



# NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## March 2022

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## Full “STEAM” Ahead with NCS’ Outdoor Classroom Concept

*A message from Superintendent Fisher*

Friday afternoons continue to be filled with excitement with NCS’ STEAM Program. The program, which aligns with the district’s vision to transform the lives of students through technology provides all students in grades Pre-k-12 with lessons and experiences that target 21st century skills (Technology, Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Creativity) .

In January, students in grades K-12 began working through the engineering and design process with the goal of designing an outdoor classroom somewhere on the school's property. Students began the work by defining the problem, which was to create an outdoor classroom space. Next, they identified constraints, and compared and contrasted a number of outdoor classroom models. Before brainstorming, students created and distributed surveys to gather more information from students and staff members about common traits that would be found in a successful outdoor classroom model.

## March 13th



## NO SCHOOL

### March 18th

Superintendent Conference Day

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Once survey results were examined, students could see that common criteria included a roof, chalkboard/whiteboard, handicap accessibility and a place to eat.



Students then learned computer-aided design (CAD) programs such as Tinkercad and Sketchup to design potential seating for the outdoor classroom space. These 3D experiences enabled students to act as innovators to engineer and design options for outdoor classroom seating.

Over the next few weeks students will be grouped together to build prototypes of an outdoor classroom by creating a model, drawing a sketch, or drafting a 3D prototype with the use of one of the CAD programs. Students will then work in groups to present their ideas to one another for input and feedback.

If you have any comments,  
suggestions, or would like to add  
an article to the bulletin, you can  
e-mail them to  
Caryn Draper at [cdraper@newcombcsd.org](mailto:cdraper@newcombcsd.org)



## **BE REAL 2 YOU!**

*A message from Director Curriculum & Instruction, PJ Motsiff*

The 5th and 6th graders welcomed 5 high school students into their classroom to talk about self-awareness and introduce some simple tools they can use in their own life to control how they think, feel and act. The concept of empowering high school students to empower elementary students to be happy is the primary goal of a social emotional learning experience called **BE REAL 2 YOU!** The program assists school districts in cultivating a safe and positive school environment by empowering high school student leaders to recognize their full potential. **BE REAL 2 YOU!** teaches teens how to be the best version of themselves by increasing a students' healthy social and emotional development, increasing academic performance, and supporting young people's success into the future.

Using evidence-based research, the experience prepares high school student leaders to tell "their story" in upper elementary classrooms within their own school district. **BE REAL 2 YOU!** provides on-site training to high school student leaders to prepare them to engage with younger children, conduct empowering activities and talk about the importance of managing stress, exploring passions, and seeking opportunities to contribute to the local community. Each visit consists of a 3-hour leadership training program and concludes with the student leaders conducting a 30-45 minute lesson in an elementary classroom.

The half day experience will return to NCS two more times this school year. Next visit will address how to maintain positive relationships and the power that students have to make changes in the culture of their school and community.

# FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

## *Congratulations Seniors!*

**Eadie Brannon** has been accepted to the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.

**Eldaa Ouedraogo** has been accepted to Grand Canyon University in Arizona and Sienna College in Albany.

### **Selective Service / Draft Registration**

**All male citizens of the United States are required to register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday.** Registration forms are available at the post office or at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov). Federal financial aid programs for college will be withheld from students who fail to comply.

### **Dates to Remember**

**SAT Testing Dates:**

May 7, 2022

June 4, 2022

**Registration Date:**

April 7, 2022

May 5, 2022

**ACT DATES:**

June 11, 2022

**Register By:**

May 6, 2022

Newcomb Central School CEEB Code is: 333-330. You will need to know that when you register to take the exams, so that I will receive your test scores.

### **To the Parents of Juniors and Seniors:**

If you have not done so already, we need a check written out to Newcomb Central School for your child's Fall college classes. We need the money for the fall bill in order to take spring classes. Spring bills will come out in February/March. Thank you.



