



THE PANTHER POST

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

AFTERSCHOOL PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK APRIL 24-28, 2017

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An estimated 10.2 million children participate in afterschool programs across the country each year. Today, afterschool programs are viewed as much more than just childcare. They are widely accredited as a way to enhance education in literacy, math, social and emotional learning, health and wellness, and more. With that demand comes increased responsibility of the estimated 850,000 of afterschool professionals who are making a difference in the lives of students.

Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week was announced during the National Afterschool Association Convention in 2016 by NAA President and CEO, Gina Warner. It is a week to recognize and thank afterschool professionals serving children in programs and organizations across the nation.

This school year, New Lexington's Project Y.O.U. afterschool programs have enrolled over 250 students and employed 40 staff members. The majority of the staff work in the district during the day and spend extra hours before and after school to continue helping students. Please thank a Project Y.O.U. staff member for their dedication to the program and for making a difference in the life of a child! #heartofafterschool



New Lexington Elementary School Project Y.O.U. Afterschool Program students and staff including Heather Rice, Angela Gordon, Debbie Batz, Sarah Smallwood, Deanna Mock, Susie Goodfellow, and Melissa Campbell. Not pictured are Debbie Hooper, Michelle Harvey, Carol Love, Brooklyn Bowers, Joey Fisher, Arlette Abram, Stacie Martindill, Pam Clark, Jody Ash.



Junction City Elementary Project Y.O.U. Afterschool Program students and staff including Kyle Sparks and Carrie Barker. Staff not pictured are Torie Underwood, Robin Hanger, Kathy Godby, Nicole Dickerson, Jeanette Compston and Kelly Cooperrider.



New Lexington High School Project Y.O.U. Afterschool and Alternative School staff, Shannon Hunt, Dave Brehm, John Lindsey, Jim Moyer, Janessa Reed, Penny Murray, Renee Lambert and Marsha Patton. Not pictured are Mike Boley, Dustin Householder, Jennifer Stenson, Taundra Householder, and Jill Brame.



New Lexington Middle School Project Y.O.U. Afterschool Program students and staff including Jody Ash, Bobbi Holcombe, Kathleen Cunningham, Cheryl Mumford, Ken Yuchasz, Billie Hoag, Jody Newlon, Larissa Cline, Ann Hankinson, Nakeya Schooley, and Kyle Sparks. Not pictured are Tony Thorngate, Doug Fehrman and Jason Morris.

Project YOU Afterschool Students Visit STAR Engineering

The Project YOU afterschool program took a career exploration trip to STAR Engineering, a 75 year old family operated business in New Lexington. The owner, Chris Mooney, showed students around the shop, explained what happens in the shop and how the machines work. He discussed job expectations and career information with the students.



Seth Guisinger, Dakota Brame, Dalton Thomas, Michael Lucas, Jordan Middaugh, Alex Griffith, Amanda Williams, Jaden Blosser, STAR Owner Chris Mooney, Afterschool Service Coordinator Jim Moyer, Seth Abram, Shannon Williams, and Catelynn Taylor



Chris Mooney shows afterschool students equipment at STAR Engineering.

Jessica Wilson's Students Have Been Really Busy! THINK THINK THINK ... WE CAN DO THIS!

NLE kindergarten students studied fairy tales. Following, the students joined their 3rd grade buddies for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) activity to construct Goldilocks a new bed.

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LEARNING SPREE AT COSI!



Ethan Spires built a bridge with mega tinker toys. Abby Searles explored pulleys at work by lifting her body weight. New Lexington Elementary took their science learning to COSI. Students explored the past and present, water properties, simple machines and sound. Everything at COSI is an adventure, but it's also an experience in Math and Science!

Looking Good! FFA Students Clean Up The Entrances To NLMS & NLE



Riley Newlon, Emma Abrams, and Ellie Cook pull the weeds while other FFA students edge the flower beds with Mr. Rob Brokaw.

PANTHER Announcements

NEW LEXINGTON MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL 21ST CENTURY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS IN COLLABORATION WITH* PERRY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES, INC.



PRESENTS: OUR 2ND ANNUAL COFFEE, COOKIES & CANVAS

What: Unique FUNdraiser ... all participants will create their very own 11x14 canvas masterpiece to take home!
When: Saturday April 29th, 2:00-4:00pm
Where: New Lexington Middle School Cafeteria
Admission: \$15 Students, \$25 Adults
Proceeds benefit the New Lexington Middle and High School Afterschool Programs, which provide homework help, character-building clubs, and FREE counseling services to students in grades 6-12. Come and learn more about how Project Y.O.U. and Perry Behavioral Health Choices, Inc. serves students and families in your community!
Call Larissa Cline at (740) 721-0577 or email nl_cline@seovec.org to make your reservation now! A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

~COMING SOON~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY 18TH



DRIVEN FOUNDATION EVENT Mark Your Calendars May 18th

PROMOTING PERSEVERANCE AND FOSTERING HOPE THROUGH MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKING, MENTORSHIP, FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS, AND SPECIALIZED EVENTS FOR AT RISK YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN NEED. (Quoted from the Driven Foundation website) The first 50 students, with a paying adult, will be admitted for FREE! Sponsored by NLFT

NEW LEX BOYS BASKETBALL FUTURE PANTHERS CAMP DATES: JUNE 13TH - 15TH, 2017



New Lexington Boys Basketball will be holding the annual Future Panthers Boys Basketball Camp June 13-15. The camp is available for boys who will be in grades 2nd-8th next year. Registration forms will be available in all New Lex buildings main offices. Online registration will also be available. The link to register can be found on the school website (nlpanthers.org) on the Boys Basketball page and on the camp brochures. Brochures are in the school offices.

FMC ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

FRESHMAN IZZY HILL

TRACK



Izzy Hill is the current points leader for the team. Izzy keeps improving in her events and is a positive influence. She placed second in the HJ, 4x200 and 4x800 in Tri-Valley MVL meet. Izzy works hard and looks to be an important cog for the Panthers in years to come. Great work Izzy Hill!



New Lex Students are excited to compete again this year in Special Olympics. Our students eagerly wait for this time of year. The fun and fantastic events provide opportunities for every competitor to show his or her skills. We will share more in our next issue, as well. "Special Olympics transform lives through the joy of sport, every day, everywhere. We are the world's largest sports organization for people with ... disabilities," (Special Olympics Website).



Cherokee Gallagher and Rosie Fortner and get ready for their next event! Ben finished and received his award! Way to go, Ben! Cherokee Gallagher and Rosie Fortner and get ready for their next event! Ben finished and received his award! Way to go, Ben!