



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

January 2021 – E-Newsletter

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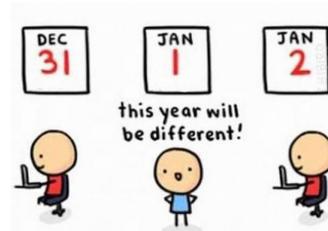
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Dates to Note

January 11 – Board of Education Meeting

January 21 – End of 2nd Quarter / 1st Semester

January 22 – NO SCHOOL / Staff Development



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A note from Scott Bleck, District Administrator

2020-2021 Academic Journey

Our 2020-2021 academic journey continues to present opportunities and obstacles for students, families, and staff to navigate. As we push to the start of a new calendar year and the end of the first semester grading period on January 21, continued active involvement by parents/guardians to support student growth is critical. Regardless of the instructional delivery model our students are engaged in (face to face, AA/BB cohort hybrid, or virtual), there is nothing more relevant than positive parent/guardian support to motivate student success. The School District of New London truly appreciates our families and their active involvement.

Community Connections

The **SDNL Choir and Band Winter Concerts** from each building are here for your enjoyment. Just click on the videos below.

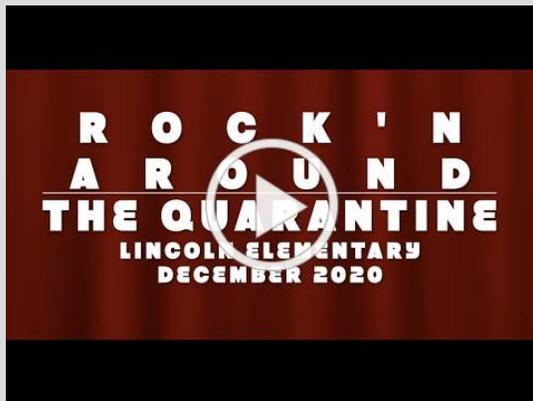
High School Choir and Band Winter Concerts





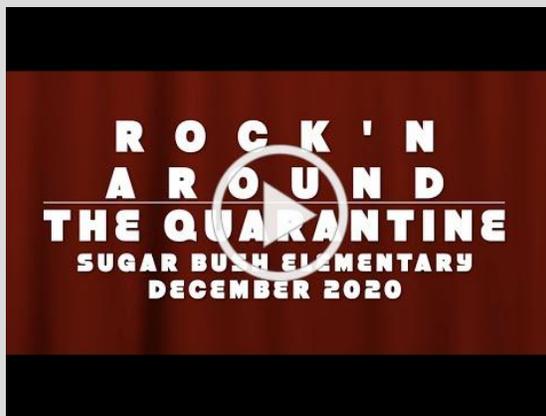
Intermediate / Middle School Winter Concert

Parkview Elementary Winter Concert



Lincoln Elementary Winter Concert

Readfield Elementary Winter Concert



Sugar Bush Elementary Winter Concert



The **New London Connect Kindergarteners** received a grant from **Tyson Foods**. The grant included magnetic whiteboards and letters to be used to support their phonics activities. They are so excited and grateful for our community support! Thank you Tyson Foods!



Thanks to a generous grant from Tyson Foods, **bilingual students at Lincoln Elementary** have the opportunity to read many **new Spanish books**. Thank you Tyson Foods for supporting our students' love of reading!

Through the donation from **Tyson Food Grants**, **all 4K students** in the School District of New London received items to explore Literacy and Math at home. Math Manipulative Sets were sent home to assist in counting, categorizing, and exploring math. Additionally, **Now I Know My ABCs books** were sent to help students further explore letter sounds and early print concepts. A huge "Thank You" goes out to Tyson Foods for this donation!





A kindergarten class at Parkview was excited to receive a Donors Choose grant made possible due to **Tyson Foods** providing 10x the amount in matching funds to help fully fund the grant. With social distancing, there was a need to have materials right at student desks to help provide the best instruction, as well as items for a "break" during the day.



UW–Madison Outagamie County Extension and the Thedacare Quasi Endowment Fund provided ISMS families the opportunity to request a **STEAM Activity Bag to work on at home**. Families completed different activities – constructing and launching rockets, designing an art project, learning about honeybees and creating a family calendar.

