



## May, 2015 Family Newsletter

Dear NCS Families,

Wow, we have really had some great successes these last few weeks with the terrific Spring Sing and Art show, successful trip to the Mississippi River Museum, Poetry in your Pocket, trips to the Badger Mill Creek Stream, and some really encouraging student MAP test scores indicating some fantastic progress in many students' reading skills. We expect more successes to come in the next few weeks!

Please note the calendar for many different activities coming up! Thanks to all in advance who can respond to sign-up genius and lend a hand. If anyone is interested in serving on next year's NCS Site Council, 501c3 committee, or Diversity and Equity Committee please let me know. Thanks.

With the busyness of this time of year and the longer days, it may be more of a challenge to help ensure your child is well rested by securing a good night's sleep. Please continue to support your child's greatness by talking about our school wide expectations of being kind and respectful, responsible, save and being a good problem solver.

With Warm Regards,  
Jim Ruder, NCS Director



### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>May 23 (Raindate May 30)</b>	<b>Car Wash and Bake Sale Fundraiser Noon to 3:00 pm</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day</b>
<b>May 29</b>	<b>Registration Paperwork &amp; Fees Due for 2015-16 School Year Enrollment AND Last Day to Complete District Parent Perception Survey</b>
<b>June 2</b>	<b>Sugar River Canoe Trip for 4/5 Classes</b>
<b>June 4</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation (5:45- 6:30 pm)</b>
<b>June 4</b>	<b>NCS Family Ice Cream Social (6:30-7:15 pm)</b>
<b>June 5</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Evening Party at NCS</b>
<b>June 8</b>	<b>NCS FREE Book Fair (Donate by June 1<sup>st</sup>!)</b>
<b>June 9</b>	<b>Walk or Ride Bike To School Day</b>
<b>June 10</b>	<b>Last full day of school, Goodman Center Field Day</b>
<b>June 11</b>	<b>Last Day of School (Early dismissal at 12:20 pm)</b>
<b>July 21, August 12, and August 27</b>	<b>NCS Summer Play dates from 6:00-7:00 pm</b>
<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>First Day of School</b>



### NCS PARENTS ARE GREAT!!!!

A huge thanks goes out to all those who contributed to the wonderful "spoiling" of the NCS staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. Your kindness warmed our hearts and our stomachs!



### NCS CAR WASH & BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER: SATURDAY, MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> (Rain date SATURDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>)

When: From Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Where: At the State Bank of Cross Plains' parking lot in Verona (next to Walgreens)

Spread the word to your friends and neighbors so they can come and get their cars washed and enjoy some delicious treats too!

This is our 5<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser to help support the 5<sup>th</sup> grade party.



### HERE'S TO AN AMAZING CONCERT AND ART SHOW!!

Another round of applause goes to Bonnie and all of the students in their efforts in both the musical performance and the art show. From the art to the music, it really was amazing, so much fun, and certainly received well by all.

Congratulations on a job very well done by all!!



### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:20 PM

Please mark your calendars to show there will be early dismissal on June 11<sup>th</sup>, the last day of school. All students will be dismissed at **12:20 p.m.** Please make sure you have the necessary arrangements for your child(ren).



### PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION PAPERS AND FEES BY MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, your child brought home an envelope in his/her Friday Folder with a registration packet for you to complete and **return to school with the appropriate fees by Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. THIS PAPERWORK IS IN ADDITION TO THE ONLINE REGISTRATION IN AUGUST.**

There is an instruction letter at the front of the registration packet, so please follow the instructions and call the school office with any questions at (608) 845-4905. Also, please call the school office if you have misplaced your packet and need a new one sent home.



### CHECK OUT THE NCS WEBSITE FOR PHOTOS FROM OUR RECENT EVENTS

To see photos from our recent events, go to the NCS webpage on the Verona Area School District website:

<http://nccs.verona.k12.wi.us/>

If you have photos from NCS events you would like to **share to possibly have put on the website**, please email them to [stumpt@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:stumpt@verona.k12.wi.us). Thank you!



