



June, 2015 Family Newsletter

Dear NCS Families,
On behalf of our staff, please accept our gratitude for a great year together at NCS! Thanks for your support with the beginning of our STEM implementation. We appreciate your involvement with positively supporting appropriate social skills and behavior. We are pleased with the continued academic progress of many students with very encouraging results in our Spring reading and math assessments. Thanks for your support with recent special events, such as the Mississippi River Museum Trip, the Spring Concert and Art Show, and yesterday's fun Field Day at the Goodman Center. Thanks for being part of our NCS community. I am sad to report that Mrs. Tuttle has elected not to return next year to NCS. We are so appreciative of her excellent work as our Integrated Arts Teacher. We wish Mrs. Tuttle and her family the very best in the future. We will miss Mrs. Tuttle!

Please encourage your children to keep reading over the summer and to continue to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. Families with children moving into a new classroom next year will soon be receiving notification of at least a tentative classroom placement. We are sharing those assignments early this year so that you can schedule a conference with your child's new teacher for August 17 or 18

through Sign-up Genius. New students to each classroom have been targeted to participate in this summer conference. Students returning to the same teacher in our multi-age classrooms will not typically be invited to this "Let's get to know you" conference. Thanks for participating in this new initiative. A foundation of Personalized Learning includes teachers having a deep knowledge and understanding of each student's learning strengths, needs, interests, and passions. These conferences are expected to help lay that foundation.

Have a fun, safe summer ahead!
With warm regards,
Jim Ruder, NCS Director



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 21, Aug. 12, & Aug. 27	NCS Summer Play dates from 6:00-7:00 pm
July 27	Registration Opens for Girls on the Run (Registration ends Aug.3)
August 17	Online Registration Assistance from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm at Boys and Girls Club, 4619 Jenewein Road, Fitchburg, WI
August 18	Online Registration Assistance from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Knights of Columbus, 5256 Verona Road, Fitchburg, WI

August 17	Personalized Learning Conferences 10:00 am-1:30 pm
August 18	Personalized Learning Conferences 3:00-7:00 pm
August 19	Online Registration DEADLINE
August 27	NCS Summer Play date from 6:00-7:00 pm
Sept. 1	First Day of School
Sept. 4	Picture Day



LOOK FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION IN EARLY AUGUST

There will be online registration in August in addition to the registration papers and fees that were due in May. In August, you will be required to register your child online prior to Wednesday, August 19th after receiving a letter in early August with instructions, including a special code to input that is unique to your child. If you need translation or technology assistance or access to a computer in order to register your child online, these are the dates and locations for assistance:

- * August 17th, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at Boys and Girls Club, 4619 Jenewein Road, Fitchburg, WI
- * August 18th, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Knights of Columbus, 5256 Verona Road, Fitchburg, WI

New Century School will NOT be open as a site for online registration



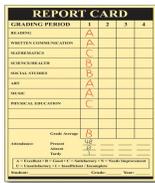
PERSONALIZED LEARNING
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VERONA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

PERSONALIZED LEARNING CONFERENCES FOR STUDENTS ENTERING K, 2ND, AND 4TH GRADES

The Verona Area School District is trying something new this August to help us move forward with our Personalized Learning practices. A key component of Personalized Learning is for teachers to have a deep knowledge and understanding of students. Teachers will be proposing to meet with students and families before school begins to get to know students and learn about their families and the students' learning interests and strengths. NCS classroom teachers will make it a priority to offer a meeting with students and their families who are new to their multi-age classrooms. This will include students entering kindergarten, 2nd grade, 4th grade, and other students new to NCS.

NCS teachers have set aside Monday, August 17th, from 10:00 am-1:30 pm and Tuesday, August 18th, from 3:00-7:00 pm. We propose to meet with you at the Verona Public Library using a reserved study room or at your home, whichever you would prefer. Please allow 15-20 minutes for each visit. Thanks for taking advantage of this new opportunity.

Watch for a Sign-Up Genius in your email on the last day of school to sign up for your child's Personalized Learning conference. If you don't receive this Sign-Up Genius in your email on the last day of school, please call the school office at (608) 845-4905.



REPORT CARDS AND MAP SCORES

On the last day of school, report cards will be sent home with students in all grades. For grades 3 through 5, your child's MAP scores will also be in the report card envelope.

If you have a child entering 2nd or 4th grades, your child's report card envelope will also contain a Preconference Reflection Sheet for you to complete and bring with you to your child's August conference.



DID YOU PURCHASE BULK SUPPLIES FROM NCS FOR NEXT YEAR?

For those families who purchased BULK SUPPLIES for next school year, please remember that you still need to purchase these additional items for your student(s):

- gym shoes with non-marking soles
- art smock
- headphones with ear piece comfortable for your child

If you chose to purchase your own school supplies for next school year, you also need to purchase the above items.



SUMMER HOURS

The New Century School Office is not open regular hours during the summer.

If you need to get in touch with someone, please leave a message on the office voicemail (845-4905), email Tammy Stump at tammy.stump@verona.k12.wi.us, or call Mr. Ruder's office at 845-4910. We will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible.



THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER GARDEN TENDERS!