Elementary

Kindergartners at Lincoln School are learning about shapes. They made shape reindeer and wrote about how many sides and corners their shape reindeer had.



Students at Lincoln School participated in a **cookie decorating behavior incentive**. Students were given a cut out cookie with two bags of sprinkles to decorate their cookie. They enjoyed watching our winter concert as they decorated and ate their cookie.



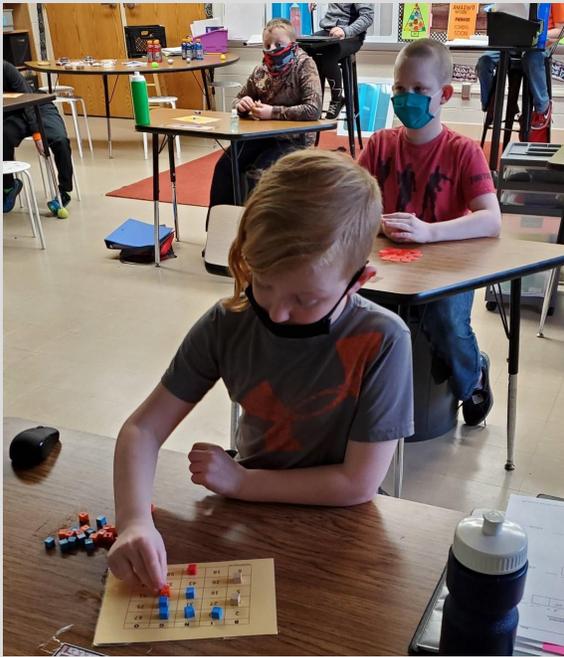
Parkview School had a **surprise visit** from a **friend from the North Pole**. Students were excited to see him the last day before Christmas break started.



NL Connect first grade virtual students wore their fancy holiday best and posed for their first whole "class picture" to wish everyone Happy Holidays!



First graders at Parkview dressed up in their pajamas for the **12 Days of Christmas Cheer dress up days**. Since they were cozy in their pajamas, they decided to warm up and read by "the fireplace."

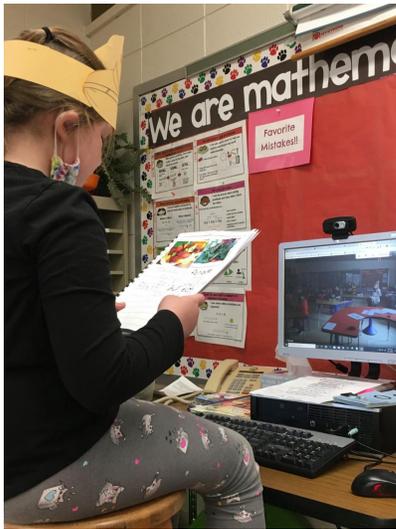


Sugar Bush Elementary staff and students enjoyed a game of **Virtual Holiday BINGO** as part of a Bulldog Way incentive. Miss Megan Pankow assisted Mrs. Grable with calling out and recording lucky letters and numbers from the office while students played in their classrooms.

Lincoln Student Council decorated a Bulldog tree. Students wrote the things they are thankful for on the heart ornaments.



4K students at Sugar Bush and Lincoln Elementary schools used toothpicks and cranberries to explore making shapes, letters and structures.



Second graders at Sugar Bush celebrated the end of their non-fiction writing unit by **reading their published books virtually to the 4K, kindergarten, and first grade classrooms**. The audiences enjoyed hearing the second grade "experts" share their knowledge and the second graders were happy to celebrate their hard work as non-fiction readers and writers!



