



# Newport Elementary



## SCHOOL NEWS

September 2017

Newport Elementary School  
851 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Newport MN, 55055  
School hours: 7:55am-2:25pm

Main Office: 651-425-4300  
Health Office: 651-425-4302  
Attendance Line: 651-425-4306  
Transportation: 651-425-5303

### Principal's Corner:

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Newport Elementary School. The teachers and I are excited to start the new school year with you.

Below are the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCAs) scores for Newport Elementary over the last 4 years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Math</u>
2013-2014	40.0%	65.8%
2014-2015	44.5%	62.2%
2015-2016	56.5%	60.9%
2016-2017	58.7%	60.3%

Congratulations to the teachers, students, and parents on this success!

Please take the time to review the Newport Elementary Family handbook with your child. There are many important details that all families should review to help make for a great year at school.

*Looking forward to a great year,*

*Mr. Rich Romano*

*Newport Principal*

*651-425-4303*

## Meet the Staff:

Grade		
Pre-K	Brittany Vasecka	425-4359
Kindergarten	Ryan Heyer	425-4355
	Karen Mendez	425-4356
First	Lori Bertrand	425-4353
	Pam Fabano	425-4354
Second	Natasha Snyder	425-4358
	Heather Trok	425-4352
Third	Sara Bonine	425-4351
	Amy Kestner	425-4350
Fourth	Kim Anderson	425-4366
	Anita Perkins	425-4367
Fifth	Ann Madden	425-4369
	Colleen Galloway	425-4368
Occupational Therapist (O.T.)	Lori Corey	425-4362
Social Worker	Tracy Iaria	425-4324
Psychologist	Kelly DeGezelle	425-4308
Special Ed Teachers	Tori Kulik-Carlson	425-4304
	Sara Arthur-Noble	425-4339
	Hallie Nuehaus	425-4304
	TBN	425-4348
ELL	Carolyn Tollefson	425-4372
Art	Matt Howie	425-4371
Orchestra	Greg Marget	425-4375
Band	Mary Slette	425-4375
Music	Shannon Wood	425-4361
Media Specialist	Stacy Curry	425-4311
Phy Ed	Tania Ferderer	425-4373
Basic Skills Teachers	Kathy Koch	425-4370
	Kathy Lamoureux	425-4336
Title One Teachers	Maureen Garrett	425-4374
	Sue Wilson	425-4349
	Jacqueline Stangl	425-4349
Reading Specialist	Jane Endres	425-4365
Reading Recovery	Sara Torgusson	425-4365
Academic Success Coach	TBN	425-4357
Kitchen Manager	Tara Swedzinski	425-4310
Kitchen Cook	Kelly Gaspard	425-4344
Kitchen Cashier	Renee Wasylshin	425-4310
Kids Club	Amanda Dahl & Rebecca Thompson	425-4346
Custodian-day	Tony Reed	425-4305
Custodian-night	Ron Lindeman	425-4305

Principal	Rich Romano		425-4303
Nurse	Tammy John		425-4302
	Jaci Eischen		425-4302
Education Paraprofessionals	Kris Richard	Sara Avise	Heidi Gulbrandson
	Bonnie Karas	Angie Valentine	Glenda Kemmet
	Joan DeVito	Terri Frederick	Melissa Ingemann
	Corina Phillips	Chelsea Pederson	Dawn Hernandez
	Sue Winkler (Title 1)	Carrie Schmidt (Pre-K)	

## Parents requested to update Emergency Card/Census Verification information online

Typically, Emergency Cards are provided yearly to parents so the district can verify student(s) information is current and accurate. The district has determined that the best way to ensure accurate information in a timely way is to have parents complete the changes to their family (and children) accounts through the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus.

When signed in to the [Parent Portal](#), the subject areas below can be found and clicked on to first verify the information, and second, to make any needed changes to the emergency/census information for your family.

- **Demographics:** Updates can be made for student and non-household contacts. Non-household contacts include emergency contacts, doctor, dentist and hospital information.
- **Household Information:** Updates can be made for home phone numbers and address change can be requested here. In order for the district to make a change to an address proof of the move is needed.
- **Family Members:** Updates can be made for any member of the immediate household here. Examples would be parent cell phone numbers or email address.

### No computer/internet access?

Families without access to a computer can call the district's Student Information Department at 651-425-6236 to be put in contact with our census contact, Tracy Ulik.

### No current Parent Portal account?

Families without a parent portal account must request one. Email [ICSupport@sowashco.k12.mn.us](mailto:ICSupport@sowashco.k12.mn.us) and enter the student(s) name, the school the student(s) attend, the student(s) home address and your (the parent/guardian) name.

## *Looking ahead:*

### *September 2017*

- 5 First day of school for grades 1-5
- 7 First day for Kindergarten
- 11 First day for Pre Kindergarten
- 12 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting at 6:15pm in Media Center
- 15 Fall School Picture Day
- 19 Fall Fundraiser “Kick-Off”
- 19-10/2 Fall Fundraiser sell dates

### *October 2015*

- 3 Fundraiser orders due!
- 10 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting at 6:15pm in Media Center
- 12 Parent teacher conferences 3:45-8pm
- 17 Parent teacher conferences 3:45-8pm
- 17 Fall School Picture Day Retakes
- 19-20 No School MEA
- 23-27 Perkins restaurant fundraiser

Keep these numbers handy:

**Rich Romano Principal**

651-425-4303

**Tracy Ulik Office**

651-425-4300

**Attendance Line**

651-425-4306

**Kitchen**

651-425-4309

**Jaci Eischen Nurse**

651-425-4302

**Tracy Iaria Social Worker**

651-425-4339

**Transportation**

651-425-5303

## **Title I Programming**

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA), provides financial assistance to local education agencies (LEAs) and schools, with high numbers or percentages of children from low-income families, in order to assist schools in ensuring that all children meet challenging academic standards.

Districts or schools accepting Title I funds are required to provide all children with fair, equitable and significant educational opportunities in order to obtain a high-quality education and to reach--at a minimum--proficiency on challenging state academic standards and assessments. Title I programs utilize highly qualified staff who implement instructional strategies based on scientifically based research and which are supported by organized and effective parental involvement.

The South Washington County Schools focus Title 1 programming to three highest poverty schools in District 833, which include Armstrong, Crestview, Hillside, Pullman, and Newport Elementary Schools. Funds are used to target students who are academically at-risk in grades kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> in the areas of reading and math. District 833 Title 1 funds also support programming and assistance to students experiencing homelessness. Please contact Newport Elementary Principal Rich Romano at 651-425-4303 with any questions.