### Spring 2021

## Newmark K-8 News



### Principal's Message



Dear Parents.

Newmark K-8 School Spirit week was a huge success! We began the month with Ms. Fagan's class celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday with some of our NHS seniors reading to them. It is always great to see our seniors giving back.

Our students and staff had fun showing off their School Spirit by wearing blue and orange, and favorite Newmark gear. Mismatch Day and coming to school dressed as your favorite Super Hero were fan favorites.

Without question, recognizing our students' accomplishments during our K-8 Awards Ceremony has always been my favorite activity. Future Astronomer Award, Caring Friend Award, Historical Fact Finder Award and Aerodynamic Engineer Award were some of the titles of the numerous awards that our students received during our Awards Ceremony. We are

very proud of our student's accomplishments and hard work during these past six months. I am looking forward to our next awards ceremony in June.

The students also had a friendly competition of Bingo and Charades, and enjoyed a Sub-Sandwich luncheon provided by New-

mark School. We topped the week off watching a virtual assembly with Ben Glenn, The Chalk Guy.

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Newmark K-8 School

Ms. Gina M. Borea Principal

Dr. Regina M. Peter & Ms. Cynthia Allman **Executive Directors** 

Please note that the third marking period report cards are going live on Friday, April 16, 2021. If you have any questions, please call the school.

I wish everyone a very happy and restful upcoming Spring Recess! I encourage all of our students, teachers and families to use this break as a time to relax and enjoy their days off from school.

Be safe and stay healthy!

Sincerely,

Mina M. Boren

Gina M. Borea Principal

## Spotlight News

## THE SHOW MUST GO ON ... GET READY TO CELEBRATE THE ARTS "VIRTUALLY"

For many of our Newmark students, the arts program is what makes the educational process come alive. This year has been especially challenging as we work hard to keep the Newmark school building open, and all of our students and staff safe. For many of our students, the school-wide arts program led by our extraordinary art teachers, encourages them to tap into their creativity, especially during the pandemic.

As we did last spring, we will host the Newmark Celebrates The Arts "Virtually" on Friday, May 21, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 PM. We need your help for our student artists and Newmark arts program. This year our goal is to raise \$30,000.



#### How You Can Help:

- Become an Art Show Sponsor
- Ask your company, friends or family to be an Art Show Sponsor
- Send your child an Artist Shout Out
- Support the Arts at Newmark with a donation

Please visit our website at www.newmarkeducation. com/support/art-show to show your support. All Sponsor Ads and Artist Shout Out Messages are due Friday, April 16, 2021.

We hope you will join us to Celebrate the Arts "Virtually" on Friday, May 21, 2021. Together, we can support Newmark's excellent art programs and give our students the recognition they deserve.

www.newmarkeducation.com/support/art-show

#### **2021 Art Show Sponsorship Opportunities**

- \$5,000 Art Connoisseur: Features premium web banner ad, website link, Artist Shout Out & listing on school website
- \$2,500 Curator: Features premium web banner ad, website link, Artist Shout Out & listing on school website
- **\$1,000 Journeyman:** Features premium web banner ad, website link, Artist Shout Out & listing on school website
- \$500 Designer: Features web banner ad, website link & listing on school website
- \$250 Artisan: Features web banner ad, website link & listing on school website

#### **2021 Artist Shout Outs**

\$100 Artist Shout Out with Message & Photo

# School Spirit







Blue and Orange Day!

Looking Sharp!

We've got School Spirit!





Deven, Ms. McCarty and Carter



Danny and Mr. D.



Showing off that School Spirit!



Roman and Mr. Kochman

# Super Hero Day







Logan and Ms. Barry



Noah and Mrs. Wenk



Mr. Cebula's Class



K-8 Counseling Team Unite!



Mrs. Krutal and Harrison



Anthony our Hulk



Ms. Pantano and Josh

## Community Service

Mrs. Osiadacz



Donations purchased at the School Store

It is hard to believe that Community Service already had a very productive few months, starting with the collection of military items that were donated from our students in the school store, and delivering them to Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home. The Veterans were incredibly happy to receive all of the goods that were on their wish list!

Our Coffee Cake sale was a great success, and we thank everyone who made a purchase to support FBLA. We

also continued showing our gratitude to local First Responders, by

having two Scotch

Plains EMT's come to Newmark and pick up appreciation cards and bags filled with goodies for every active member. They were thrilled that Newmark Students took the time to think of them!



