing exploration in career and technical education (CTE). This month we help celebrate CTE month across the state. Keep an eye out for social media posts that celebrate the courses, activities, Youth Apprenticeship and experiences students have in

Business, Technical Education, Computer Science, Technology and Health Science.

Virtual Learning Options and Open Enrollment Window is OPEN

The open enrollment application period for the 2024-25 school year is February 5 - April 30, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

The School District of New London continues to offer virtual options for students with **Rural Virtual**

Academy. Request for enrollment in this virtual option is the same as the state open enrollment window. New London is proud to have this option available for families. Families who have any interest, even if



they are unsure of commitment level, should apply to hold the spot. Final rosters will be determined in August next year, but enrollment is processed in the following priority order:

- 1) Current students and their families
- 2) New applications in order they were received

*Class sizes and special education needs will be considered to determine acceptance.

Families who do not live in our resident area, but are interested in attending New London, should also fill out the application for open enrollment.

<https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

Anyone with questions about enrollment should contact Lesley Baehman at lbahman@newlondon.k12.wi.us or (920) 982-2011.

Summer School Save the Date

Other summer programming and camps are already beginning to recruit enrollment so we want to start spreading the word for our own programming.



The purpose of the School District of New London Summer School Program is to provide opportunities for learning beyond the traditional school year. With a commitment to **Success for ALL Students**, we offer something of interest for all ability levels. Courses are designed to offer enrichment and intervention of skills as well as expose students to new applications of knowledge and talents.

Traditional Elementary and Middle School Sessions including transportation and meals are planned for: July 8 - July 25 (4K-grade 8)

***With few exceptions, there will be NO courses on Fridays.**

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

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