**Juniors:**

You should be taking at least one of these exams in April, May or June. Don't forget to sign up, by going to the College Board website for the SAT or the ACT website. Please make sure you can see your WHOLE face, wearing no hats or sunglasses in the picture. You cannot have anyone else in the picture with you. If you do not meet the guidelines, you will not be let into the test.

**Students in Grades 6-11:**

I will be calling you in to meet with me to discuss next year's classes. I recommend that you talk with your parents to discuss any changes you would like to make in the classes you take next year, especially if you are not planning to take another year of science, math, foreign language, etc. Different diplomas require certain classes, so I will call your parents before I allow that.

**Reminder to Parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> Through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:**

New York State testing will be in March, April, May, and June. Please make sure your children get plenty of rest before their exams. Also, if you can help it, **please make sure your child does not miss school on the day of an exam.** These exams will be very difficult to make up. The State is not giving us a lot of time to take the tests/grade them and send the results back to them. Please review the schedule below. Thank you for your support.

3-8 ELA: March 29- April 5, 2022

3-8 Math: April 26-May 4, 2022

Grade 4 Science Performance Test: May 24-June 3, 2022

Grade 8 Science Performance Test: May 24-June 3, 2022

Grades 4 & 8 Science Written Test: Monday, June 6, 2022

**Parents of 8th Graders:**

Please email me a time that is convenient for you and your 8th grader to meet with me regarding your child's 4 year plan. This would be best during a study hall or after school. We are able to do this meeting in person.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!  
Mrs. Markwica

## Honor Roll 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

### High Honor Roll

(90 & up)

4<sup>th</sup> Vannessa Pendell  
4<sup>th</sup> Zion Matthews  
5<sup>th</sup> Emma Adams  
5<sup>th</sup> Bentley Lamphear  
6<sup>th</sup> Piper Larabee  
7<sup>th</sup> Camden Lamphear  
8<sup>th</sup> Hope Armstrong  
8<sup>th</sup> Nicholas Pendell  
9<sup>th</sup> Rowan Hai  
10<sup>th</sup> Marcus Armstrong  
10<sup>th</sup> Logan Bush  
11<sup>th</sup> Lauren Hai  
12<sup>th</sup> Ehab Al-Qtam  
12<sup>th</sup> Joshua Armstrong  
12<sup>th</sup> Brayden Bush  
12<sup>th</sup> Daria Krainova  
12<sup>th</sup> Eldaa Ouedraogo  
12<sup>th</sup> Elene Taniashvili  
12<sup>th</sup> Konstantin Zaytsev

### Honor Roll

(85-89.9)

3<sup>rd</sup> Leah Poulin  
5<sup>th</sup> Grace Hlavaty  
5<sup>th</sup> Aryanna Marchioni  
5<sup>th</sup> Andre Poulin  
5<sup>th</sup> Serenity Sullivan  
6<sup>th</sup> Taylor Bush  
6<sup>th</sup> Marissa Fifield  
6<sup>th</sup> Olivia Sage  
7<sup>th</sup> Judah Matthews  
9<sup>th</sup> Max Moline  
10<sup>th</sup> Desta Garcia  
10<sup>th</sup> Eduardo Fernandez  
11<sup>th</sup> Eric Bush  
11<sup>th</sup> Emily Fifield  
11<sup>th</sup> Reece Hlavaty  
12<sup>th</sup> Evan Anello  
12<sup>th</sup> Arina Berezina  
12<sup>th</sup> Eadie Brannon  
12<sup>th</sup> Jordan Colon  
12<sup>th</sup> Michael McCutcheon

# CLASS NEWS

## Newcomb Central School Kindness Club

Throughout the month of February several K-6 students participated in our very own Kindness Club, ran by Mrs. Belden and Ms. LaFond. Our goal was to show our students how they can be kind to classmates and adults within the building, and show appreciation for our great staff. Students have made thank you cards for our bus drivers, kitchen staff and have others in progress! Each thank you card was handmade by a student. Students also designed and created kindness themed posters which were hung throughout the building, a bulletin board in the cafeteria encouraging students to “Count Your Rainbows and Not The Thunderstorms” and flower pots that contain hand drawn flowers with a random act of kindness written on them. Some random acts of kindness that our students thought of: make someone smile, tell someone a joke, hold a door open for someone, pick up something someone dropped, invite someone to play with you, and many more!





