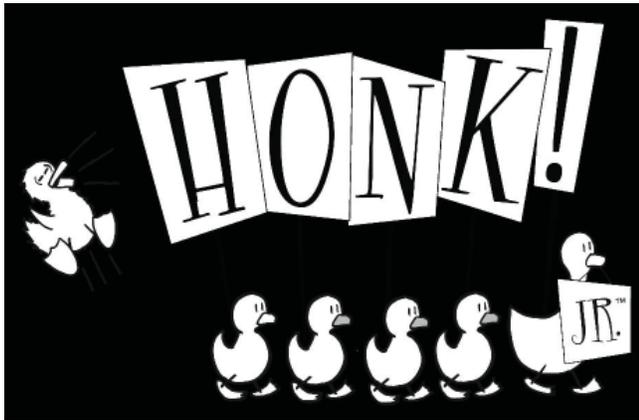


NEWFIELD NEWSLETTER



Newfield Central School District

October 2018



What's on the play-bill for Newfield's middle school musical this year? Well, if you talk to the show's feisty, famished feline (Angelina Masotti), she'll tell you it's a delicious tale that's quite satisfying. And, while that's basically true on a dietary level, it is also much more than that.

"HONK, Jr." – based on Hans Christian Anderson's tale, "The Ugly Duckling" – is an inspiring celebration of life, in which the characters come to embrace and rejoice in the differences that they – and we – all bring to the table of life.

Admittedly, the journey is, at first, a bit scrambled. When Ugly (Porter Rowbotham) is hatched, his oblivious father Drake (Zephyr Ramsey) and duckling siblings (Ajanae Lawton, Carmen Esposito, Emma Hsu, Issy Robbins) are a bit shell-shocked and, when they first set eyes on their brother, the henpecking begins. But Ugly's mother, Ida (Izzy Leyden-Githler) encourages her unique addition to the nest to "Hold Your Head Up High" and "Keep Paddling." ["Different"] Ida also makes it her mission to educate her family and friends that NOT all "Birds of a Feather Flock Together" and "this duck yard would be so boring if we all looked the same." Following Ugly's controversial arrival, there are challenges, most significantly that aforementioned famished, feisty, feline whose battle cry is "Play With Your Food" before you eat it. There is the literal "Wild Goose Chase," whose search for Ugly is led by military goose, Greylag (Navaya Miller). Ugly's dangerous journey to find himself is also interrupted by an entertaining encounter with a self-admitted "aesthetically challenged" bullfrog (Sage Freund) who reminds his new friend that "Out there someone's gonna love yer warts and all" ["Warts and All"]. Even fowl weather tries to gooble up our feathered friend, but his mother's love and perseverance – along with some new-found members of his diverse flock – helps Ugly truly become the bird he was meant to be and roost alongside his dear family and friends.

Of course, there's always more to the story. So, don't duck out of this egg-cellent music theatre experience, created by the magical musical team of George Stiles and Anthony Drewe, and presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). Take your brood under your wing and fly to the Newfield Elementary School on the following dates and times:

Newfield Elementary School, Upper Gym & Stage

Friday, October 26 - 7 P.M.

Saturday, October 27 - 4 P.M.

All seat prices are \$5.00!

Tickets are available at the middle school office or at the door.

It will be a real "feather in your cap" to see this "poultry tale of folk down on the farm" ("Poultry Tale")! "HONK, Jr." will give your heart a flutter and really quack you up!

NEW BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Welcome to new Business Administrator, Debra Eichholtz!



Ms. Eichholtz has a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and a Certificate of Advanced Study in School Business Administration from SUNY Brockport, and holds a certificate from NYS in School District Business Leadership.

In addition, Ms. Eichholtz comes to us with several years of experience. Having previously worked as a Business Administrator with the Onondaga and Marcellus school districts, she will help ease our transition following the retirement of Joanne James.

