

Newport Community School Newsletter

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NCS After School Program

NCS ended another successful year of After School programming at TMS & RHS on June 3rd.

Newport Community School has wrapped up its programming at Thompson Middle School for the year. Thank you to all the students, teachers and staff that were a part of the program this year. It was a great year for the students of TMS and NCS greatly appreciates all of the help and support. The year concluded with an End of the Year Celebration held at Braga Park on Tuesday June 7th. All students that attended 30 or more days of programming were invited to attend and about 60 students came to celebrate the end of the school year with their friends and school staff. The event included an inflatable rock wall, mini golf, and much more for the students. It was a great way to close out a great year!

End of Year Celebration

TMS Students, who worked hard, were invited to NCS's End of Year Celebration held on June 7th at Braga Park with ice cream, pizza, rock climbing and more!!!



Great things are happening at NCS!

Summer Basketball Camp

Applications for the Summer Basketball Camp are now available in the NCS Office. This Camp will be held the week of July 5th thru July 8th at the Thompson Middle School Gym from 9am - 2pm. Cost is \$48.00 per student (includes lunch) and only 30 spots are available for students entering grades 5-8 in the 2016-17 school year. All participating students are required to bring water each day to camp. Please contact Mr. Vieira at 848-5923 with any questions. All applications are due with full payment by June 29th, 2016.

Summer Success

Newport Community School's Summer Success Program is underway. Registration forms have been sent to invite students who were referred by teachers and/or guidance counselors to this year's program. The NCS staff has been working hard all year to plan this wonderful opportunity for students to enhance their knowledge through hands-on learning programs designed to engage and support each child's academic skills. This year, we are excited to be working in partnership with The Tennis Hall of Fame. Classes will be held at The Tennis Hall of Fame (The Canfield House) starting July 18th - August 12th, Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 3:30 pm. David Vieira is the contact person for this program - 848-5923 or email: davidvieira@npsri.net.

Moving on Up

NCS's Moving On Up program is offered to all TMS students transitioning from Grade 5 to Grade 6. Moving on UP will take place the week of August 15th - August 19th. Students will attend Monday thru Thursday 8:00am-12:30pm and Friday for a full day field trip 8:00am - 2:30pm.

David Vieira is the contact person for this program - 848-5923 or email: davidvieira@npsri.net.

Thompson 101

Thompson 101 is an NCS Program for all Grade 4 students transitioning to Grade 5 at TMS. Thompson 101 will be held the week of August 22- 26th. Students will attend Monday thru Friday, 8:30am - 2:30 pm.

David Vieira is the contact person for this program - 848-5923 or email: davidvieira@npsri.net.

RHS News

ROGERS 101

Rogers 101 is an NCS Program for all Grade 8 students transitioning from TMS to Grade 9 RHS will be held the weeks of August 15 - 19th and August 22 - 26th. Students will attend classes Monday thru Friday 9:00 am - 2:00pm.

Kelsey Dugan is the contact person for this program - 847-6235 ext.2222 or Email: kelseydugan@npsri.net.

Looking back on this past school year, Newport Community School at Rogers High School has tons to celebrate! This year NCS partnered with the college advisor and the RHS English department to offer senior project workshops and SAT prep courses. We also formed a new partnership with Village House Nursing Home and with the help from our NACTC cosmetology program, we created Manicure Mondays and sent students over to give manicures to the residents of Village House.

For the second year in a row, NCS helped sponsor the Cyber Patriot team at RHS. This year we had three teams, including one all girl team! The three teams were extremely successful with one team placing first in the state!

NCS at RHS also continued its partnership with The Community College of Rhode Island to offer our Transition To College program. Students in this program have dual enrollment at CCRI and RHS. This year we had six students successfully complete the program and earn 3.0 college credits in addition to earning .5 credit towards their RHS graduation.

Additionally, NCS saw over thirty students complete Extended Learning Opportunity Projects this year. Several trips to the Newport Court House to shadow local attorney Kevin Hagan, phone interviews with nutritionists and dieticians at EVOLUTION Nutrition, Inc., field trips to Newport Hospital, programs at both Pell Elementary School and Thompson Middle School and dance and fitness programs were just a few of the wonderful projects and opportunities our students had this year.

