



CARDINAL NEWSLETTER



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SUPERINTENDENT NEWS



New Bremen School Board of Education had two new members sworn in during the January organizational meeting. Michele Bambauer and Suzanne Wells will join Shelly Busse (re-elected), Scott Bertke, and Cory Suchland. Cory Suchland will be serving as president and Shelly Busse as vice-president this year.

The last bond payment for the high school building was made during the month of December. We had around \$316,000 left over in the fund account after the last payment was made. This money was transferred into the permanent improvement fund to pay for maintenance and upgrades to the high school building.

K-8 Building Project

An organizational meeting was held in early January with the core team members responsible for working together to design and construct the new K-8 facility. Those team members include the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (State Agency), New Bremen School District, Garmann Miller (Architect/Engineer), and Gilbane Building Company (Construction Manager). The main goal for the team will be to construct a sustainable facility that satisfies the varying needs of students and the community on time and on budget.

We have received questions from residents as to when the actual construction process will begin. We are currently in the design planning stage. A site survey of elevations and water drainage was recently conducted as well as core earth samples taken to ensure we are constructing the building on a sustainable site. A team of New Bremen School employees toured Bath and Kenton Elementary Schools to generate ideas for the schematic design which will continue through the end of March. We have scheduled tours for Greenville City and plan to conduct a few others. Actual building site preparation will begin this summer during the July-August timeframe. A timeline will be posted on the school website once it is fully developed.

High School Facility Update

Work on replacing the chiller struck by lightning in July at the high school will be completed by the end of March. The replacement chiller will be slightly larger (120 tons) and more efficient than the previous unit. New shut-off valves and chilled water pumps will also be included in the project. This is the first of two phases of upgrades being completed at the high school. The second phase will focus on updating the air handler units, computer control system, and an air vent issue in the gym. These updates will improve the regulation of building climate and the system controls will be compatible with the new K-8 building once constructed.

Mr. Jason Schrader
Superintendent





HOUSE BILL 410

Attendance is very important in order for our students to achieve to the best of their abilities here at school. Missing too much school has been shown to have negative effects on students and their education. The laws in Ohio have been updated with the passage of House Bill 410 in order to change how schools are required to document and address absences. Consequently, we are updating our attendance policies to comply with the new law, and this article is to inform you of the changes being made to our policy. Our updated policy will reflect this new law and help to identify and serve students who may need additional support in order to get to school every day in a timely manner.

Under the new attendance policy, two groups have been created according to the type of absences that the student has accumulated; also it is important to note that absences are now counted in hours where before they were counted in days. The following are the standards for reaching the designation of "Habitually Truant," as defined by House Bill 410:

- Absent 30 or more consecutive hours (approx. 4 ½ days absent) unexcused;
- Absent 42 or more hours within a calendar month (approx. 6 ½ days) unexcused; or
- Absent 72 or more hours in the school year (approx. 11 days) unexcused.

When student absence hours start to reach levels close to breaking one of these levels, the school will be in contact with parents/guardians to make sure you are aware and what assistance we may be able to offer to prevent additional hours being accumulated. If a student does break one of these levels and becomes "Habitually Truant" then parents/guardians will receive a letter informing them that the school will be setting up a meeting to develop an Absence Intervention Plan. Failure to follow or meet the requirements outlined in the plan can result in the district filing an official complaint with juvenile court for the truancy issue that has not been resolved.

The designation of "Excessively Absent" is the other group outlined in our policy and the following are the standards for this group:

- Absent 38 or more hours (approx. 6 days) in one calendar month either excused or unexcused; or
- Absent 65 or more hours (approx. 10 days) in the school year either excused or unexcused.

If a student reaches the level of "Excessively Absent" then a letter will be sent home informing parents/guardians of this and the district will follow the plan for absence intervention. Support and referrals to community resources may also be offered at this time.

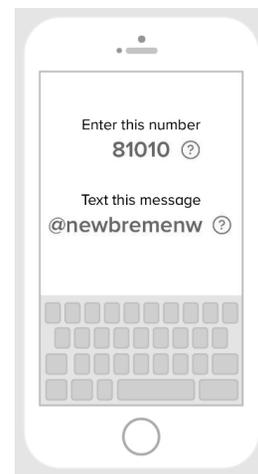
In order to maximize your child's daily instruction, it is important he or she attend school regularly. Please contact your building administrator if you have any questions about the changes to the attendance policy. Thank you for making New Bremen Schools a great place to learn.

Mr. Brian Pohl



New Bremen Weather Delays

We recently added a text notification feature to notify students and parents about school delays and cancellations. This is an addition to our One Call Now communication and notifications on the radio and television. If you would like to receive a text message about delays and cancellations, please text @newbremenw to 81010.



Mr. Jason Schrader
Superintendent





**NEW BREMEN
EDUCATION FOUNDATION
CONTINUES TO ASSIST
STUDENTS WITH
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

The New Bremen Education Foundation is pleased to announce the opening of its 2018 fund-raising campaign to generate scholarship money for graduates of New Bremen High School. In the first year of operation, the foundation awarded seven academic scholarships. In 2017, the foundation awarded seventy-five scholarships totaling approximately \$74,500.00. The Education Foundation Trustees invite individuals, businesses, and organizations to consider a contribution to this worthy cause. The amount of each donation may remain confidential; however, the names of all donors will be released during the scholarship presentation at graduation unless requested otherwise.

There are two different types of donations. The first is an annual contribution, all of which is distributed as scholarship monies to this year's recipients. Secondly, donors of large sums of cash, stocks, or bonds may specify their gift as a Perpetual Donation. These donations are invested with only the interest being distributed each year. The names of individuals or groups who make perpetual donations are included on the donor list every year following the donation.

Any group or individual interested in making a contribution should contact Mr. Jeff McCollum, the Foundation Treasurer, at 567-286-0391 by April 15. All contributions are tax deductible.

Mr. Jason Schrader



**Graduation for the
2018 graduating
Seniors
will be held
Sunday,
May 27, 2018**

Baccalaureate: 1:30 PM James F. Dicke Auditorium
Commencement: 2:30 PM High School Gymnasium



**KROGER
COMMUNITY
REWARDS**



New Bremen School is enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Through this program, Kroger contributes dollars to eligible Non-Profit Organizations based upon eligible purchases. Eligible purchases are those made at any Cincinnati Division Kroger Food Store by an eligible participant (Kroger Plus cardholder) who presents their Kroger Plus Card at the time of purchase.

