



THE PANTHER POST



"Sponsored by The New Lexington 21st Century After School Programs."



ODE Announces NO New Funding for 21st Century After School Programs Next Year

New Lexington City Schools Look to Continue Funding In the wake of the Ohio Department of Education's recent decision to NOT fund any new 21st Century programs during the fiscal year 2018 (next school year), the Ohio Afterschool Network has initiated a campaign to urge community members to become involved, petitioning the ODE Superintendent to reverse the decision. New Lexington City Schools value the After School Program at each of its sites and recognizes the importance of the services it affords our students. The district will work to continue providing these services, regardless of ODE's decision, and hopes the community will join them in support of the Ohio Afterschool Network's initiative to restore 21st Century funding for next year.

Thank you for working with us FOR your children! Contact ODE Superintendent Paolo DeMaria to explain why the continuation of After School Programming in your community is vital. Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ohio Department of Education, 25 South Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4183

Food Distribution:

Superintendent Casey Coffey, School Board Members John McGaughey, and Bill Nutt look forward to our food distribution event this Friday @ the High School. We are pleased to team with First United Methodist Church of New Lexington, the South East Ohio Food Bank, and Hapcap to help those in our community.



Energetic and Caring! Kelly Gordon, Jerrah Poling, & Jaylyn Shirkey make a great team! These girls worked together to load food items into cars. This is a great way to give back to our community!



Many lending hands and many appreciative residents! An incredible day in New Lexington!

NLHS Boosters Organize a PICK 3 FUNDRAISER

It is time again for the Orange and Black Booster, Pick 3 Fundraiser~!

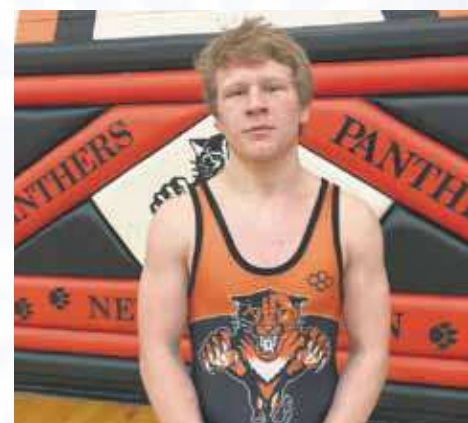
The tickets are \$10 each. By purchasing a ticket the individual has a chance to win \$50-\$500 for the entire month of March. It is based on the evening daily drawing and it has to match straight to win.

Purchasing a ticket automatically gives booster membership for the 2017-2018 school year. If multiple tickets are purchased the level of booster membership increases. Booster members will have their names published in the football program. Tickets may be purchased from head coaches and also from the following people in each building. Maggie Cannon (JCE), Tammy Cook (NLE), Christie Barnette (MS) & Penny Murray (HS).

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, please contact the school office where your child is a student.

Go Panthers!

NLHS WRESTLER PINS OPPONENT New Lex wins 37 - 33 over Sheridan!



John Mautz pins his opponent in a recent match against Sheridan to secure the win for New Lexington.

NLHS

Students in the Entrepreneurship class with Lindsey Hutchinson, worked first semester to learn the basics of running a small business. Topics discussed included setting prices, handling finances, customer service, marketing, and employee responsibilities. Now students are in the process of opening a school store at NLHS for the students and staff.

Students have sweetened the offerings by including hot chocolate and coffee, in the mornings, for students and staff. Yum!



Caleb Edwards & Selina Moore stock the school store shelves



Alia Doss creates price tags for the school store



COMING TO NEW LEXINGTON SCHOOLS JANUARY 27TH, FEBRUARY 10TH & FEBRUARY 14TH



The Southeast Ohio Food Bank in coordination with New Lexington School District will distribute non-perishable food items to the community at no cost. On January 27th food will be distributed at New Lexington High School. The distribution time will be 2 - 4 pm. On February 10th and 24th food will be distributed at Junction Elementary School. Distribution times will be held from 3 - 5 p.m. on those days. You are invited to participate in these distribution days. You must bring your ID and evidence of residence.

Our First Distribution Event:



First United Methodist Church Pastor, Doug Widdowson and Sharon Workman cheerfully help load food into the cars of residents from New Lexington. In addition, others pitched in to help. At the middle school students from the Better World Club, volunteered to be on hand to help distribute food items to residents. We are grateful we could assist and thrilled that local families benefit from these distribution days.



Nick Russell and Makena Miller help organized the food being distributed in the parking lot of the middle school.



School board member John McGaughey and volunteers load food items into waiting vehicles.



FMC ATHLETE OF THE WEEK NAME: BRADLEY CLAPPER CLASS: 2017 ~ SPORT: BASKETBALL



Brad Clapper has been a consistent starter for the Panthers this season. Brad is a hard worker whose contributions extend far beyond the stat sheet. Many times, Brad has the responsibility of guarding the opposition's best player. Brad has accepted the challenge and been an important and reliable team player. His best showing this year was 21-point performance against Miller. Most importantly, Brad is a quality teammate who is willing to do whatever his team needs to be successful. Great work Brad Clapper!



Coming in February!

NLMS Student Council is sponsoring a Valentine's Sweetheart Dance!

When: February 17th

Time: 6:30 to 8pm

Cost: \$4.00 (Admission)

Pictures will be available for \$5.00 a set.

Dress Code: Semi-formal: Jeans are acceptable if and only if they have no holes and look nice.

BookFair at NLMS Support your library!

When: February 6th - 10th

Parent Night: February 7th during parent teacher conferences...

Where: NLMS Library Media Center

Time: 4pm - 7pm

Help us build our library collection!



EARTH MODEL CONTEST COMPETITION

New Lex 8th grade students constructed models of the Earth as an assignment designed to demonstrate to students that the secrets hidden inside the earth play a part in how our planet works. Each student created a 3 dimensional earth to learn about the inner workings. Students competed in a classroom competition. Each design was judged and some were voted best. Parents, thank you for assisting your child in this endeavor. Staff judged the creations and students celebrated their accomplishments.



Period 7 winners 1st place: Ben Groves, 2nd place Hannah Spurgus, 3rd place: Megan Sykes, 4th place: Alexis McCord, and 5th place: Isabella McCord



1st place: Olivia Crooks, 2nd place: Mason Decot, 3rd place: Evan Jenkins, 4th place: Emma Snider, 5th place: Laura Scholl, 6th place: Bailey Agreisti.