This year we also created a new program that worked with our English language learners. Five ELL students worked diligently afterschool to create a newsletter focusing on food and culture in their native country vs. USA. The ELL students worked on their reading, writing, and speaking skills in addition to interviews and Microsoft office programs.

So many positive experiences came out of the 2015-2016 school year but this summer NCS will continue creating those experiences for students in the UTAP program, the MaTTS program, dance camps, horticulture programs, Sail to Prevail, Rogers 101 and more!

UTAP "Underwater Technology Apprenticeship Program" - This program is a 60 hour academic course that focuses on Undersea Technology. It is recommended for students interested in learning about engineering, technology, and the marine science fields. It will teach students decision making, problem solving through trial and error and formal presentation skills. During this time students will be introduced to and use real world applications of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to give them valuable insight on career opportunities in all of these fields.

MaTTS - Marine Technology for Teachers and Students: Provide the opportunity for students to interact with cutting edge research technologies related to exploring the global ocean. Students will grow as leaders through the exposure to marine career opportunities, technology and oceanography. This project includes a week long intensive at the University of Rhode Island Inner Space Center and students serving as educators between middle school students and the Inner Space Center.

Dance programs - Off the Curb

Fitness programs - T3 Fitness



Horticulture programs - The goal of the privately funded endeavor is to promote student engagement, education and career exploration in the field of horticulture. Designed as a "Work and Learn" model, the 8-week paid experience provides mentoring and educational experience for students who have taken the Horticulture program at Rogers and are looking to enhance their knowledge and gain work experience this summer.

Sail to Prevail "Confidence is Cool Day Camp" -Sail To Prevail creates opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to overcome life's adversities through our therapeutic sailing program.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy summer!

Kelsey Dugan
RHS Program Coordinator

NCS works in partnership with many community organizations to give a student an opportunity to get experience in the field they have chosen such as Newport Art Museum, Newport Children's Theatre and Naval Underwater System.

Extended Learning Opportunities include four components: Research, Reflection, Product and Presentation. Students will present their experience and product to a board of individuals including but not limited to ELO teacher(s), Parents, Guardians, Community Partners, NCS Administration/Staff and School/District Staff. The student will show the board their learning as an exhibition of mastery.

*This Program is funded by
The van Buren Charitable Trust
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The United Way of RI*

NCS Connects

NCS Community Cupboard Food Pantry

Newport Community School's **NCS Connects** program has been working in partnership with the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Located within the TMS Human Services Mall, it is one of four school-based food pantries piloted in collaboration with the RI Food Bank. Through the new program, families in need, who have students enrolled at Thompson Middle School and Rogers High School have been able to access emergency food and hygiene products by visiting our Cupboards.

Basic Needs

During the winter, **NCS Connects** has distributed coats, hats, gloves and miscellaneous clothing to many students at TMS and RHS, donated by community families and some purchased with donated funds. Keeping our children attired in appropriate clothing during the winter season has been our main goal. If you would like to donate new gloves, hats, scarves or gently used coats to our program, please call Roxanne or Gretchen at 848-5923.

NCS Connects Community Cupboard is available to distribute Emergency Food Baskets to TMS and RHS families.

Anyone in the Thompson Middle School and Rogers High School family who knows of students and/or families that may benefit from NCS Community Cupboards, please feel free to either pass on the **NCS Connects** Community Cupboards' hours of operation and contact information listed below to the family directly and/or simply make a referral to the **NCS Connects** program using our Student Referral form, check off Family Basic Need as the nature of the referral. **NCS Connects** will do the rest!

NCS Connects Community Cupboards Hours of Operation and Contact Information

**Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Contact: Gretchen Landry, NCS Connects Program Coordinator
Telephone: 848-5923 ext. 127
Thompson Middle School**



SMILES Dental Clinics

Dental Clinics at TMS will be held on

**Wednesday, June 8th
Thursday, June 9th**

Our **NCS Connects** program is once again working in partnership with the TMS School Nurse, Lisa Buterbaugh, and the East Bay Community Action Program to provide free dental service to Thompson Middle School and Rogers High School students. Students who do not have a family dentist or are not insured are eligible for the SMILES program. Last year our partnership enabled over 60 students to receive an array of dental needs, such as cleaning, x-rays, fillings and sealants during the school day. The Smiles Dental Clinics are held in the TMS Human Services Mall.

Applications were sent home to all students at the beginning of the school year and are also available in the Human Services Mall or the NCS Office at TMS - room 124 or in the Nurse's Office - room 135.