Any Kroger Plus Cardholder can designate New Bremen Local Schools as their Community Reward recipient. Simply login to your Kroger Plus account, and click on "Enroll" beneath the Community Rewards section. Kroger Plus cardholders enrolling in Community Rewards will continue to receive all the benefits of their card (i.e. fuel points, etc.), but will also help New Bremen Schools to earn dollars donated to our school. Since March of 2015 when this program was implemented, New Bremen Local Schools have earned a total of \$6,110.90 in rewards. That is awesome!

As a reminder, New Bremen Schools and the Cardinal Pride Parent Organization also participate in Box Tops for Education and Coke Rewards. It is through the generosity of these programs that our school is able to purchase additional items such as playground equipment, technology items to enhance student learning (i.e. video cameras), as well as other activities like Family Reading Night that provide extended educational value to our children. Box Tops and Coke Reward bottle caps can be turned in to school where we collect them and submit to the sponsoring company in exchange for these donated dollars.

A big "Thank You" to all members of our community who support our school with these activities!

Mrs. Becky Eyink
Elementary Secretary

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



When: Monday, March 19, 2018
 Where: NB Elementary
 NB Middle School
 NB High School
 Time: 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS
 AND PLAN TO ATTEND
 NEW BREMEN LOCAL SCHOOLS
 OPEN HOUSE!**

**New Bremen Schools
 Need Substitute and
 Part-Time Bus Drivers**

Please consider obtaining a license and becoming part of our bus driving staff. Talk to any of our drivers or call the New Bremen High School Central Office for more information.

Qualifications to be a bus driver include the following:

- Annual physical examination and a drug and alcohol test
- Annual driver record check from BMV
- Commercial driver license (CDL)
- 16 hours of pre-service and 4 hours in-service training resulting in certification by ODE
- BCI and FBI criminal background check

Mr. Rob Sniegowski
 Transportation Coordinator

Bus Drivers Needed!

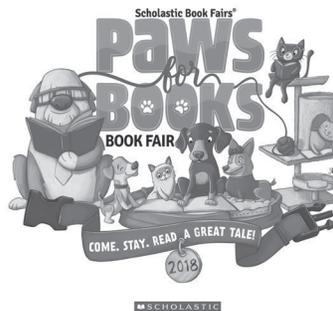


**SENIOR CITIZEN
 SPRING BREAKFAST**



New Bremen Student Council would like to invite the Senior Citizens to a Spring Breakfast on Tuesday, March 27. The breakfast will be in the high school commons and will start at 8:30. Students will be serving an awesome plate of food, the choir will provide entertainment, and door prizes will be handed out. If you wish to attend this event, please RSVP to the school by calling 419-629-8606 or email loresa.burden@newbremenschools.org by March 12.

Mrs. Loresa Burden
 Student Council Advisor



**SPRING
 BOOK FAIR
 IS ALMOST
 HERE!**

Where: New Bremen Elementary Library
When: March 16 - 23, 2018
Shopping Hours: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM Daily

Can't make it to the fair? You can shop online from March 11th - 24th at:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/findafair>

Special Activities:

- All for Books Fundraiser - Cats vs. Dogs which one is NBS favorite pet?
- Open House Shopping Hours - March 19 6:00 - 8:30 PM in the Elementary Library



K-8 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Washington DC Meeting

The first Washington DC meeting for seventh grade parents and students will be on Monday, February 5 in the elementary cafeteria. Dates for the trip for the class of 2023 will be Tuesday, 10/16/18 through Friday, 10/19/18.

Spelling Bee

The annual Spelling Bee for participants in grades four through eight will be held Tuesday, February 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the middle school gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

Fourth Grade Musical

The annual fourth grade spring musical will be held Thursday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. This year's musical is entitled *Just Imagine*.

Kindergarten Screening

Kindergarten screening for 2018-2019 school year will be held April 3 and 4. Children need to be five years old by August 1, 2018 to be kindergarten eligible. If you have any questions about screening or need to register your child, please call the elementary office at 419-629-3244.

Spring Testing Dates

All testing will again be completed online this year. Testing will begin after announcements each day listed. Please refrain from scheduling appointments on these mornings.

April 5	Grades 6, 8	English Language Arts – Part 1
April 6	Grades 6, 8	English Language Arts – Part 2
April 10	Grades 4, 7	English Language Arts – Part 1
April 11	Grades 4, 7	English Language Arts – Part 2
April 12	Grades 3, 5	English Language Arts – Part 1
April 13	Grades 3, 5	English Language Arts – Part 2
April 17	Grades 6, 8	Math – Part 1
April 18	Grades 6, 8	Math – Part 2
April 19	Grades 4, 7	Math – Part 1
April 20	Grades 4, 7	Math – Part 2
April 24	Grades 3, 5	Math – Part 1
April 25	Grades 3, 5	Math – Part 2
May 3	Grades 5, 8	Science

Winter Sports Participants

7th Grade Boys' Basketball Players: Dylan Bambauer, Kai Eastham, Carter Elking, Evan Eyink, Alex Homan, Dave Homan, Troy Homan, Dylan Kremer, Aaron Poeppelman, Ben Sailer, Hunter Schaefer, Cooper Scheib, Gavin Schrader, Dalton Sherard, and Marcus Speelman. Coach: Greg Elking

8th Grade Boys' Basketball Players: Nick Alig, Josh Bensman, Trevor Bergman, Reece Busse, Branxton Krauss, Kyle Lechlitter, Andrew McNaughton, Colten Muether, Caden Puthoff, Nathan Rindler, Philip 'Tate' Roetgerman, Braeden Suchland, Ben Wells, and Grant Wilker. Coach: Bart Suchland

7th Grade Basketball Cheerleaders: Kylie Arling, Natalie Gregg, Brooklyn Kremer, Maryssa Warnecke, and McKenzie Waterman. Advisor: Lexi Richter

8th Grade Basketball Cheerleaders: Mara Brackman, Janelle Hagan, Olivia Hall, Olivia Grillot, Madeline Nieport, Ellie Tangeman, and Grace Wilker. Advisor: Lexi Richter

7th Grade Girls' Basketball Players: Molly Dues, Allison Hayes, Ella Pape, Rianna Paul, Abi Powers, Megan Reinhart, Mia Schmitmeyer, and Grace Tebbe. Coach: Bill Lennartz

8th Grade Girls' Basketball Players: Chloe Bornhorst, Rachel Brown, Kaylee Freund, Gabi Heckman, Lydia Heckman, Sami Hemmelgarn, Emma Krieg, Lily Lennartz, Mallory Messick, Kanyen Sexton, Kyla Stachler, Riley Trentman, and Aliyah Truman. Coach: John Storrer

Mrs. Diane Kramer
K-8 Principal



Congratulations to the sixth grade DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Essay winners



Kindergarten students welcomed a special guest before Christmas break!

