



New Century School

October, 2015 Family Newsletter

Hello New Century Families,
Please know that your participation in next week's goal setting conferences is highly valued. Please make every effort to be on time and the teachers will be working hard to conclude the previous conferences on time as well. Please return the forms enclosed in the Report Card envelope including the Pre-conference Reflection Sheet, your ideas for possible student goals and objectives, and the NCS Learning Pledge on Monday, Oct. 26, if you haven't done so already.

Please help us welcome Miss Tess Wirth, as today is her first day at NCS as our Integrated Arts Teacher. Ms. Wirth is a recent graduate from Edgewood College and has done some extensive subbing in the area. We are confident everyone will appreciate Tess's high energy and passion for the arts. We were sorry to have had Ms. Carol Szymanski resign from the position. Ms. S has us off to a great start in I/A, but Ms. S felt she could no longer fulfill the demands of the position at this time. All the best to Ms.S.

Lastly, it is my pleasure to share the great news of NCS being awarded over a \$9,000 EPIC grant to cover the costs of purchasing the new edition of EveryDay Math. Teachers have participated in two different trainings on how to best implement the program, as we have many components of the program up and

running already. Please help share in our gratitude to EPIC.

With Warm Regards,
Jim Ruder, NCS Director



UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 23	NCS Movie Night, Hotel Transylvania, in Sugar Creek gym. Doors open 6:00 pm.
Oct. 23	REPORT CARDS GO HOME
Oct. 26	RETURN "GOAL SETTING SHEET" AND LEARNING PLEDGE
Oct. 26	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences-Mr. Gundlach only (4:10-6:20 pm)
Oct. 26 & Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	After-school STEM, Chess & Homework Clubs (2:35-3:45 pm)
Oct. 27	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences (3:10-7:20 pm)
Oct. 29	<u>NO SCHOOL</u> BUT there are Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences (7:30-11:20 am)
Oct. 30	<u>NO SCHOOL (FALL BREAK)</u>
Nov. 4	1st Food Drive Collection Day
Nov. 9	ORDERS DUE FOR Equal Exchange and Taste of WI
Nov. 11	2nd Food Drive Collection Day
Nov. 12	Diversity & Equity Committee meeting (6:30-7:45 pm)

Nov. 18	3 rd Food Drive Collection Day
Nov. 25-27	<u>NO SCHOOL (THANKSGIVING)</u>
Dec. 2	Last Food Drive Collection Day
Dec. 7	ORDER PICK-UP FOR Equal Exchange and Taste of WI
Dec. 7-13	BIDDING on Silent Auction items - One Week Only!
Dec. 16	"Celebration of the Asian Continent" Event (12:30-2:20pm) (Diversity & Equity)
Dec. 23- Jan. 3	<u>NO SCHOOL (WINTER BREAK)</u>
Jan. 4	School Resumes

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REFER TO THE NCS PARENT GOOGLE CALENDAR AND THE NCS WEB PAGE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE (nccs.verona.k12.wi.us) FOR INFORMATION ON WHEN CLASSES HAVE GYM, LIBRARY, FIELD TRIPS, AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND FOR OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS AT NCS.



THERE IS NO SCHOOL
OCT. 29th & 30th

There is NO SCHOOL next Thursday and Friday, Oct. 29 and 30. However, there are Parent/Teacher/Student conferences still being held on Oct. 29th.



NCS CELEBRATES ITS 20 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY!!

New Century School opened its doors 20 years ago this fall as one of the first public charter schools in the State of Wisconsin. The program has always been located at the current location of 401 W. Verona Ave. Our building was actually built in 1917 at a cost of \$17,000 as the

Verona Graded School. It served K-8 grade students. The current K/1 section was added in 1950. In the 1980's and early 1990's, the building was used for 4th grade students. New Century School was created as a charter school to pioneer multi-age classrooms and had an emphasis on science, world languages, team taught classrooms and cooperative learning. There were 60 students enrolled in grades K-4. Today we have 126 students enrolled K-5. We continue with multi-age grouping and have adopted a focus on environmental studies and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). We are proud of our tradition while looking forward to the continuing evolution of New Century.



WILL THE OVERCROWDING AT
GLACIER EDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AFFECT NCS?

The School Board will be considering many options to remedy the overcrowding at Glacier Edge Elementary School. Options could include redrawing attendance lines, moving the current 5th grade at GE to a middle school, moving programs from GE and along with other ideas. One of the many options may involve New Century School being relocated to another District Elementary School as early as next year. We expect the School Board to make their decision as early as January. If any interested NCS community member would like to contribute to drafting a proactive message to the Board to communicate how New Century would view a possible move, please consider contacting Jim Ruder, NCS Director. If there is interest, we would plan to meet together on Tuesday, November 3, at 4:30 pm.



PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT GOALS SETTING CONFERENCES:

Parent/Teacher/Student Goals Setting Conferences will be held on Oct. 27th from 3:30-7:20 pm and on Oct. 29th from 7:30-11:15 am. Mr. Gundlach has a slightly different schedule. Conference reminder sheets are going home in your child's report card envelope.



REPORT CARDS COMING HOME OCT. 23RD/COMPLETE AND RETURN GOAL SETTING SHEETS OCT. 26TH

On Friday, Oct. 23rd, NCS teachers are sending home Fall Assessment Summaries/Report Cards for all students in their Friday Folders. Enclosed in the manila envelope with the Fall Assessment Summary is a "Preconference Reflection Sheet" for you to complete with your child and return to your child's teacher on Monday, Oct. 26th.

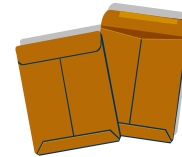
Also enclosed in the envelope is a "Personalized Learning Goals Worksheet" to be discussed with your child and ideas drafted and brought with you to your child's conference.

MAP scores are also included in the report card envelopes for students in grades 3, 4, and 5.



DISCUSS, SIGN AND RETURN THE LEARNING PLEDGE

Thank you to those who have reviewed with your child, signed, and returned the NCS Learning Pledge. It outlines some guidelines for students, parents/guardians, and NCS staff to create a good learning environment for all students. If you haven't returned one yet, we have enclosed one in your child's report card envelope. Please sign it with your student after discussing it and return it to your child's teacher prior to or at your child's conference.



REPORT CARD ENVELOPES

Please return your child's Report Card envelope to your child's teacher at your conference or any school day before then. We will be reusing them for the next report cards that go out later in the school year. Thanks for helping us to be as environmentally conscious as possible!



NCS IS PARTICIPATING IN THE VASD FOOD DRIVE!

This year's food drive theme will be "Launching Hunger Out of this World," a space theme, and the district's goal is 25,000 pounds of food. "Pounds for the Pantry" is a program to encourage friendly competition between classrooms to collect the most food items per

student for the pantry. There will be a collection once a week with five collections total. High school students will be picking up the food on Wednesdays. They will come on Oct. 28th to introduce students to the food drive and give out the first week's list. The first collection will be November 4th. When they come each week to pick up the food, they will drop off the next week's food list.



DIVERSITY AND EQUITY COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS

Our first presentation the year on Dwarfism was a success! Thank you to our Dwarfism presenters, Shari Ferolie (mother of Parker, Mr. Gundlach's class) and Dan Verscha (District President, Little People of America) for cultivating a greater understanding of this condition.

We are excited to announce our next all school event, "Celebrating the Continent of Asia"! This interactive and informative event will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, from 12:30-2:20 pm. As always, parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you are interested, please talk to Isabel Agasie isabel.agasie@gmail.com or Karen Pings kpings@live.com to help. Thanks!

We would love your input on future events, so please consider joining the Diversity & Equity Committee and help make our mission a success! Our next meeting is on: Thursday, November 12th from 6:30-7:45 pm at NCS in the Integrated Arts Room.



FUNDRAISING UPDATES

OUR SPIRIT GEAR SALE was a huge success bringing in over \$600 for New Century, which helps us purchase new STEM programming/curriculum for our students. Merchandise should be available next week--stay tuned! Thank you so much for your support! And thanks to Rachel Otremba for her coordination of this fundraiser!



EQUAL EXCHANGE AND TASTE OF WISCONSIN

Every year, we are proud to partner with the REAP and EE to bring quality fundraising items to our community and, at the same time, support local, fair and sustainable organizations. Last Friday, the order forms and EE catalogs went home in Friday folders. If you didn't receive them, please contact Kristin Yeager at yeagers.mail@gmail.com.

All orders are DUE Monday, Nov. 9 and ITEM PICK UP will be Monday, Dec. 7. (Note: please submit **separate checks** for Taste of Wisconsin and Equal Exchange).



HOLIDAY GREENERY

We will again be offering high quality holiday greenery this year -- such as wreaths and door charms -- with the support of New Century volunteer and business owner, Brandi Mueller. Look for order forms in the coming weeks and look to pick up your order around Thanksgiving this year!