Mary, Mary, quite contrary...how does the New Century School Garden grow?! It grows with the help of NCS volunteer families to tend to it during the summer months! We need your help - please join us in becoming a NCS Garden Tender.

Each family volunteers to tend the garden for a week, taking care of the needs for that specific week...if early on that might include some weeding; if later on it might include some harvesting, but typically watering 2-3 times per week depending on the weather and keeping things tidy. We will provide volunteer families with more information about "garden duty" as we figure it out.

For now, we just need to get the schedule filled, so find a week that works for your family and sign up when you receive a SignUp Genius in your mailbox soon.

Sign-up for tending the garden is posted by start date...if you sign up for June 21, for example, your garden week is Sunday, June 21, through Saturday, June 27. So be sure to note the whole week on your calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Isabel Agasie at isabel.agasie@gmail.com.



A HUGE THANK YOU!

A great big thank you to Abby Jakowski who coordinated and the many parents who helped out at Field Day this year! You deserve a huge round of applause! All of the students and staff at NCS, thank you for all of your time and planning to make this day so much fun and such a great success!



THANK YOU FOR OUR "NEW" BOOKS TO READ THIS SUMMER!

A great big thank you to all of you who donated books for our FREE Book Fair that was on June 8th. All of our students were excited to pick books to bring home and enjoy reading this summer! Thanks to Susan Christiansen for coordinating this FREE Book Fair!



GIRLS ON THE RUN: GRADES 3-5 NEW AT NCS IN THE FALL!!

Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based positive youth development program designed to develop and enhance girls' social, psychological, and physical competencies to successfully navigate life experiences. Girls in 3rd-5th grades combine training for a 5k running event with healthy living education. The program instills self-esteem through health education, life skills development, mentoring relationships, and physical training.

Who can participate? Girls in Grades 3, 4 & 5
When does it start? The week of Sept. 7th
When does it end? Nov. 14th with a 5K run
What is the cost? \$150 (Scholarships are available)

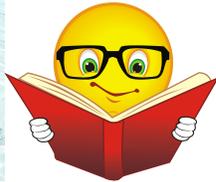
When and Where? Mondays and Wednesdays 3:00-4:30pm at NCS

ONLINE REGISTRATION opens July 27th
for one week only and ends Aug. 3rd.

To register online, go to:

<http://girlsontherundaneco.org>

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Klawiter at klawitej@verona.k12.wi.us



SUMMER FUN, SUMMER LEARNING

What will YOU learn this summer?

Reading for pleasure is a great pastime! Perhaps you will travel and learn about how different (and how similar) other towns or countries are. Maybe you'll learn how to ride a bike, or rollerblade, or swim, or play the guitar. Maybe you'll build a fort or make the coolest Lego town ever! Is there some skill you haven't had a chance to try? Maybe a relative or friend can show you how to bake or garden. No matter what it is, we hope you have a great summer and will come back to school in September with new ideas to share with others and a renewed thirst for knowledge.

Remember that learning is not something we just do in school; it happens every day and everywhere!



FUNDRAISING UPDATES

A huge thanks to all of our families for participating in our fundraisers this year. Together we raised over \$12,000 to improve the technology available to our students, bring special guest speakers to our school, fill teacher requests for special project supplies, host an awesome field day, and so much more. Public school budgets are tight and your generosity and participation helps us extend our students' learning by bringing the world into our school and getting our students out into the world! A big thank you to Susan Christiansen for agreeing to step into the role of fundraising coordinator next year!



NCS SUMMER PLAY DATES

JULY 21, AUGUST 12, & AUGUST 27

If you are new to NCS or have been here for a while and are looking for some fun time to connect with other NCS parents and students over the summer, we have several school-wide play dates for you! Come and join us:
Where? NCS Playground
Who? NCS parents, students & siblings
When? Tuesday, July 21st ,
Wednesday, August 12th and
Thursday, August 27th
Time for each? from 6:00-7:00 pm
Why? Meet friends, old and new, and have fun!

(Notice: There will be NO access to school bathrooms or water fountains inside the school during these times.)



VERONA SOCCER CLUB

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration for Verona Soccer Club is open for our youngest soccer players, ages 5-9. It's important to note the **DEADLINE** to register your player for the upcoming fall and spring season and not incur a late fee is **June 30TH**. Late registration will be accepted up to July 15 but cannot guarantee placement on a fall team at that point.

Verona Soccer Club is working towards a model to put like-minded and like-skilled players together to form a dynamic that is fulfilling for the players, coaches and parents. Please direct any specific questions to youth@veronasoccer.org Please click the link below for more information and a link to registration. [U7-U10 team information and registration link](#)



PLAY CAPOEIRA!

Capoeira was the group that came and performed so amazingly for NCS at the S.America Diversity/Equity Event we had last month. They offer classes for kids to build confidence and agility, learn self-defense, and have fun! Kids classes are offered weekly on Saturdays from 12:30-1:30 pm in the back room of Kanopy Dance Studio (341 State Street in Madison) For more information, contact Omulu Capoeira at (608) 492-1919 or madcapoeira@gmail.com Check out the website at: www.madisoncapoeira.org