# BREAKFAST

Cafeteria Manager: Ellise Yandon  
evandon@newcombsd.org  
(518)582-3341 Ext #1021

# MARCH 2022 NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL

## Monday

**7**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Applesauce Spice Muffin  
Oatmeal OR  
Cereal

**14**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Applesauce Spice Muffin  
Oatmeal OR  
Cereal

**21**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Applesauce Spice Muffin  
Oatmeal OR  
Cereal

**28**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Applesauce Spice Muffin  
Oatmeal OR  
Cereal

## Tuesday

**1**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Morning Glory Muffin  
Husky Sand w//Sausage  
OR Cereal

**8**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Banana Muffin  
Husky Sand w//Tky Bacon  
OR Cereal

**15**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Sun Butter & Choc Chip Muf.  
Egg Quiche Bake  
OR Cereal

**22**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Applesauce Spice Muffin  
Husky Sand w//Sausage  
OR Cereal

**29**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Morning Glory Muffin  
Husky Sand w// Tky Bacon  
OR Cereal

## Wednesday

**2**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Oatmeal Berry Muffin  
Bagels & Cream Cheese  
OR Cereal

**9**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Oatmeal Berry Muffin  
Bagels & Cream Cheese  
OR Cereal

**16**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Oatmeal Berry Muffin  
Bagels & Cream Cheese  
OR Cereal

**23**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Oatmeal Berry Muffin  
Bagels & Cream Cheese  
OR Cereal

**30**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Oatmeal Berry Muffin  
Bagels & Cream Cheese  
OR Cereal

## Thursday

**3**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Double Choc. Zucchini Muf.  
Egg & Cheese Bake  
OR Cereal

**10**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Chocolate Chip Muffin  
Egg & Cheese Omelets  
OR Cereal

**17**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Morning Glory Muffin  
Husky Sand w//Tky Bacon  
OR Cereal

**24**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Double Choc. Zucchini Muf.  
Egg & Cheese Bake  
OR Cereal

**31**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Chocolate Chip Muffin  
Egg & Cheese Omelets  
OR Cereal

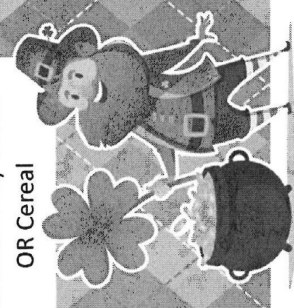
## Friday

**4**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Variety Muffin  
Pancakes & Tky Bacon  
OR Cereal

**11**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Variety Muffin  
Waffles & Sausage  
OR Cereal

**18**  
NO SCHOOL

**25**  
Milk 1% or FF,  
Yogurt, Juice, Fruit  
Variety Muffin  
Pancakes & Tky Bacon  
OR Cereal



**BREAKFAST ALTERNATIVE DAILY:** Whole grain cold cereal, milk, fruit juice, fruit, and homemade 51% whole grain muffin. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age or disability. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Department of Agriculture. Please note that our menu is subject to change based on availability of food items.





# LUNCH

# MARCH 2022 NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL

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## Monday

**7**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit,  
Broccoli, Mac & Cheese, Roll  
OR Chicken Salad Sandwich

**14**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit,  
Broccoli/ranch, Cheese Pizza  
OR Egg Salad Sandwich

**21**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veggies  
Sloppy Nachos, Rice  
OR Sun Butter Sandwich

**28**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veggies.  
Carrots, Italian Dunkers  
OR Tuna Salad Sandwich

## Tuesday

**1**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veggies.  
Chicken Quesadillas, Rice  
OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich

**8**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veggies.  
Rice Bar  
OR Chicken Salad Sandwich

**15**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veggies.  
Tacos, Rice  
OR Egg Salad Sandwich

**22**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit, Roll,  
Turkey A-La-King, Mash Pots  
OR Turkey Salad Sandwich

**29**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veggies.  
Enchilada Bake, Rice  
OR Tuna Salad Sandwich

## Wednesday

**2**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit,  
Hamburger/Bun, corn salad,  
Sweet Potato Fries  
OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich

**9**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit, Beets  
BBQ Chicken, Mash Pots  
OR Chicken Salad Sandwich

**16**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit,  
Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Fries  
OR Egg Salad Sandwich

**23**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit,  
BBQ Pulled Pork/Bun, Coleslaw,  
Chips  
OR Turkey Salad Sandwich

**30**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit,  
Cucumbers/ranch  
Fish Patty, Sweet Pot Fries  
OR Tuna Salad Sandwich

## Thursday

**3**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage Cheese, Fruit  
Tossed Salad, Goulash, Roll  
OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich

**10**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit.  
Tossed Salad, Lasagna, Roll  
OR Chicken Salad Sandwich

**17**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit,  
Carrots/Cabbage  
Corned Beef & Mash Pots.  
OR Egg Salad Sandwich

**24**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit, Roll  
Spinach Salad, Spaghetti& meat  
OR Turkey Salad Sandwich

**31**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit, Roll  
Salad, Chick Parm, Spaghetti  
OR Tuna Salad Sandwich

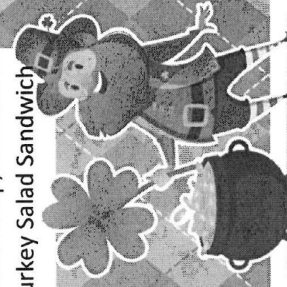
## Friday

**4**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit,  
Chicken & Veg Noodle Soup,  
Grilled Cheese  
OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich

**11**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit,  
Veg. Beef & Barley Soup  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
OR Chicken Salad Sandwich

**18**  
MILK  
NO SCHOOL

**25**  
MILK  
(1% or FF White or Choc.FF)  
Cottage cheese, Fruit,  
Broc. Chse Soup, Gr Cheese  
OR Turkey Salad Sandwich



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## Stress in School Aged Children



School aged children have many sources of stress that we may not think of. They worry about fitting in with peers, making friends, getting along with their teachers, completing homework, and extracurricular activities. Stressors follow them home through technology such as cell phones.

Common signs of stress in children: irritability, anger, changes in behavior, difficulty sleeping, forgetting or not completing requirements such as homework or chores, changes in eating habits, and frequent complaints of illness such as stomachache, headache, or fatigue.

How to manage stress in children: ensure your child is getting the necessary amount of sleep every night (at least 8 hours every night), encourage physical activity, prioritize family time, spend time outdoors, encourage your child to write/journal about their stressors, and encourage healthy conversations about stress. There are many free resources available online such as relaxing music, meditation, yoga, and guided exercise.

What you can do: educate your child on health coping skills, encourage your child to be a problem solver, create a positive environment within your home.

## PLEASE BE MINDFUL WHEN SENDING FOOD TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR STUDENT



The following NCS policies are in effect:

- All students will NOT be allowed to eat peanuts/nuts (or items containing them) in any school environment or vehicle.
- Homemade baked goods/foods will NOT be allowed in school.
- Please read the food labels on packaged items your own child may bring to school to ensure no peanuts, tree nuts, peanut butter or peanut oil is among the ingredients.
- While reading food labels, please be mindful of any statements that indicate that the food item was produced or processed in a building/on equipment where peanuts or tree nuts are also produced/processed, or statements such as “item may contain trace nuts.” Labels stating this will NOT be allowed in school.
- If the package does not clearly state “packaged in a facility WITHOUT nuts” the ingredients must be labeled and read to guarantee no nuts/nut products are contained.