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Our focus continues to be on Character Education. This year we are learning about the 7 Habits of Healthy Kids. Students have been participating in Habit of the Month based lessons weekly, facilitated by Mr. Chad Wells, Mrs. Shelley This and myself. A student from each grade (K-4) who exemplifies the Habit of the Month has been recognized and awarded with a pizza party. Recently, we have completed lessons that focus on mindfulness, relaxation, and prioritizing.

The Habits of the Month for the second half of the year are as follows:

January	Habit 4 — Think Win-Win
February	Habit 5 — Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
March	Habit 6 — Synergize
April/May	Habit 7 — Sharpen The Saw

Our seventh and eighth grade students have continued to focus on Character Development. This Fall, students participated in an interest inventory and personality inventory. These results will be kept on file for each student as they continue to grow and contemplate career paths. Results will also be used to identify students with specific career interests. Speakers from the community will then be brought in during lunch for a Career Café in which the identified students will be invited to attend and learn more about their careers of interest.

On the testing front, state-wide assessments are set to begin April 5. All testing will be done online this year as required by the state. Testing is completed to gauge student achievement throughout the year. Results from each assessment are used by teachers to target areas of deficit and monitor growth. For a full list of assessment dates please visit www.newbremenschools.org.

Mrs. Lauren Link
School Psychologist



First Grade has been very busy during the first half of our school year. We have lots of exciting things to learn the second half of the year too! We have been busy studying and writing about snow. We even learned about Snowflake Bentley, the first man to photograph snowflakes. Our unit about Martin Luther King, Jr. teaches us about integration and segregation. We also learn about Ruby Bridges, a very brave first grader who was integrated into an all white school. In February, we are busy learning all about our Presidents. We do special projects for Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. In Reading, we have a Gingerbread Unit and we make gingerbread to eat! Yum! In Math, we are counting and writing to 120 and starting time tests. The students really enjoy the challenge! Thanks for all your interest and support!



Mrs. Melinda Clark
Mrs. Judy Heitkamp
Ms. Barb Sims



Third grade is continuing to work hard and make great progress!

The students are showing growth on their multiplication and division facts and meeting timed tests goals each week. The third graders have been working hard to meet individual Accelerated Reader goals. We are proud of the growth that we are seeing.

The students completed their very first Ohio Achievement Test in October. This was the second year the test has been given online. The students worked very hard. We will continue to prepare for the second reading test, in addition to the math test, which will be given in April.

Flat Stanley's are still arriving from family and friends around the world. So far, Stanley has been spotted in places across the United States. He has also traveled to Japan, Puerto Rico, South Korea, and many continental states. The students learn a lot from the letters and pictures that come back from Stanley as he continues his adventures.

In science classes, the students have learned about matter, geology and sound. In social studies, we are focusing on economics. We look forward to our annual assembly line projects. Before Christmas, we learned a lot about other cultures and other holiday traditions.

We are working our way through our reading series. The classes have read many stories from different genres, including historical and realistic fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. We are excited to continue through this series and look forward to guest speakers that can share their life experiences with the students on the topics they are reading about in class.

There are many things to look forward to for the rest of the year. Our field trip to Carillon Park in Dayton will be in the early spring. We will also be doing our New Bremen history unit, including our annual walk around town before the end of the year.

Thank you for all of the help you give your children!

Mrs. Christy Bertke
Mrs. Molly Rush

Mrs. Jenny Perryman
Mrs. Kelly Wilker



(Third graders singing at the Veteran's Day program)

5th Grade

Another quarter has flown by and 2018 has arrived! Fifth grade students were very busy during the second quarter.

In Mrs. Moeller's math class, the students began the second quarter finishing up the division facts fanatics competition. Students also learned how to perform fraction operations using manipulatives, drawing models, and applying them in real-world situations. One of the real-world situations was baking Christmas treats. A big thank you goes out to all of the parents that sent supplies in and volunteers who came in to help the fifth grade class bake.

In Mrs. Timmerman's reading and language arts class, the students learned more about nonfiction text structures and features, figurative language, and grammar rules. Reading groups continue to be an enjoyable part of language arts class. Also, before winter break, students were able to try out for the Spelling Bee. Ten students from the fifth grade qualified for the Spelling Bee and will be participating in the competition in February.

Mrs. Steinke's class focused mainly on life science standards by exploring various ecosystems. Students have also been using

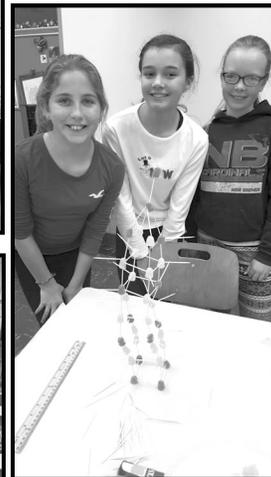
The Gizmo program to manipulate variables in an individualized setting. During the third quarter, students will focus more on social studies and the various regions of the United States.

The fifth grade students have also been focusing on grit and character development. They have been discussing and learning what it means to have grit and persevere through struggles both in the classroom and in their everyday lives. Students enjoyed various Christmas activities which included STEM activities using gumdrops, baking Christmas treats, and visiting with the residents at Elmwood to spread Christmas cheer.

We hope you enjoyed your holiday break and are looking forward to a great 2018!