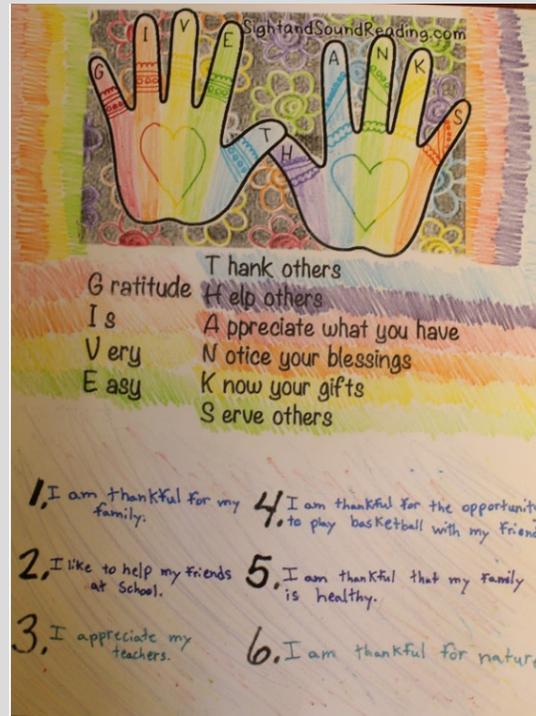
First grade students at Sugar Bush Elementary played a socially distanced game of **Snap Word Battleship** as a fun way to review the snap words learned so far this year.

Intermediate / Middle



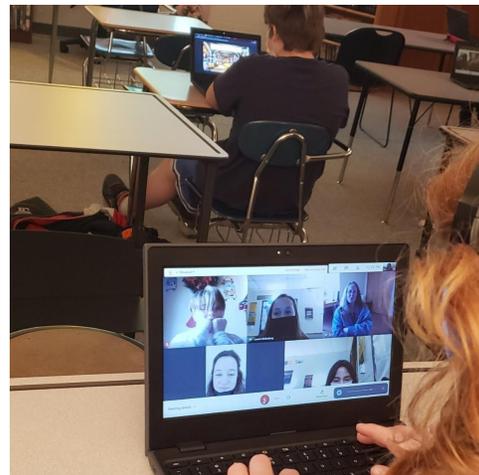
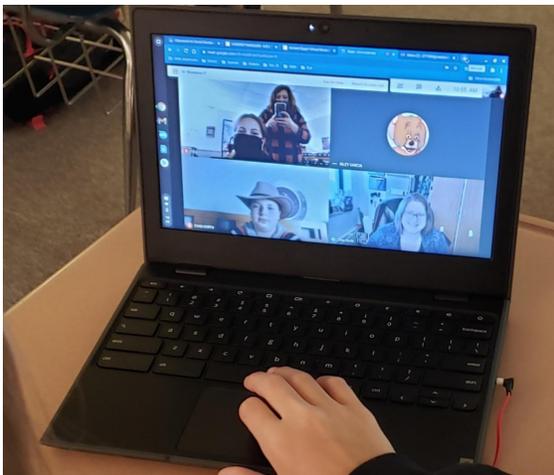
Fifth grade Media Studies students reflected upon what they

GIVE THANKS for in their lives. Not only were students able to celebrate their own gratitude, but they also shared in their peers' self-recognition. Sarah was happy to share her gratitude as displayed by her cheerful and creative piece.



Gratitude **T**hank others
Is **H**elp others
Very **A**ppreciate what you have
Easy **N**otice your blessings
 Know your gifts
 Serve others

1. I am thankful for my family.
2. I like to help my friends at school.
3. I appreciate my teachers.
4. I am thankful for the opportunity to play basketball with my friends.
5. I am thankful that my family is healthy.
6. I am thankful for nature.



Sixth graders celebrated their Ancient Egypt unit by showcasing their work with a **virtual museum tour using Screencastify recordings**. All tours were shared with families, guardians, and community members with the opportunity to meet the curators of the museums with a Google Meet/Breakout Rooms during Social Studies. Adult participators asked many thought-provoking questions and

opened the opportunity for students to shine as experts of their topic.



The ISMS library concluded its **annual bookmark decorating contest** with over 45 entries! Students and staff voted on their top three favorite bookmarks in two categories – original design and premade. Winners received a book of their choice and a festive mug filled with treats and goodies.

Secondary

NLHS students and staff present the highly anticipated 2020 NLHS **Holiday Lip Dub**. Click on the video to enjoy...We hope your holidays were great!



The **BEST Club** decorated a tree in the commons area for their fellow classmates to enjoy the holiday season.