Johnny helping organize

#### **HAPPY SPRING!!**



First Responder Appreciation Pack



Julie and Harrison greeting the First Repsonders

## Counseling News

Ms. George, Mrs. Jernigan and Ms. Rentrop

#### **Virtual Parent Counseling Nights**

Parent Counseling Nights are a great opportunity to check in with your child's counselor to see how they are doing. We encourage you to schedule an appointment for one of our Monthly Counseling Nights to discuss any issues or concerns you may have or just to touch base about your child's progress. To schedule an appointment, please call 908-753-0330. Individual appointments for parents will be thirty minutes and will be conducted via telephone. Available time slots are 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00 PM. Our K-8 counselors are Ashlie Jernigan, MS, NCSP and Alyson Rentrop, LSW.

The remaining dates for the 2020-2021 school year are listed below:

- Tuesday, April 13, 2021
- Tuesday, May 11, 2021
- Tuesday, June 8, 2021

#### **Community Connections PIN Program**

Newmark's Community Connections PIN program provides individual recognition for achievement by Newmark students who demonstrate personal and social growth by participating in a meaningful community-based experience.

For ideas on how your child can earn PINS during CO-VID-19 and for nomination criteria and forms, please visit the Student Life section of the Newmark Education website.

Please continue to submit nomination forms for the PIN program so we can acknowledge the efforts of our students. Nomination forms can be sent to Cassie George at cgeorge@newmarkeducation.com. The nomination deadlines are as follows:

- Wednesday, March 24, 2021
- Wednesday, May 19, 2021



PINs Ceremony January 2020



PINs Ceremony December 2019

### SAVE THE DATES

### K-8 Spring Announcements

#### "Onsite" K-8 Kid's Afternoon

For students in Ms. Fagan, Ms. McCarty, Mrs. Necci and Mr. Cebula's classes only. In person activities will begin after dismissal at 2:45 and run until 3:30 PM. Additional information will be shared as the date approaches. Student parent pick-ups will be required at 3:30 PM.

• Thursday, May 20, 2021

#### "Virtual" K-8 Teen Afternoon

For students in Mrs. Arnao, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni and Ms. Pantano's classes only. Activities begin after dismissal from 2:00-3:00 PM. Teachers will provide details. No fee.

Friday, May 7, 2021

### "Virtual" K-8 After School Clubs & Programs – Session IV:

- Session IV Begins Week of April 19, 2021
- Session IV Ends Week of May 27, 2021

#### "Virtual" K-8 Spring Show:

Friday, April 16, 2021

Check your weekly Friday Backpack News closer to the event dates for details.

### Charades & School Spirit



Layla and Mrs. Krutal on Mismatch Day



What do you think it is?



Ms. Pantano's class showing off their acting skills

# Mismatch Day



Wearing our best Mismatch outfits!



Mrs. Wenk, Patrick and Tommy



Jason, Ryan and Parker



Showing some School Spirit!



The Big Sock Reveal!



Ms. Rentrop and Harrison

# Awards Assembly



Congratulations on your awards! Parker, Anthony & Andres



Awesome certificates Myles, Sean & Ved!



Proud of their trophies! Henry & Deven



James and Luke - Great Job



Nicco and Tyler with their trophies



Finn and Ian - Way to Go



Omar and his award



Sean and Tommy - Woohoo

## Students of the Month



Ved, Ms. Fagan



**Tommy,** Ms. McCarty



Ellie, Mrs. Necci



Noah, Mr. Cebula



Myles, Ms. Fagan



**Carter,** Ms. McCarty



Omar, Mrs. Necci



Elijah, Mrs. Necci



Jordan, Mr. Cebula



Charlie, Ms. Fagan



Aaron, Ms. McCarty



Anthony, Mrs. Necci



**Gianna,** Mr. Cebula

## Students of the Month

JANUARY



**Matthew,** Mrs. Arnao



**Layla,** Mrs. Gregory



**Marek,** Mrs. Mastrogiovanni



Josh, Ms. Pantano



Aiden, Ms. Pantano

FEBRUARY





Sam, Mrs. Arnao



Julia, Mrs. Gregory



Roman, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni



**Jonas,** Ms. Pantano



Harrison, Mrs. Arnao



**Sophie,** Mrs. Gregory



Nate, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni



Colton, Ms. Pantano

# School Spirit



Patrick playing Lions BINGO!



Sarah and Gianna



Harrison & Tyler having so much fun!



Henry and Noah hoping for a win



Aidan and Roman



Finn hoping for five in a row!