Ms. Eichholtz says, "I feel I am well qualified for this position because I have a unique background in business and operations in both private industry and the public sector." Indeed, her knowledge and experience base should mesh nicely with the varied duties required of the position. In addition to budgeting and management responsibilities, she is also an accomplished public speaker/presenter, has served on her local Board of Education for ten years and has a background in safety and risk management.

On a personal note, Ms. Eichholtz enjoys gardening, cooking and reading. She has two sons--Brandon, a Senior at SUNY Polytechnic Institute majoring Computer Network Security and Dylan, a Junior at SUNY Oswego majoring in Literature.

If you see Ms. Eichholtz out and about in the hallways, or monitoring the building project in her hard hat, please give her a warm Newfield welcome!



BIG APPLE CRUNCH - An apple a day tastes great AND keeps us healthy! NCS will once again participate in the Big Apple Crunch on October 25th.

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Community,

We are off to a great start! The cooler fall weather has been nice since we no longer have a cooling tower for the middle and high schools. Construction is moving along well with demolition scheduled to be mostly finished and re-construction to start sometime this month. Look for a detailed update and pictures on page 8.

My quote for the month is from John Lubbock: "What we see depends mainly on what we look for." Are we looking for the good in people or are we looking for things to criticize? Are we complaining about what doesn't work or praising what does? Are we seeing students who can or students who can't? Are we looking forward to comfortable classrooms, more bathrooms, and a beautiful auditorium or are we only seeing demolished ceilings, dust, and noisy contractors? This doesn't mean we aren't aware of the "bad"; only that we forgive it and concentrate on what is good, what is lovely, what is right, what is excellent or praiseworthy.

Thank you all for your continued support. It is a joy to come to work every day and spend time with the exceptional students and staff in Newfield!

Sincerely,

Dr. Cheryl Thomas
Superintendent of Schools

**Attention Parents and Employees:
SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE**

The Superintendent's Conference Day scheduled for October 19th has been cancelled. All employees and students must attend school on October 19th.

Instead, **we will be having a Superintendent's Conference Day on Friday, October 5th.** Only teachers and 12-month employees are required to be in attendance on October 5th. As a reminder, there is also no school on Monday, October 8th due to the Columbus Day holiday.

It was necessary to change the date of the conference day due to the construction schedule. The crew will be in the high school making lots of dust and noise with heavy machinery as they finish the demolition of the auditorium on Friday, October 5th and Monday, October 8th.

There will be child care available all day on Friday, October 5th for an additional \$38 fee for parents who already have children enrolled in the after school program only.

BOCES students are expected to attend their BOCES classes on October 5th. Transportation will be provided for vocational students from the elementary school to TST BOCES. These students must sign up in the high school office no later than Wednesday, October 3rd in order to be included. GST BOCES and Smith School students will be picked up at their house.

Thank you for your flexibility!!!



NYS requires that students get physicals in PK, Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, 7th, 10th grades, all Athletes, and anyone who is new to our school.

Please send a copy of your child's physical to the school nurse.

The following required screening will be starting shortly in the health offices:

- Vision: preK, K, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10th grades
- Hearing: preK, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 10th grades
- Scoliosis: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9th grades

Students who have not been evaluated by their Doctor will be screened by the school nurses. Parents will be informed of any questionable findings.



All students shall participate in PE/Recess in accordance with the commissioner's regulations. Physical activity is important for proper growth and development. Students are expected to participate unless excused by a doctor.



**SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK
OCTOBER 22-26, 2018**

*Governor Cuomo has proclaimed the week of
October 22-26, 2018 to be School Board
Recognition Week in New York State.*

*We would like to thank our own 2018-19
Board of Education for their volunteer service to
the Newfield community!*

**Mrs. Jennifer Pawlewicz, President
Mrs. Missy Rynone, Vice President
Mr. James Grochocinski
Mr. Meng-Wei Hsu
Mr. Wm. Scott Jackson
Mr. Jeremy TenWolde
Mrs. Christina Ward**



TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Mr. Luke Tonjes was selected as the Teacher of the Month for September. Mr. Tonjes' instruction has brought math scores up. He uses innovative group work with students that includes technology. He has fully integrated the construction theme in his lessons and is using construction workers as resources for his class. Mr. Tonjes' leadership skills are evident in his role as 8th grade advisor. He uses self-reflection to become a better teacher every day. Congratulations!