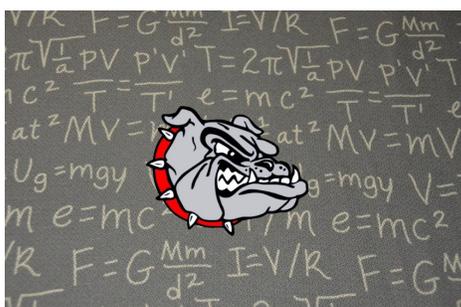
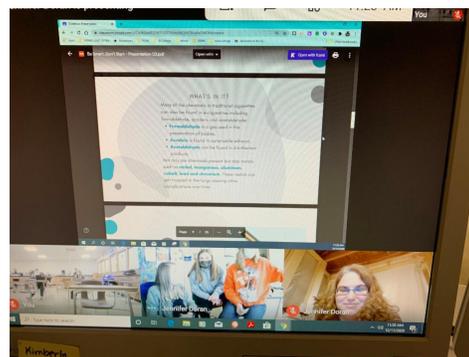
The **Sources of Strength** students wanted to spread some holiday cheer. They encouraged all students to make decorations that represented **positive friendships** (gingerbread people), **mentors** (holiday lights), **healthy activities** (snow flakes), and **gratitude** (presents). If students decorated an ornament, they were able to punch the giant (9.5 feet tall!) snowman and win a prize!



Mass Communications students participated in **debates**. They researched evidence to support their topics, as well as evidence to form rebuttals against their partner's arguments. Some topics chosen by students were capital punishment, subsidizing college tuition, and whether the USA should annex Greenland.



HOSA members, Emma Gorman, Hannah Otto and Brianna Sorge provided a Health Education presentation to 8th graders. Due to Covid, the presentation was done through technology and the Google Meet platform. The presentation, "Be Smart, Don't Start" was an informative presentation on the **dangers of vaping or use of e-cigarettes.**



The results of the 1st **Math League competition** hosted by UWSP are out. The Math Team is currently in **2nd place in Division II.** Congratulations to all these NLHS students and the entire team on their

accomplishments.

High scorers are:

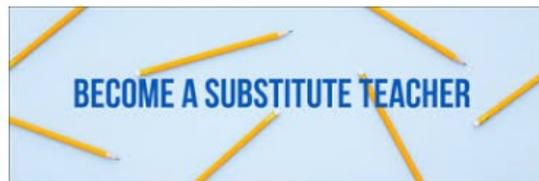
- Alaena Wolf 6th place – Advanced Math

- Bo Gossen 9th place – Advanced Math
- Garrison Gregory 9th place – Advanced Math
- Glavin Lubinski 1st place – Adv. Algebra
- Autumn Martin 7th place – Adv. Algebra
- Will Hoover 9th place – Adv. Algebra
- Alex Ozminkowski 1st place – Geometry
- Jack Keding 8th place – Geometry

District

Substitute Teachers Wanted!

If you have a bachelor's or associate's degree and an interest in working in education, **please contact our substitute teacher coordinator, Wendie Kronser; (920) 982-8530**. We will provide the training required to become a licensed substitute teacher with openings in the School District of New London available immediately.



- Free Training Provided
- Support with application through the Department of Public Instruction.
- Substitute teacher training, and transcript verifying associate or bachelor's degree and license fee of \$125 needed to apply.
- Information on other Teacher Development programs available.
- Immediate openings for licensed substitute teachers.
- Full day placements pay \$120, half day placement earns \$60.
- <https://www.newlondon.k12.wi.us/district/humanres.cfm>



Bus Drivers Needed!

The district has an exceptional group of school bus drivers who are committed to driving safely in transporting our students. That said, there is a significant driver shortage across the region for qualified school bus drivers. Both daily and special events openings are available. We also have openings for substitute drivers.

Please contact Lisa Gorman in the transportation department at (920) 982-8543 to be trained as a Bus Driver for the School District of New London.

- Training plan provided, with reimbursement for training after 20 hours of successful driving for the district.
- Must be 18 or older with a valid driver's license in good standing.



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