## **WILL YOU STILL BE WITH US NEXT SCHOOL YEAR?**

If you are moving out of the district or your child will not be attending NCS this fall, please contact the school office to let us know. ***It is really important for us to know this as soon as possible.***  
Thank you!



## **CAN WE GET YOUR OPINION?**

Verona Area School District's 2015-16 Parent Perception Survey is now available through this newsletter and an email you will receive. To access and complete the survey, press Ctrl + click on the link below.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9WHSXNP>

Thank you so much for taking a few moments to share your opinions with us! The **DEADLINE** to share your thoughts with us through this survey is **MAY 29<sup>th</sup>**.



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

We are switching our family communications system from SchoolReach to SchoolMessenger, meaning you will continue to receive emails, text messages and possible phone calls from our school office and the district as usual, but it may look just slightly different. The biggest difference is that you MUST "opt-in" to receive text messages from our

school. If you haven't received that text already, please text Y to 68453.

For a quick summary of this new system, including a few ways to ensure you receive the communications most efficiently, please press Ctrl and click on the link below:

[http://www.verona.k12.wi.us/links/for\\_parents/information\\_about\\_schoolreach](http://www.verona.k12.wi.us/links/for_parents/information_about_schoolreach)

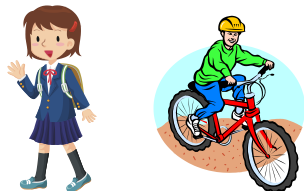


## **NCS FREE BOOK FAIR ON JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>: PLEASE DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS BY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>!**

On Monday, June 8, all students at New Century School will have the opportunity to take home **at least one FREE "new" book** to get their summer reading off to a great start!

This will work similar to a book swap, so we're looking for donations of any gently used books appropriate for kids K - 8. If you or someone you know has books they'd like to donate, please drop them off at the NCS office. **We'll be accepting donations Monday, May 18th through Monday, June 1st.** The more donations we receive, the more free books the kids will be taking home!

*If you have questions or would like to help sort books or volunteer for the Free Book Fair event on Monday, June 8 from Noon to 2:30 p.m., please email Susan Christiansen at [susanwernsing@gmail.com](mailto:susanwernsing@gmail.com) or call [\(321\) 945-2423](tel:(321)945-2423).*



**WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY JUNE 9**  
**PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**TO WALK OR BIKE WITH THE KIDS**

Join other NCS families in National Walk or Bike To School Day on June 9th! You can walk or bike on your own or join others at set meeting points around Verona. We are in need of parent volunteers to lead groups of walking & biking students from various places around Verona to NCS, so save this date in your calendar. More details will be available soon.



**5<sup>th</sup> GRADE GRADUATION**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, AT**  
**5:45 pm IN THE STEP ROOM**

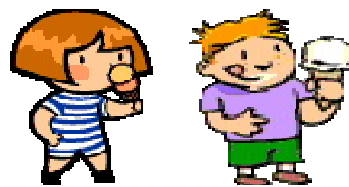
**Followed by the**  
**FAMILY ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

NCS will hold its graduation ceremony to congratulate its 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. All NCS parents and students are invited to attend the ceremony in the Sugar Creek Step Room. It will be followed by the Family Ice Cream Social Night at 6:30 pm at NCS. Come join us in celebrating!



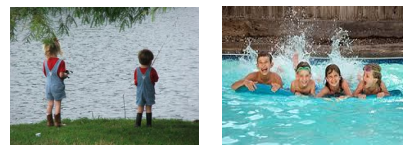
**PAPER AND/OR PLASTIC BAGS**  
**NEEDED FOR STUDENTS TO BRING**  
**HOME END OF THE YEAR ITEMS**

If you have any extra plastic or paper bags from grocery or other shopping, please send them into school for students to bring home end of the school year items. Thank you!



**FAMILY ICE CREAM SOCIAL NIGHT**  
**END OF SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30-7:15 PM**

To celebrate the end of the school year, NCS is hosting an ice cream social for all NCS students and their families on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm. It will be held at the school.



**FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO**  
**ENJOY THE DAY WITH OUR**  
**STUDENTS AT THE GOODMAN**  
**CAMPUS ON JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>!!**

Each year the students and staff at New Century end their year together with a fun-filled Field Day held at the Goodman Community Center. This year, Field Day is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 2:20pm. There will be fishing, swimming, games and FUN! **Volunteers are needed to make this day a success! And, coffee will be provided for all volunteers, so bring a mug!** You can volunteer for just part of the day or stay the whole day. We will especially need FISHING GEAR! Look for a Sign-Up Genius soon in your email regarding this event. If you do not receive one or if you have any questions, please email Abby Jakowski at [abby.jakowski@gmail.com](mailto:abby.jakowski@gmail.com). Permission slips will go home soon in Friday folders.



### **TRIATHLON FOR KIDS**

Online registration for the Tri 4 Schools spring events is open! There are 2 MORE events for your child to participate in:

- #1 Madison Marathon Kids Run -  
Saturday, May 23rd.
- #2 The Verona Spring Mud Run -  
Saturday, May 30th.

In addition to these being fun fitness events for all ages, all race fees go back to the NCS Physical Education program to purchase new equipment or replace equipment that has been broken/worn-out! For more info, press Ctrl and click on the link below:

<http://www.tri4schools.org/events/>



### **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. 7<sup>th</sup>  
When does it end? Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> for one week only and ends Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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](mailto:klawitej@verona.k12.wi.us)



### **DIVERSITY/EQUITY UPDATE**

A huge thank you to all who were able to volunteer and help make our event on South America a success!

Our committee facilitated 3 events this school year, providing students with hands-on opportunities to learn more about the continents of Africa and South America. Additionally, with the help of DSAW (Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin), we were able to build more awareness of what Down Syndrome is and create greater acceptance at NCS.

As this year wraps up, discussions of event topics for next year have begun. We would love your input on future events. Please consider joining the Diversity & Equity committee and help make our mission a success!

If interested, please talk to Marti Fechner [mmf@tds.net](mailto:mmf@tds.net), Isabel Agasie [isabel.agasie@gmail.com](mailto:isabel.agasie@gmail.com) or Karen Pings [kpings@live.com](mailto:kpings@live.com) to help. Thanks!



### **FUNDRAISING UPDATES** **PLANET WISE IS GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND NCS TOO!!**

Thank you to all NCS families who purchased and will enjoy using Planet Wise reusable bags. We raised \$218 for our school and it benefits the environment too! Thank you also to Marti Fechner for coordinating this fundraiser!

## **A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR BOXTOPS!**

Thank you to everyone who clipped and clicked box tops for NCS! It might not seem like much when you are clipping that box top worth ten cents, but all of your efforts add up in the end. NCS received a total of \$346.66 from Box Tops for Education for this school year! A great big thank you to Renee Mettes for her time in coordinating this program! Congratulations to Ms. Austen's class for turning in the most Box Tops this school year!

## **TARGET REDCARD SUPPORTS NCS AND IS SO EASY TO USE!**

In February we received a check for \$759 which reflected our community's Red Card use from August to December! Target Red Card proceeds used to be mailed in August for the prior 12 months, but they switched to a February mailing date this year. We'll receive a check again next February that will reflect a full year. This is one of our biggest annual fundraisers and requires almost no effort! If you haven't already designated New Century School as your debit or credit Red Card beneficiary, please consider doing so! Remember, any Target card holder anywhere in the country can designate our school, so tell Grandma, Grandpa, Aunts and Uncles, too!

## **BASKET RAFFLE EXCITEMENT**

Thank you to everyone who made the Basket Raffle an exciting success: Brandi Mueller for coordinating it and all of the families who donated such wonderful items!! We could not have done it without your help. The baskets looked beautiful and the raffle made \$700 for the school 😊 Congratulations to the winners!



## **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 21<sup>st</sup>,  
Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

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.)***



## **MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL**

Your student may have medication that you have left with us in the school office during the school year. School district policy requires that all medications, including inhalers and epi-pens, be returned to parents or discarded. We will be sending home a note in this week's Friday folder if you have medication in the school office. Please indicate on the note if you will be picking up your child's medication or if you would like us to send it home with your child. We will be discarding all unclaimed medications after the last day of school.