***Our most recent Dental Clinics were held on
May12th, May13th, May 16th & May 17th
servicing 42 students!***

The Aquidneck Island Adult Learning Center

In January of 2010, the Aquidneck Island Adult Learning Center (AIALC) engaged in a merger process to become a division of NCS, continuing to provide, at more than 10 sites, comprehensive services including: academic assessment, literacy and numeracy instruction, workplace literacy, job readiness skills, high school completion and vocational training and counseling services. All AIALC programs have an underlying focus: the active recruitment of early school leavers and special populations; assisting adult learners to become literate members of the community; assisting adult learners to become economically self-sufficient; and providing a variety of services that offer opportunities to complete a secondary credential.

We are currently enrolling:

GED Summer Session

Dates: July 11th - August 19th Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Class Time: 8:30 - 11:30 am

Total Fee: \$30.00 (Includes Assessment & Registration)

Computer Basics

Dates: July 11th - August 10th Monday & Wednesday

Class Time: 9:00 - 11:00 am

Total Fee: \$50.00

E-Lab

Dates: July 5th - August 9th Tuesday

Class Time: 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Total Fee: \$30.00 (Includes Assessment & Registration)

ESL

Dates: July 5th - August 11th Tuesday & Thursday

Class Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Total Fee: \$30.00 (Includes Assessment & Registration)

Teacher Assistant

Dates: July 25th - August 4th Monday - Thursday
August 10th Wednesday

Class Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Total Fee: \$300.00 (Includes Registration, materials & CPR Certification)

Certified Medication Technician Aide

Dates: September 8th - December 22nd

Class Time: 6:00 - 9:00pm

Total Fee: \$475.00 (Includes Registration, book and materials)

Testing Center

Reminder - Appointments must be made through your GED.com account on line.

CASAS TESTING CENTER *BY APPT*

Wednesday 12pm - 7:00pm (last apt 5:30pm)
Allow 1.5hr for ESL - 1.5 hr. each test for GED/ABE (need both)
Fee: \$30.00

GED TESTING CENTER *register for apt @ GED.com*

Monday & Tuesday 10:00am - 4:30pm (until 6-9-16)
Wednesday 12:00pm - 7:00 pm (until 6-30-16)
Thursday 10:00am - 3:30pm (until 6-9-16)
Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm (6-9-16 thru 6-30-16)
Fee: \$30 each / \$120.00 Total
financial hardship vouchers available

PARAPRO TESTING *BY APPT ONLY*

Tuesday 10:00am - 4:00pm (last appt. 1:30)
Wednesday 12:30pm - 7:00pm (last appt. 4:30)
Thursday 10:00am - 3:30pm (last appt. 1:00)
Friday *by apt only*

Please contact us at 847-7171 with any questions during our Summer office hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30am - 3:30pm
Thursday 8:30am-7:00pm
Friday 8:30am - 2:00pm

Aquidneck Island Adult Learning Center
740 West Main Road
Middletown, RI 02842

Check your local paper and our website for our Fall classes - Pipefitting, Plumbing, Electrical, Citizenship, Computer Classes, Teacher Assistance, CNA and more to come!!

Program information is available on Twitter and Facebook Newport Community School

Forty First Annual Graduation and National Adult Education Honor Society Reception



Deng Zihao receiving his Diploma from Jo Eva Gaines, Newport School Committee Chairperson and Jeff Goss, Principal of Rogers High School with Kathy Evans, AIALC Program Coordinator.

A reception was held on Tuesday, May 31st at the Newport Marriott to present NCS's AIALC students with certificates and diplomas. With over 100 people in attendance, the evening was addressed by speakers, Colleen Burns Jermain, Superintendent of Newport Public Schools, The Honorable Marvin L. Abney, RI House of Representatives, Tracy L. Shea, NCS Executive Director, Kathy Evans, AIALC Program Coordinator and Alyson Massey, AIALC Student Graduate.

Awards for National Adult Education Honor Society were presented to Narshalie Almodovar, Ana Chaigneau, Miguel Dejesus, Ana Maria Diaz, Sam Iannarilli, Izabella Marszalek, Zachary Massey, Inma McKenzie, MaryAnn Rivard, Aesook Ross, Juvelina Silva, Renata Vianna and Kim Weinand.