Please drive carefully, watch for pedestrians and follow traffic signs in the parking lot! Do not park in the drop-off lanes. Do not park in the fire lanes at any time, including evenings and weekends.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to **Mr. Chris Gaspari** for being selected Employee of the Month for September. Mr. Gaspari is the district's only LanTech and is responsible for all of the technology that is seen and used in the district. He is always prompt, professional, unflustered, efficient, responsive, skilled, kind, unassuming, and able to deal with all kinds of people and problems. Thank you, Mr. Gaspari, for your service to all of us!



ATHLETIC FIELD ACCESS

When available, use of the lot closest to the athletic fields is limited first to coaches (not players), officials, and handicapped persons. If parking is still available, community members will be allowed to park in designated spaces only.

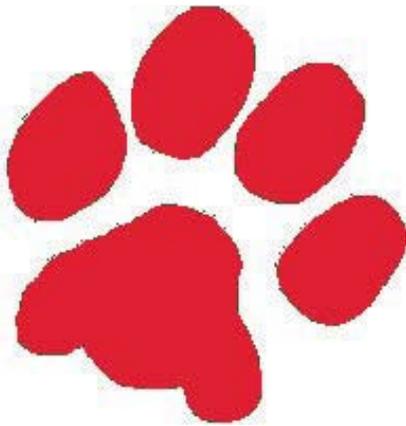
NO parking is allowed along the roadways or on the grass. Cars may be towed from these areas.

The access road to/from the athletic field parking is now one-way. Please follow the signs. When entering, take the first right and follow the road along the baseball and softball fields. Turn left to go up the hill to the parking lot near the field house. When exiting, use the driveway that heads down the hill past the elementary building. Those exiting must yield to cars entering at the beginning of the drive. Do not attempt to pass.

HOME OF THE BIG RED



RED KEY SOCIETY



Introducing the Red Key Society at Cornell University. Many of these elite student athletes will be volunteering here at Newfield Central School! This group is specially chosen by coaches at Cornell. They have created a Newfield E-board position specifically to promote mentoring, tutoring and helping our students.

We will also be continuing our special program with the Men's Hockey team (including the Red Paw award) in addition to all of the other teams represented in Red Key!

We are going to be working on coordinating schedules and hope to be up and running very soon!



ELEMENTARY PICTURE DAY

Just a reminder that picture day will be October 11th. Picture make up day will be November 14th. More details to follow. Bring your smile!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PICTURE DAY OCTOBER 9TH , 2018

All middle school students should have his or her picture taken for the yearbook. If students order portraits they need to order online ahead of time or give their payments directly to the photographer, using the order envelope from the flyer that was mailed home. You may pay with cash, check, or credit card. If you pay the photographer directly you must have an exact payment. They do not have the ability to make change. If you need an additional order form, please pick one up from the MS office.

Ordering online allows you to have additional background options that are not in the flyer and you may choose a different background for each sheet of pictures. The web address is mylifetouch.com and the online picture day ID is WL018003Y0 (every 0 is a zero in that id). Another benefit from ordering online is there is no need to give anything to the photographer on picture day and if you cannot locate your flyer, there is no need to request another because the information you need is provided here.

They offer a family discount plan if you have more than two students being photographed in the fall. Go to www.familysavings.me for more details. You can call Lifetouch at 607-797-5907 or email PictureDay@lifetouch.com with questions about the discount or assistance with ordering online.

Remember, if you are not satisfied with your portraits, Lifetouch will retake them on retake day and reprint your package for no additional charge. All you need to do is hand the photographer your original package of portraits. Make up day is November 16th.

