



THE PANTHER POST

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Welcome Back Panther Nation

We are excited as we begin the 2022-2023 School Year! We feel that New Lexington Schools is a special place with a strong focus for Kids, Community, and Relationships! This is a time in education that can be described as a time of "Opportunity." We look forward to After School programming district wide to meet the needs of all learners. We recently received 1.7 Million dollars to fund After school programs in our district. Focus on the student as a whole is extremely important as we move into this school year. Workforce development is a crucial ingredient for achieving a healthy and dynamic community. Education and Training programs have become more important than ever as we navigate and ever changing world. Developing a workforce and meeting the total education needs of all our students by developing relationships with our entire learning community will be a strong priority moving forward for this school year.



Casey Coffey, Superintendent



American Red Cross Ambassadors



The 2022 - 2023 New Lexington High School American Red Cross Ambassadors are Senior Nora DuPerow and Junior Evie Swick. They work with Lori Gaitten from the American Red Cross. They are responsible for recruiting people to donate blood. They also are responsible for making sure the blood drives held at the high school run smoothly. The next Red Cross Blood Drive at the high school will be held Thursday, November 17th from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Please support the drive!



Playground Update

What looked like a demolition project at Junction City Elementary School was transformed into a brand new playground. A new playground was also installed at New Lexington Elementary for the start of the 2022-23 school year.



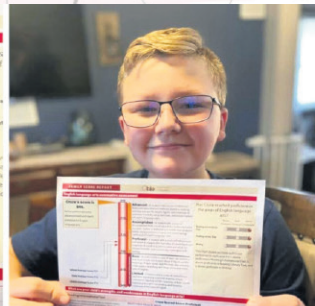
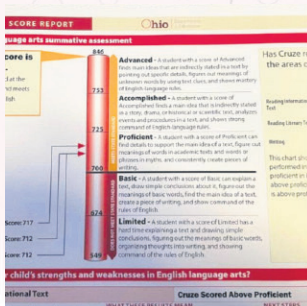
This is the Junction City Elementary playground as of Monday August 29, 2022. Photos are courtesy of Doug Clifford



This is the new playground at Junction and was duplicated at New Lexington Elementary. It is much loved by all and it is seeing a great deal of use!



Hard Work Pays Off



Cruze Mumford arrived home recently with his State testing results. He is a bright young man on his way to great things and he has the evidence to support his goals. When we reviewed his results, he had a perfect score on the Language Arts portion of his test! Well done, Cruiser, well done! Keep up the great work.



Precious Paws Found at Junction Elementary



Mrs. Robinson's second grade students have adopted their reading buddies for the school year! These are the best and most cuddly reading buddies imaginable. They also have perfect listening skills. Second graders can read to their buddies and their attention spans never wane!

Governor's Thomas Edison Award



Teacher, Stacie Hopple, through the Ohio Academy of Science and our recent participation in Science Fair, as well as teachers who through teaching of STEM concepts, made it possible for our school to be awarded the Governor's Thomas Edison Award.



CONGRATULATIONS! I am pleased to announce that your school, New Lexington MS, along with your nominated teacher(s), will receive the Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research for the 2021-2022 school year.

In addition to the enclosed school certificate, we are offering your awarded teachers a complimentary membership to The Ohio Academy of Science. Please contact us at any time if you have questions regarding student-originated, inquiry-based science education or other youth science opportunities for your school and community. Congratulations on receipt of this award, and best wishes for a successful school year.

Michael E. Woytek

Executive Director

The Ohio Academy of Science

Teachers include: Stacie Hopple, Jodi Newlon, Jake Reyher, Angie Fondale, Jeremiah Schluep, Rob Brokaw, Shannon George, Michael Spurgus, Tara Watts, Martindale, Tanner Cook, and David Burkhart



Kindergarten Class Reads Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Mrs. Wilson's kindergarten class at NLE read the great book *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, by Bill Martin. The STEM activity that followed involved students balancing letters on a tree built out of blocks and popsicle sticks. One pair was able to balance 40 letters.



Noah Barrett and Izaiah Gabbard



Manny Valenzuela and Braxton Shirley constructed a sturdy tree and balanced many letters!



NLMS Reads



Tamy Sullivan's 6th graders, from her Literacy class, are reading "Every Soul a Star" by Wendy Mass. A productive labyrinth discussion happened and an art project was born! Using decorative stones, these students created their own labyrinths. These are cool.



Kind and Caring



This young man is known to NLMS as one of the kindest, hard working, young men who gives back to the school community. His character will serve him well as he steps into adulthood. He's now at NLHS, but he returns to the MS to help with concessions, tickets, and keeping the clock. We recently received an email from someone at Berne Union who gave him a raving review for his helpful, kind spirit the entire evening. Thank you, Michael Steele, for not only serving our Panther proud community, but for being an exceptional person and treating even our rivals with a kind and caring spirit. Well done!



Kicking Up Fall



Students sure were excited to step into the first dance of the year. The building was really rocking as the students danced to the music provided by D.J. Kurtus Nicholas.

Practicing Team Work



Somny O'Brien, Carter Himelrick, Kayla Schneider, and Colton Fox.

Mrs. Samson's Resource Room practiced team work during the first week back to school. They were given 4 pieces of string, a rubber band and cups, then asked to pick up the cups and stack them using only the string and rubber bands. Students used collaboration, problem solving skills and critical thinking skills to accomplish the task.



Gold Rush



Our custodian, Scott Kaido, came to third grade (Mrs. Newlon's and Mrs. McGreevy's classes) to teach how to 'Pan for Gold.' Students learned about the *California Gold Rush* while reading the story *Boom Town*. They may just use the technique to **pan for gold!**



On Your Mark, Get Set, GO!



On August 27 at the Newark Invitational these Bidder runners gave it their best! The team included Briel Pearson, Angel Hoose, Cam Hicks, Wyatt Vogelsang, Zaidon McCord, Cody Dennis, Skyla Dennis, and Cassie Vogelsang. The next run was at Fairfield Union on the 17th of September.



Library Gets New Reading Chairs



Lucy Newman 5th grade, Cole McCoy 1st grade, and Hunter Baker 1st grade, are enjoying the new reading chairs in the Junction City Elementary Library.



NLMS Club Soccer



Our students have been practicing and competing. They are strong players and play well together! Go Panthers!



District Forestry Competition



New Lexington High School Ag teacher Heather Foster explains the rules and procedures to participants in the District Forestry Competition hosted by the New Lex FFA. Photo is courtesy of Doug Clifford



Ohio University Nursing Students Teach NLE Students



Hunter Goodin

Students in Mr. Wamer and Mrs. Russell's classroom, Adam Dean, Tristan Fulk and Hunter Goodin, were participating in a project taught by a group of nursing students from Ohio University! Nursing students come to New Lexington Elementary and spend 4 Mondays with our fifth graders. During this visit, students were taught how easily germs can be transmitted and the importance of good hand washing techniques.