High School Equivalency Graduates were Jarrett Brazil, Chelsea Brockman, Daniel Brown, Jayvon Davis, Kaileb Gilchrest, Sam Innarilli, Brian Mansi, Alyson Massey, Zachary Massey, Alethea McKinney, Ross Monroe, Liam O'Brien, Melissa Pacheco, Dennis Robinson, Tyler Silcott, Chandler Theriault, Brittney Thibeault-Goldade, Mark Tiexiera, Kayla Wall, Hal Willard and Chantelle Young.

Jeff Goss, RHS Principal, and Jo Eva Gaines, Newport School Committee, presented RHS Diplomas to two Diploma Plus Graduates, Stephen Wilkinson and Deng Zihao.

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney, RI House of Representatives presented US Citizen certificates to Joao Riberio and Xiaotong "Angel" Zhu.

A Special Recognition was given to Lynn Nichols, AIALC GED Teacher who has shown dedication to her students and the mission of NCS's AIALC Program.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES!!!





Tracy L. Shea was presented a Legislative Grant Award from the Honorable Marvin Abney with Colleen Burns Jermain, Superintendent of Newport Public Schools.

Health Facts

We all need some sun exposure - it's the top source of vitamin D, which helps our bodies absorb calcium for stronger, healthier bones.

But it doesn't take much time in the sun for most people to get the vitamin D they need. And repeated unprotected exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays can cause skin damage, eye damage, immune system suppression, and skin cancer. Even people in their twenties can develop skin cancer.

Most kids get much of their lifetime sun exposure before age 18, so it's important for parents to teach them how to enjoy fun in the sun safely. Taking the right precautions can greatly reduce your child's chance of developing skin cancer.

Facts About Sun Exposure

The sun radiates light to the earth, and part of that light consists of invisible UV rays. When these rays reach the skin, they cause tanning, burning, and other skin damage.

Sunlight contains three types of ultraviolet rays: UVA, UVB, and UVC:

1. UVA rays cause skin aging and wrinkling and contribute to skin cancer, such as melanoma. Because UVA rays pass effortlessly through the ozone layer (the protective layer of atmosphere, or shield, surrounding the earth), they make up the majority of our sun exposure.
Beware of tanning beds because they use UVA rays as well as UVB rays. A UVA tan does not help protect the skin from further sun damage; it just produces color and a false sense of safety.
2. UVB rays are also dangerous, causing sunburns, cataracts (clouding of the eye lens), and effects on the immune system. They also contribute to skin cancer. Melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer, is thought to be associated with severe UVB sunburns that occur before the age of 20. Most UVB rays are absorbed by the ozone layer, but enough of these rays pass through to cause serious damage.
3. UVC rays are the most dangerous, but fortunately, these rays are blocked by the ozone layer and don't reach the earth.

What's important is to protect your family from exposure to UVA and UVB, the rays that cause skin damage.

With all the sunscreens available these days (organic or mineral? water-resistant or sweat-resistant? lotion or spray?), choosing the right one for your kids can be tricky. But what matters most when picking a sunscreen is how well it protects skin from UV rays.

How to Choose

Look for SPF (sun protection factor) numbers on the labels of sunscreens. Select an SPF of 30 or higher to prevent sunburn and tanning, both of which are signs of skin damage. Choose a sunscreen that protects against both UVA and UVB rays (usually labeled as a "broad-spectrum" sunscreen).

Sunscreen sprays are convenient but should be used with caution. For starters, sprays are easy to breathe in, which can irritate the lungs. Some sprays also are flammable, so you need to avoid sparks or flames when applying them and wearing them. And, sprays make it hard to tell if you have applied enough sunscreen, which increases the risk of sunburn.

Other things to consider:

- Don't use sunscreens with PABA, which can cause skin allergies.
- For sensitive skin, look for products with the active ingredient titanium dioxide.
- If your teen or preteen wants to use a self-tanner sunscreen, be sure to get one that also has UV protection (many offer little or none).

Babies younger than 6 months should be kept out of the sun. When going outside, dress your baby in lightweight clothes that cover arms and legs - and don't forget a hat. If you can't avoid the sun, you can use a small amount of sunscreen on your baby's exposed skin, like the hands and face.

Dates to Remember

June 17th Rogers High School Graduation
June 29th Last Day of School

Everyone has something to teach ~

Everyone has something to learn

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