If you have any questions, please contact Helen Pflueger at hpflueger@newfieldschools.org



October's PBIS theme is Bully-Proofing. See the Counseling Corner at <http://www.newfieldschools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1016> for more information on PBIS.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

High School Absences, Doctor Appointments, and Excuses

Many high school parents ask if his/her child needs a note for being late, absent, or excused for an appointment. The answer is YES. Please send notes in with your child for absences, late arrival to school, or early release for doctor appointments. All notes need to have a parent/custodian signature on them. If you plan to have your child picked up, please let us know the name of the person picking up. We cannot release students to adults that are not parents without the parent's permission.



End of the Marking Period

The end of the first six-week marking period is Friday, October 19. High school report cards will be mailed home Thursday, October 29. Please call the office, 564-9955, extension 3131 if you do not receive the report card.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction is well underway at all three schools.

- The high school gym floor replacement was completed over the summer and the volleyball team was able to have their first home game in this gym.
- Demolition started in August and is still continuing.
- Ceilings are coming down in preparation for the new HVAC system.
- The auditorium has been gutted and the back wall torn down. A temporary wall was built in front of the auditorium to keep students and adults out of the construction area.
- An access road was built behind the high school for the construction companies to bring in heavy equipment for the demolition and re-construction of the auditorium.
- A NYSEG easement is being moved 4 feet to give them access to install, maintain, repair and/or replace transformers on District property behind the high school.
- Tile is being removed from the floor and walls of the back areas of the locker rooms to ready these areas for new bathrooms. A wall divides these work areas from the locker rooms.

It has taken time for the construction company to adjust their mindset from total access (August) to limited access and hours while school is in session. The two major issues have been noise (jackhammering) and dust. The ceilings have been in place for decades collecting dust. When the ceilings come down, so does the dust. There is also grout dust as the tile is jackhammered away. Plastic has been put up to keep the dust out of occupied areas and fans blow it out of the building. Jackhammering is now limited to the hours between 5:00 am – 7:30 am. Custodial staff and construction crews mop floors daily to keep the dust to a minimum.

If you've ever done home renovations, you know how difficult this is! We are asking everyone to keep away from construction areas and areas where construction materials and vehicles are stored. This includes weekends, holidays, and days/times when school is not in session. Trespassers will be prosecuted since this is a serious safety concern.

If you have questions or concerns about the construction, you may use the direct link on the district webpage (left side under announcements) to email us or use constructionconcerns@newfieldschools.org.

Thank you for your support and patience.



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Newfield Central School supports the community...

2018-2019 Thrive and Learn Care Program

With option of additional Day Care.

For children aged 3 by December 1, 2018

We have 2 spaces left in our program for this year.



***For further information please call Maria Lloyd-Jones
at 607-564-9955ext.4103 or e-mail mlloydjones@
newfieldschools.org***

3-YEAR-OLD PRE-K

The District is in the process of applying for a grant to fund a Pre-K program for resident three-year-olds. This program would operate from 7:40 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at no cost to parents. If you or someone you know would be interested, please email cthomas@newfieldschools.org.

SCHOOL TAX INFO

This tax season you have the option of paying your school taxes online. Find your tax bill using the TAXGLANCE software on the District's website, www.newfieldschools.org. There is a link under the "Announcements" section on the left hand side of the home page.

There is a fee for this service. The credit card fee on any tax bill equal to or over \$64 is 2.75% of the tax bill. E-check payments are significantly less and are based on a graduated fee schedule. For example, the charge for a tax bill between \$2,000 and \$3,999 is \$5.00.



Annual Professional Performance Reviews

In accordance with Section 3012-d of the Education Law, regarding the Annual Professional Performance Reviews (APPR) of teachers and principals, the District is obligated to release the individual composite effectiveness scores and final ratings of teachers and principals. Parent/legal guardians may request such information for the principal of the school building and teachers to which the student is assigned for the current school year. Only final data will be disclosed. Parents/legal guardians wishing to obtain such data must make a written request to the appointed school official. The identity of parents/legal guardians will be verified and the school official may only communicate the data verbally. Please send all written requests for APPR data to Dr. Cheryl Thomas, Superintendent, 247 Main St., Newfield, NY 14867. Information will be available after October 18.