Mrs. Tess Moeller
Mrs. Tracy Stienke
Mrs. Kate Timmerman

Mrs. Andrea Quellhorst
Mrs. Stephanie Elking



STEM ACTIVITIES



TITLE ONE READING

In Title One Reading we are using a multisensory language program called Foundations. It is research-based and provides students with skills to help them become fluent, independent readers and spellers. The program teaches students the structure of words in a systematic and cumulative manner. The program begins in kindergarten and builds as the students increase in grade level. I have been using this program for four years and I feel the students are benefiting from its regular use and cumulative structure. I work with students in kindergarten, first grade, and second grade to help improve their reading, spelling, language and writing skills.

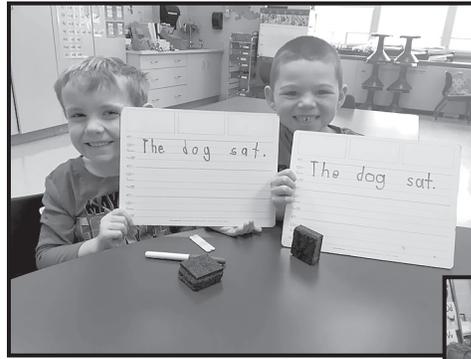
In kindergarten students spent the first half of the year learning the lowercase alphabet letters, their sounds and how to correctly write them. They practice rhyming, beginning sounds, ending sounds, syllable counting and other listening activities to help build their phonemic awareness of words. Kindergarteners are also learning to read and spell sight words. They are learning that some words are “tricky” and have letters that cannot be sounded out. They are writing sentences with these tricky words and being careful to start their sentence with an uppercase letter, to leave spaces between words and to finish their sentences with an end mark. Now we are using our knowledge of letter sounds to tap words and spell basic words like bug, hat, rug, etc. There are lots of basics to work on daily in kindergarten!

In first grade students are reading and spelling words with chunks and patterns such as -am, -an, -all. They learned the bonus letter rule and are writing sentences correctly using periods and question marks at the end. They practice tricky words (sight words) by tapping their letters, tracing the letters, and repeatedly writing and saying the spellings out loud. Suffixes (word endings) are a focus right now in first and second grade. Being aware of these helps students to read and spell words. Both grade levels practice r-controlled vowels and vowel teams daily to help them in their oral reading and spelling skills. Students should be commended on their hard work and efforts. Every day our 30 minutes is packed full of learning and practice activities to the max!

We monitor progress monthly for students and parents to “see” that their hard work is making a difference! I look forward to seeing the students’ continued improvements as the new year continues!

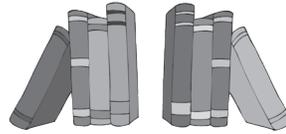


Mrs. Alycia Niemeyer



TITLE ONE

READING



K-6 TECHNOLOGY



The students have been working on many skills and projects throughout the K-6 levels from Star Reading / Math assessments, the use of programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, 365 Email, One Drive, Typing Master, and PowerPoint along with the use of various websites such as ABCya.com, FunBrain.com, and StarFall.com. Character Education has also been covered during our collaboration time for grades K-4.

In the past weeks, the kindergarten classes have been introduced to beginning typing skills on Key Board Zoo 2 on the ABCya website. First grade classes have been working on identifying electronic devices, working with numbers, patterns, and shapes on the website ABCya. Second grade classes have been working on their Microsoft Word skills where they have learned about adding pictures and Word Art. Third grade classes have been working with PowerPoint presentations, typing skills on Typing Master, and creating pages on Microsoft Publisher for various topics. Fourth grade classes have been working on creating animations that were included in their PowerPoint presentations, advertisements for their Chocolate Covered Pretzel Rods project with the Microsoft Publisher program, and typing skills on the Typing Master Program. Fifth and sixth grade classes have been working on learning to use their school email on Microsoft 365, as well as One Drive, to share documents and information within the New Bremen Local Schools network. Typing skills have been practiced on the Typing Master Program. The fifth grade has been introduced to and work with Microsoft Sway. The sixth grade classes have also been working on internet research, writing, as well as being introduced to Microsoft Sway.

In the upcoming weeks, the kindergarten classes will continue to work on navigating the internet to various websites, learning basic keyboarding skills, and continuing to further develop mouse skills. First grade classes will be introduced to basic keyboarding skills, using Microsoft Word, and developing a basic understanding of navigating the internet. Second grade classes will continue working with Microsoft Word along with basic keyboarding skills. Third and fourth grade classes will be working on projects involving Microsoft Excel, Word, and Publisher along with continuing to work on keyboarding skills on the Typing Master Program. Fifth and sixth grade classes will be working on projects involving Microsoft Excel, Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, and Sway while incorporating email and One Drive along with keyboarding skills on Typing Master.

Mr. Chad Wells
K-6 Technology

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE MATH NEWS

The seventh and eighth graders are working very hard and making great progress in math class! The eighth graders have been learning algebra all year and will begin working on geometry and statistics concepts this coming semester. The seventh graders will be exploring probability, statistics, and geometry.

I read the following from an online article and thought I would share with all of you. I wish you all a great semester!

Mrs. Jan Beyke



Everyday Mathematics: Daily Decisions

We all use mathematics daily in what we do. Involve your child in using numbers to solve problems and make those everyday decisions with you. For example:

- “We are doubling this recipe. How much of all the ingredients will we need?”
- “We are fertilizing the lawn. The fertilizer bag covers three square meters. How many will we need?”
- “This store is selling the game you want for 20% off of \$27.00. That store is selling the same game for \$19.99. Where should we shop?”



Happy 2018! Somehow, it doesn't seem possible that we are already halfway to summer vacation – what a whirlwind this school year has been already! One of the most enjoyable aspects about teaching a multi-age subject is that I have the opportunity to watch each child grow year after year. Children who were hesitant about singing, dancing, or playing instruments a year or so ago are now eagerly asking what we're going to do in our next class before I've barely began that day's lesson. It is always exciting to watch students gain confidence to try out new things and to become more excited about figuring out how music works. One of my favorite questions this school year has been: “What's the point of music?” It has become a topic that all of my classes have spent time exploring by experiencing different types of music, developing their music reading and writing skills, and by questioning why we prefer some songs over others.