SILENT AUCTION: SEEKING GREAT AUCTION ITEMS NOW!!

Our *popular* Silent Auction will run for ONE WEEK ONLY from Dec. 7-13!!! We are looking for donations of items to offer up for bid. Please look for an upcoming email from Katie Kohl for more details on how you can help procure items and how you can submit your donations. We are also looking for volunteers to help out (hint: many of the jobs can be done from home!). If you'd like to get involved, email Katie at kohlkatie@yahoo.com.



BOXTOPS UPDATE and NEW THIS YEAR "LABELS FOR EDUCATION"

If you are new to New Century this year, we highly encourage our families to collect *Box Tops* from participating manufacturers. Each one is worth 10 cents and we generally receive around \$400 each year for the school.

NEW THIS YEAR, we will begin collecting **LABELS FOR EDUCATION**, also found on a number of regular household items. More details coming soon about both programs from our coordinator, Elisabeth Zraggen, who can be reached at eazraggen@gmail.com. In the meantime, if you have any collected labels, please drop them off in the school office.



WATERPROOF SNOW GLOVES/MITTENS, SNOW PANTS, COATS, AND SNOW BOOT DONATIONS NEEDED

As you are going through last year's winter clothes for your student and find that some things are too small this year, please consider donating them to NCS. We have some students who are in need and we also have need for extras for recess time. If you are able to donate some things, that would be very helpful. Thank you!

If your family needs assistance with winter clothing, please contact our social worker, Ms. Wagner, at (608) 845-4141 or Mr. Ruder at (608) 845-4910.



GO ONLINE NOW TO SEE UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

There are lots of fun things happening in Verona/Fitchburg for your families in the next month:

visit <http://www.verona.k12.wi.us/communityactivities> to fill your calendar with fun!



JINGLE BELL RUN/WALK
ON DEC. 12 AT THE
VERONA AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Be a part of the largest holiday 5K race series aimed to fight arthritis!

Chosen as one of the Most Incredible Themed Races, Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis is a fun and festive way to kick off your holidays by helping others! Wear a holiday themed costume. Tie jingle bells to your shoelaces. Raise funds to help find a cure for arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability. Run or walk a 5K, 10K or 1-mile route with your team members and celebrate the season by giving.

See more at: <http://goo.gl/ZWlyW5>



FREE PREVENTATIVE DENTAL CARE
FOR KIDS

When: Friday, November 13, 2014
 7:30 A.M. (only morning appointments available)

Who: Children 3-18 years old
 What: Dental Cleaning, Fluoride Treatment, X-rays (as needed), Sealants (as needed)

If you have a Badger Care card, please bring it with you.

Where: Madison College Dental Hygiene Clinic
 1705 Hoffman Street (near airport),
 Room 151, Madison, WI 5370

Appointments required. Parents or other adult must accompany children.

Call 608-258-2400 to schedule an appointment or learn more about the clinic's services. Call Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm (Mention this flyer.) You will be required to complete medical history and HIPAA forms for each child. Written permission must be given for services.

THE NURSE'S CORNER



IS YOUR CHILD WELL ENOUGH TO
BE AT SCHOOL?

It is not always easy to decide if your child is sick enough to stay home or well enough to be in school. Children who come to school are expected to participate fully in school activities including recess and physical education. A doctor's note is required for any activity restriction.

Here are some guidelines that might help in decision making:

1. **FEVER:** A fever of 100 degrees F (37.7 degrees C) or more signals an illness that is probably going to make a student uncomfortable and unable to function well in class. Your child should stay home until he/she is feeling better. Keep your child home until his/her fever has been gone for 24 hours without medication.
2. **VOMITING, DIARRHEA OR SEVERE NAUSEA:** These are symptoms that require a student to remain at home until a normal diet is tolerated the night before and the morning of school.

3. **INFECTIOUS DISEASE:** Diseases such as impetigo and strep throat require a doctor's examination and prescription for medication. Contacting the doctor and using the medication as directed for the full recommended length of time are necessary. Once the medication has been started (at least 3 doses) and the child is feeling well, he/she may return to school.
4. **RASHES:** Rashes and patches of broken, itchy skin need to be examined by a doctor if they appear to be spreading or not improving. We may require that a rash be covered while your child is in school.
5. **INJURIES:** If a student has an injury that causes continuous discomfort, the student should not attend school until a doctor checks the condition, or it improves. Injuries that interfere with class participation need medical evaluation. If participation in physical education classes is not recommended, a physician's excuse is required. Any pain medication that is required **MUST** be brought in by a parent/guardian