While many allergic reactions can be mild, most children with peanut and other nut allergies experience serious symptoms after eating, touching or smelling peanuts or any nut products (especially peanut butter). Please take time to read the labels on any food that you purchase for your child to bring to school.

# SPORTS CORNER

## Boys Varsity Basketball

*by Ed LaCourse, Scorekeeper*

The Newcomb Huskies ended their regular season with 8 wins and 1 loss in the MVAC League will be top contenders in the upcoming Sectional Payoffs.

The team led by sophomore guard Logan Bush, consists of brothers Marcus and Josh Armstrong, Jordan Colon, Rhiannon Sandiford, Eric Bush, Gavin Fifield, Ben Lamos, Konstantin Zaytsev from Russia, Eduardo Aguilar from Spain, and Ehab Al-Qtam from Yemen.

Logan, one of the top scorers in the region, averaged 25.4 points a game including 35 and 33 in the last two matches. He was selected as the MVP in the MVAC for the 2021 soccer season and is having an MVP caliber season in basketball. The Armstrong brothers account for a combined 15-20 point a game. Jordan is solid on the boards and a sharpshooter as well. Eric and Rhiannon have been consistent and have played an integral part in the success of the team. Gavin often finds himself on the court and is a big contributor both offensively and defensively. Not to mention that NCS has the capability of putting players from 5 different countries on the court at one time. The Newcomb Huskies, for the first time in almost 40 years, are playing with only students enrolled at NCS and have made the best of it with low numbers in grades 9-12.

First time coach and NCS Alumni Travis Levesque has done a great job with the team. He has battled losing players to illness and injuries but seems to put just the right team on the floor. He has not once lost his cool and has been a great example for his players. A clear choice for coach of the year in my opinion.

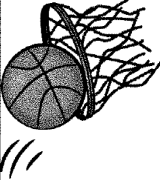
Wishing the Newcomb Huskies a successful end of the season and a successful run at the Section VII trophy!

## GO HUSKIES!





## MARCH BASKETBALL GAME SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Elem Game 4pm Long Lake @ Newcomb	2 Elem Game 4:15pm J-burg @ Newcomb  Semi Finals 6pm TBD	3	4 Elem Game 4pm Newcomb @ Long Lake
7	8	9 Elem Game 4:15pm Newcomb @ J-burg	10 Elem Game 4:15pm Minerva @ Newcomb	11
14 Elem Game 4:15pm Newcomb @ Minerva	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28				

**Scheduled dates/times are subject to change.**

# Host Families Wanted

for our  
International Students



## Questions? Interested?

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(518) 582-3341

## Who Can Host?

Families. Singles. Couples. Retirees. Empty Nesters.

## Requirements?

Home with a bedroom. Three meals and snacks per day. Integration into the family. Participation in family activities, emotional and academic support.

## Why Host?

Learn about another culture and traditions. Help students understand about American life. Build lasting relationships.

## What do we offer you?

\$7,600 annual housing stipend, help selecting just the right student, student orientation, ongoing support

## IN OTHER NEWS

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# SEED EXCHANGE

hosted by volunteer Master Gardener Lorraine Miga of Cornell Cooperative  
Extension-Essex County

## Adirondack Interpretive Center 11am-1pm

Now is the time to think about planning your garden! Don't know where to start? Come and join area gardeners to share seeds and ideas, ask questions and take home something new to try. Many varieties of seeds available along with growing tips.

The AIC requires all visitors to wear a mask inside the building. Thank you

Don't have seeds? Come anyway!

Please include some info about the seeds you are sharing-name, variety and any other interesting facts

# UPCOMING IN THE DISTRICT

## March 2022

- 4 Mid-Marking Period
- 10 Board of Education Meeting, 6pm
- 18 No School - Superintendent Conference Day
- 18-20 Y&G State Conference Albany

## April 2022

- 8 End of 3rd Marking Period
- 14 Board of Education Meeting, 6pm
- 15 No School - Good Friday
- 18-22 No School - Spring Recess

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