In November, the third graders performed two choir songs at the Veterans Day Assembly: “You're a Grand Old Flag” and “This Is America”. In December, the second graders performed a concert program that was based on the famous poem: *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. At the Christmas assembly, all of the students in kindergarten through sixth grade participated by performing two Christmas songs per grade level. The students particularly enjoyed singing “I'll Be Home” by Meghan Trainor as one large choir – that's about 300 voices! They all worked very hard for each of their music events, and I am so pleased with their excitement for music and their growth as musicians! In March, the fourth graders will be presenting their Spring Concert program that is based on the theme: *Just Imagine!* They are eager to get started with rehearsals, and we all look forward to sharing this concert event with you!

Ms. Holly Smith
Elementary Music Teacher

MUSIC MATTERS!



SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE SCIENCE NEWS

In seventh grade science, we spent the second quarter looking at the atmosphere, water currents, and thermal energy. Through the use of food coloring, cold water, and salt, the students modeled density currents to see how they form over time and looked at air pollution levels in New Bremen. In the third quarter, we will be focusing on moon phases and tides, biomes, abiotic and biotic factors that help organisms survive, and the transfer of matter. The seventh grade students are wrapping up their STEM Fair projects and will be presenting their products to the judges on February 21 from 12-3 in the afternoon. There will also be an Open House for parents, family, and friends to come in and view all the projects on March 19 (Open House) from 6:30- 8:00 PM.

In eighth grade science, we have been focusing on plate tectonics, constructive and destructive processes, dynamic changes on the Earth's surface through time, and will eventually be getting into diversity of species, inherited traits, forces, and objects in motion. The students have created their own topographic map from their model they created, produced a newscast video of a specific event caused by plate tectonics, and their own skit to describe the plate boundaries.



This picture is from an activity in which the students needed to show a before and after model of how a specified geologic formation was created constructively or destructively.



English

Eighth graders kicked off the third quarter with their leadership and grit presentations. Although it was difficult, this year's eighth grade class rose to the challenge and created interactive presentations to show their middle school peers how leadership and grit are essential ingredients of success. Congratulations to the eighth graders on a job well done!

In literature, we have continued our reading of the dramatic adaption of *Anne Frank: the Diary of a Young Girl*. As a part of this study, we will be watching the movie adaptation of the play as well as reading excerpts of the diary itself. In so doing, students will analyze the way medium affects meaning, as well as analyzing character development.

After finishing *Anne Frank*, the eighth graders will jump into a study of Greek and Roman mythology, analyzing the influence they have had on modern texts.

Finally, third quarter marks the turning of our writing focus to argument. Students are learning how to make claims, support them with sound reasoning and thorough evidence, and respond to opposing arguments. As always, this argument study has given students the opportunity to develop critical thinking and engage in some lively discussions.

Mrs. Lindsay Mauch



Mrs. Kayla Steinemann
Junior High Science

These pictures are from a skit the students had to put together to show what happens at a specified plate boundary and what it forms or events that occur.



JH/HS PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

I hope a fun-filled Christmas break was had by all. This is a fun, yet sad time as classes change in the junior high and high school so, while some students will be moving on, a new batch is coming in. I look forward to working with the new students on various aspects of mental, social, and physical health. The fifth and sixth grade students are doing a great job in their P.E. classes and I know that will continue over their final two grading periods. Junior high students are reminded to make sure they have appropriate clothes to change into for class as part of their daily grade. The high school students are beginning with the different parts of health and a rotation of different activities in physical education. If you have any questions or concerns; please feel free to email me at josh.bowersock@newbremenschools.org.

Mr. Josh Bowersock
Physical Education and Health Teacher



SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE INTERVENTION

Seventh and eighth grade reading class recently completed units on James Dashner's *The Maze Runner* and Anne Frank. While studying *The Maze Runner*, we explored concepts such as plot diagram, character analysis, and theme. Also, a unit assessment was conducted where presentations were given over grit, leadership, and relationship. The presentations described the three attributes within the book as well as a connections to their life. The Anne Frank unit led to comparisons of information through different media including: Anne Frank biography, play, diary and media presentation. Students went into depth discussing and writing on the concepts of characterization and point of view. Next, we will be taking on the recently authored classic *Sea of Monsters* by Rick Riordan and figurative language.

Math is moving along as students were introduced to the concept of algebra through lessons on combining like-terms, distributive property, rates, proportions and percent. In upcoming units, math students will explore expressions, equations and inequalities.



Mr. Bill Evans
Intervention Specialist

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

I do continue to post on Twitter about things that occur at NBHS. Following me @NBHSPrincipal is a great way to see many of the exciting things occurring here on a regular basis that the news of which may not always make it home or be highlighted in this newsletter.

In addition to all the focus on academics and participation in athletics, we have had some students work to create a couple of new clubs here at school which, although they are in their infancy, many students have shown an interest in them. One club is the Rubik's Cube Club which has students attempting to memorize algorithms and figure out how to make the colors of the cube match. Students are showing a lot of interest in this and science teacher Dan Kanney is helping these students. We also have a reading group that has started a Book Club, advised by English teacher Theresa Newbright. Business teacher, Shannon Heckman, has also started a Cardinal Business Club to help students make sense of the many opportunities available within the field of business. Also, the Lego Robotics Club started a year ago is now called the, "Techno Birds," and is working towards future competitions. Jason Lozier is a local parent who is coaching that group as they progress to develop their robotics skills.

There are other clubs here at school that we have had for many years that students may participate in, some of which have selective membership, others of which are open to anyone interested. These are the Student Council, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Future Farmers of America, Drama Club, Magnified Giving, and the Student District Leadership Team. Please promote all of these clubs with your child to give them an avenue to be engaged in something in addition to the academics of the classroom. Over the recent holiday season two of these groups participated in toy drives; the FFA collected in conjunction with the elementary, over 800 toys, books, and toiletries to give to the Dayton Children's Hospital and the Student Council raised funds and purchased gifts which were then donated to a local family for Christmas. Magnified Giving students have recently volunteered at Elmwood for an intergenerational painting class and they continue to progress with the philanthropic efforts of that organization. These are just a couple of highlights of the many ways our clubs promote volunteerism and helping others in need.



Mr. Brian Pohl
Gr. 9-12
Principal

**NEW BREMEN HIGH SCHOOL
"CARDINAL" MARCHING BAND AND CONCERT CHOIR
TRIP TO FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 17-22, 2017**

On Friday, November 17, 2017, 76 high school band and choir students, chaperones and directors headed to Orlando, Florida to participate in the Disney Performing Arts experience. The members of the high school marching band performed in a parade down Main St. in the Magic Kingdom and high school choir members showcased their talents on the Marketplace Stage of Disney Springs. In addition to their scheduled performances, students had the opportunity to experience Disney's main theme parks; Hollywood Studios and the Fantasmic! Firework's Spectacular, The Magic Kingdom, and light/firework display on Cinderella's Castle, The Animal Kingdom, Epcot, and the IllumiNations Reflections of Earth show. Additionally, students enjoyed a performance of Blue Man Group, dined at Hard Rock Café, and explored the Universal City Walk. The trip was packed with many memory making opportunities, great musical experiences, and once in a lifetime moments!

Special thanks to the Cardinal Music Booster organization for supporting the students and the Disney trip through fundraising projects that included Donuts for Disney, Gift Basket Raffles at concerts, Pizza Cards, and canvas painting events. The efforts of the Booster organization and community support of these projects lessened the financial commitment of every student who traveled. Additionally, a special thanks to our tour company Noteworthy Tours and our travel representative Randy Clark for providing our students with an experience of a lifetime!

Important Dates to Remember:

Sunday, February 25, 2018 Mid-Winter Concert

3:00 p.m. H.S. Auditorium

Romer's Chicken Dinner to follow concert

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 H.S. Group Pictures

Sunday, April 8, 2018 Ft. Wayne Komet's Hockey Game

National Anthem Performance 5:00 PM

Friday, March 9, 2018 OR Saturday, March 10, 2018

Large Group Contest Van Wert High School- Time to be announced



HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS

With the new year underway, students will soon be receiving course information and registration material for scheduling for next year. Grade level meetings will take place to cover potential course offerings for next year. In addition, there are some important upcoming events:

8th Grade Orientation – Monday, January 29 – grade 8 students and parents at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium

College Credit Plus Meeting – Tuesday, February 13 – for all students (and parents) wanting to take a College Credit Plus course next year

Exploration Academy – Monday, February 26 – a career exploration day at Wright State Lake Campus for all freshman

Talent Connection Forum – Thursday, March 1 – a career event for all juniors and some seniors at Wright State Lake Campus to provide an opportunity for students to connect and network with local business professionals

State ACT Administration – Tuesday, March 20 – for all juniors to take the ACT here at NBHS

End of Course Testing will take place throughout April for the following subjects: English 9, English 10, American Government, American History, Biology, Geometry, Algebra I, Integrated Math 1, and Integrated Math 2.

Advanced Placement Testing will take place in May on the following dates: May 9 – AP English, May 10 – AP Government, May 14 – AP Biology, May 15 – AP Calculus.

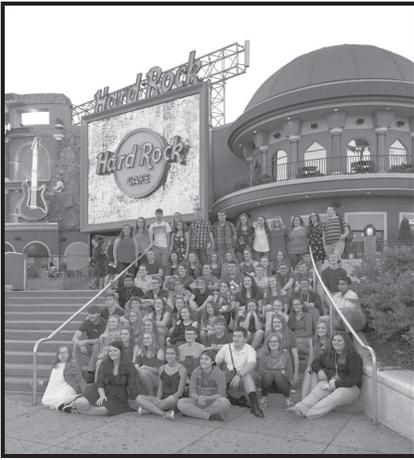
Finally, students that applied to Tri Star should find out about acceptance soon. It is exciting to learn about the growth taking place with the planning of Tri Star 2.0.

Thought for the Month -

“The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday.” – Unknown

Mrs. Tricia Wendel
High School Guidance Counselor

Fun Times On Florida Trip



CHAPERONES

JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL ART

We are at that time again for our annual Open House. This year it will be on Monday, March 19 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 PM. There will be displays at both the junior high and high school. At the high school, as well, we will be showcasing our senior portfolios.



Also coming up is our state competition the Ohio Governor's Art Show which runs from April 22 to May 17 at the James Rhodes Tower in Columbus, Ohio. The regional judging for this competition will be held on Saturday, March 3 with the state judging on March 10. Several New Bremen students will be participating.

Come on out to see what the student have been creating!

Mrs. Heather Moeller
Art Educator 7-12

STUDENT ATHLETES:



**Activity free week
for the
summer of 2018
will be July 1 to July 8**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

GET YOUR LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA PIZZA!



With 2018 here, it brings about our freshman class fundraiser. This year the freshman class will again be selling Pizza Kits from Little Caesars Pizza. This year we will kick-off the pizza sales on February 15 and the sale will run through March 1, so please mark your calendars. As in the past, we thank the entire community for your support in all of the fundraising efforts at New Bremen High School. The products are pizza kits that include everything you need to make your own Little Caesars Pizza. Each kit has 3 - 14" pizzas included or breadsticks, dessert pizzas, cookies, personal pizzas, and more. The kits cost anywhere from \$15.00 to \$25.00/kit. We will be planning on having all food products delivered to our customers by March 8 - 12. If you would like to order any pizza kit(s) and are not asked by a New Bremen freshman during the dates mentioned above, please contact the school and we will make sure we get back to you for your order. You can also email Chad Williams at chad.williams@newbremenschools.org to order. Again, thank you all in advance for your support in this year's freshman class Little Caesars Pizza Kits fundraising efforts.



Mr. Chad Williams,
Freshman Class Advisor

JUNIOR / SENIOR PROM

The juniors are excited to be planning the 2018 Junior/Senior Prom. This year's prom will be held on Saturday, April 21. Promenade will begin at 8:30 in the high school gym and the dance will be from 9:00 - 12:00 in the high school commons. This year's prom theme is "Out of this World."

Mrs. Loresa Burden and Mrs. Cresta Ritter
Junior Class Advisors



New Bremen COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE



It is once again that time of the year to clean your attics and closets in preparation for the 26th annual **New Bremen Community Garage Sales**, which will be held on **Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21, 2018**. All community members interested in participating with a garage sale should send **\$7.00** per family (make checks payable to the Cardinal Pride Association), a short list of items to be sold, and the address of the sale to:

The Cardinal Pride Association
202-210 S. Walnut Street
New Bremen, OH 45869

Entries must include the \$7.00 listing fee, and must be received by mail **by April 2nd**. No late entries will be accepted, and we will not accept submissions by email. Once submitted, your listing will be final and changes cannot be made. The \$7.00 fee will cover the cost of advertising in a number of newspapers. All proceeds from the paid listings will be donated to the New Bremen School's Cardinal Pride Association. Please note that due to Health Department Regulations, the sale of food items such as meat, sandwiches, hot dogs, cream pies, meringue pies, etc. is not allowed without a license. The sale of baked goods such as cookies, cakes, fruit, brownies, etc. is acceptable. For additional information regarding the food items, please contact the Auglaize County Health Department at 419-738-3410.

Cardinal Pride Association

SCHOOL FACILITIES OPEN TO WALKERS



For those individuals who enjoy walking throughout the winter months, the New Bremen High School is available for indoor walking in the hallways from 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. and from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session. The hours at the Elementary/Middle School are 6:00- 7:00 a.m. and from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session.

ATHLETIC UPDATE



Tentative dates for winter tournaments are as follows:

- Sectional swim meet at Lima Saturday 2/10
- District swim meet at BGSU Friday 2/16
- Sectional girls' basketball at either Allen East or Coldwater Wednesday 2/21 and Saturday 2/24
- District girls' basketball at Wapakoneta Thursday 3/1 and Saturday 3/3
- Boys' sectional basketball Tuesday 2/27 and Friday 3/2 at either Coldwater or Bath
- Boys' district basketball Tuesday 3/6 and Friday 3/9 at Wapakoneta
- 7th grade girls' basketball 2/1, 2/3, 2/8 at New Bremen
- 8th grade girls' basketball 2/1, 2/3, 2/8 at Coldwater
- 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball championship game 2/10 at Coldwater
- 7th grade boys' basketball 2/8, 2/10, 2/15 at New Knoxville
- 8th grade boys' basketball 2/8, 2/10, 2/15 at Ft. Recovery
- 7th and 8th grade boys' championship game 2/17 at Ft. Loramie
- Girls' Bowling Sectional Saturday 2/17 12:00 PM at Minster
- Boys' Bowling Sectional Friday 2/16 6:00 PM at Minster
- Girls' Bowling Districts Thursday 2/22 5:00 PM at Rossford
- Boys' Bowling Districts Friday 2/23 5:00 PM at Rossford

Upcoming dates and events at New Bremen:

- Cheerleading, bowling, swimming and boys' basketball senior night Saturday 2/10
- Girls' basketball senior night Thursday 2/15
- MAC winter banquet Monday 3/5
- Winter sports awards program Monday 3/12
- Baseball and softball practice begins on Monday 2/19
- Track practice begins on Monday 3/5

The 2018 Activity Free week will be from Sunday, July 1 through Sunday, July 8.

Mr. Gary Jones
Athletic Director

Go Cardinals!

PAIGE JONES RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FROM MAX PREPS

New Bremen senior volleyball player, Paige Jones, has recently received national recognition from Max Preps. Paige was selected as a Max Preps small school 1st team All American and was one of three finalists for small school National Player of the Year. Paige set two State Championship records this past season; kills in a single match with 47 and kills for a two match tournament with a total of 72. Paige finished her New Bremen career ranked 2nd in Ohio for career kills with 2,046 and 9th in career aces with 322. Congratulations to Paige and the New Bremen Volleyball Program!



Mr. Gary Jones
Athletic Director



SCHOOL DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS

It is the policy of New Bremen School to delay classes or close school at any time when it is determined that the safety or the health of the students is in question. This includes severe fog, unsafe roads due to snow or ice, tornados, or a severe utility problem at the school. Announcements are made as early as possible. However, a dense fog, heavy snowfall, or tornado alert at the time of bus departure could cause a late announcement. School functions scheduled on the day of a closing are usually cancelled unless a change in the weather or the correction of a utility problem allows the activity to be held. The information will be posted on one of the following radio or television stations, and/or you will be notified by the school's automated notification system.

School Website: www.newbremenschools.org

Radio: WIMA/WIMT – Lima 102.1 FM
 WCSM – Celina 1350 AM 96.7 FM
 WKKI – Celina 94.3 FM

TV: WLIO – Lima Channel 35
 Dayton Channel 7

In case of delay, continue listening or check the above list.



KINDERGARTEN CLINIC SCREENING

The annual Kindergarten Screening will be held in the elementary library on Tuesday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 4. Children eligible for admission to kindergarten next fall are required to attend. Children must be five years of age on or before August 1, 2018, in order to be eligible.

Children and parents attending the screening will be met by a number of people, all of whom are taking part in the Kindergarten Assessment Program. We remind everyone that parents and children will be spending at least 1 1/2 hours with us at the screening. If at all possible, it is best if younger and/or other children do not accompany the preschooler and his/her parents to the screening.

In order to provide an efficient screening, appointment times will be set up at intervals. Being on time is very important if we are to keep appointments running smoothly. Parents of children registered for kindergarten will receive a letter indicating their appointment date and time. Appointment letters will be mailed out sometime in February.

Parents are reminded to bring their child's Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization Record and Custody Papers (if applicable) when attending the screening. In accordance with state law, all children must have the following immunizations before entering school:

- DTP - 4 or more doses - one dose must be given after 4 years of age
- POLIO - 4 doses - one dose must be given after 4 year of age
- MMR - 2 doses after 1 year of age and at least 28 days apart
- HEPATITIS B - 3 doses with 3rd dose after 24 weeks of age (Recommended for all 0-18 years olds.)
- VARICELLA - 2 doses after 1 year of age, unless child has had disease (chicken pox), at least 28 days apart (but recommended to be 3 months after the first dose)

Parking for the screening will be available on Plum Street. Please use the elementary entrance. Thank you for your cooperation.



Mrs. Lisa Steinke
School Nurse

Mrs. Diane Kramer
K-8 Principal



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				JH BBK - Coldwater (A) 5:00 1 GBK - Coldwater (A) 6:00 7th Gr. MAC GBK Tournament (H) 5:00 8th Gr. MAC GBK Tournament (A) 5:00	BBK - Coldwater (H) 6:00 2	BBK - Botkins (A) 6:30 3 7th Gr. MAC GBK Tournament (H) 9:00 8th Gr. MAC GBK Tournament (A) 9:00 Var. Swim - Home Tri Meet (H) 5:00 South YMCA
4	DC Trip Meeting for 7th Grade Parents 7:00 PM Elem./MS Cafeteria FR BBK - Parkway (A) 6:00 FR GBK - Versailles (A) 7:00	JH BBK - Parkway (A) 5:00 6 GBK - Spencerville (A) 6:00	Athletic Booster Meeting Community Room 6:30 PM 7	GBK - Parkway (A) 6:00 8 FR BBK - Indian Lake (H) 6:00 7th Gr. MAC GBK Tournament (H) 5:00 8th Gr. MAC GBK Tournament (A) 5:00	Interims 9 BBK - Parkway (H) 6:00	ACT Test Date 10 BBK - Ft. Jennings (H) 6:00 Var. Swim - Sectional Meet (A) 11:00 Lima
11	Cardinal Pride Meeting Elem. Library 7:00 FFA Meeting - HS Ag Classroom 8:00 FR BBK - Delphos St. John (H) 6:00	HS Faculty Meeting 7:15 AM 13 GBK - Botkins (A) 6:00 College Credit Plus Meeting HS Library 7:00	5-8 Faculty Meeting 7:15 AM 14 Career Speaker during CPT - Auditorium K-4 Faculty Meeting 3:15 School Board Meeting Community Room	Freshman Little Caesars Pizza Sales Begin 15 Drama Club Dress Rehearsal - Auditorium 7:00 GBK - Delphos St. John (H) 6:00	Drama Club Student Performance Auditorium 16 Drama Club Performance Auditorium 7:00 BBK - Delphos St. John (A) 6:00 Var. Swim - District Meet	Drama Club Performance - Auditorium 7:00 17
National FFA Week 2-18-18 to 2-25-18 18	NO SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S 19 	Band - HS Conservatory Night Auditorium 6:00-8:00 20	7th Gr. STEM Fair 21 	MS Mid-Winter Concert - MS Gym 2:00 and 7:30 22	OMEA District III JH Festival Rehearsal - Wapakoneta 6:00 - 9:00 23 BBK - St. Henry (A) 6:00	OCTM Math Contest 24 OMEA District III JH Festival - Wapakoneta HS Rehearsal 10:00 - 1:30 Performance 3:00
HS Mid-Winter Concert Auditorium 3:00 PM 25	Exploration Academy Gr. 9 Students 26 Cardinal Music Booster Meeting - Community Room 7:00 PM OHSAA Parents Meeting 7:00 PM Auditorium	27	28			



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				Freshman Little Caesars Pizza Sales Ends 1 Talent Connection Forum - All Juniors	2	Marysville FFA Invitational 3
4	MAC Winter Banquet - Minster 7:00 5	6	Athletic Booster Meeting HS Library 6:30 PM 7	8	OMEA District III HS Large Group Adjudicated Event 9	SAT Test Date 10 OMEA District III HS Large Group Adjudicated Event
Lock One Performance - Moamin' Frogs Auditorium 3:00 11	FFA Meeting - Ag Room 8:00 PM 12 Winter Sports Award Program - Auditorium 7:00	HS Faculty Meeting 7:15 AM 13 Spring Season Pictures - Start after school at HS then move to MS Yearbook Group Pictures as Needed (HS and K-8) 8:45 AM (Start at K-8 Bldg.)	5-8 Faculty Meeting 7:15 AM 14 K-4 Faculty Meeting 3:15 School Board Meeting Community Room 7:00 PM	End of 3rd Nine Weeks 15 Gr. 4 Musical - MS Gym 9:30 AM & 7:30 PM	NO SCHOOL - TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY 16 FFA Banquet Set Up in Auditorium 12-4	Mercer County FFA Invitational 17 FFA Banquet Set Up 12-5
FFA Banquet Commons Area & Auditorium 10:00 - 4:00 18 Book Fair 3-19-18 Thru 3-23-18	Open House 6:30 - 8:00 PM 19 	20	Career Speaker during CPT - Auditorium 21 Athletic Council Meeting - Community Room 6:30	Senior Seminar 22	Senior Seminar 23 Grade Cards	OMEA District III JH Solo and Ensemble 24 G TR - Versailles Lady Tiger Classique (A) 10:00 State FFA Skills Contest BB - Franklin Monroe HS (A) 12:00
25	BB - Lima Perry (H) 5:00 26 SB - Bradford (H) 5:00 JV SB - Bradford (H) 5:00 Cardinal Music Booster Meeting Community Rm. 7:00	BB - Houston (H) 5:00 27 JV BB - Houston (A) 5:00 SB - Houston (H) 5:00 JV SB - Bath (A) 5:00	FFA Blood Drive HS Gymnasium 28 	NO SCHOOL - EASTER BREAK 29 Coed TR - New Knoxville (H) 4:30 SB - St. Marys Memorial (H) 5:00 JV SB - St. Marys Memorial (A) 5:00 BB - Ansonia (A) 5:00 JV BB - Perry (A) 5:00	NO SCHOOL - EASTER BREAK 30	B TR Versailles (A) 10:00 31 SB - Quad w/Shawnee, NB, & AMP (A) 12:00 JV BB - Russia DH (A) 11:00 BB - Russia DH (H) 11:00

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING FORM
NEW BREMEN LOCAL SCHOOLS

It is important that we have names of children who are eligible to attend kindergarten next fall (those who will be 5 on or before August 1, 2018). **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE.** We are also interested in knowing the number of children who will be attending New Bremen Local School through the next five years. Complete this form if you have a child eligible for kindergarten and have not registered, or have a preschool-age child (age 0-5) and have not registered. Share this with a relative, neighbor, or friend.

KINDERGARTEN 2018-2019

CHILDREN'S INFORMATION:

First Name	Middle	Last	Birthdate	Male/Female
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Father's Name _____ **Address** _____ **Home Phone** _____ **Cell #** _____

Mother's Name _____ **Address** _____ **Home Phone** _____ **Cell #** _____

Email Address: _____

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:

New Bremen School
Attention: Becky Eyink
202-210 South Walnut Street
New Bremen, OH 45869

Or you can e-mail the information to: becky.eyink@newbremenschools.org

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