

District E-News **November 2, 2026**

Newark CCSD 66 www.ngsd66.org 815-695-5143 NGS; 630-553-5435 MJH

Dear Families and Staff,

Congratulations to our students and staff for the Exemplary designation from the Illinois State Board of Education on our school report cards. This is exciting and well deserved! We will continue to strive to show higher growth and proficiency in individual student achievement!

It's time to update our Visionary District Plan for the next 3 - 5 years. Over the next four months we will concentrate on a focus: Collaborative Culture, Student Performance, Safety and Finance/Operations. Our November Focus is collaborative culture! We would love everyone's input here: https://forms.gle/4VLGbRva2ZYxiqwk6
We look forward to hearing from everyone on how we can improve/support students!

If you drop off/pick up at Newark Grade School - please be aware of the lined area at the entrance - the lines mean no parking. Twice this week we have had trouble getting our buses through due to cars in the lined area. Buses arrive in the AM between 7:35 and 7:45. In the PM, the shuttle buses arrive by 3:05. Please do not block the entrance during these times. Also be aware of the driveways and entrances on Chicago Road.

We are still searching for a 5th/6th Girls' Volleyball coach for the 2026 - 2027 school year. Please send a letter of interest to Ms. Chase, Mr. Anderson.

We are also looking for a bus aide for our morning route to Plano - 6:35 - 7:30 am - $18.50. And we are searching for lunch servers to help at both schools as needed. The Food Handling Certificate is required for this position. Application here: Application

Highlights this week: (Check out all of MJH practices and updates below!)
Monday 11/2: Q1 Perfect Attendance ice cream; 7th/8th GBB @ Leland
Tuesday 11/3: 7th/8th GBB @ Marquette 5 pm; Voting Day!
Wednesday 11/4: 5th/6th BBB @Wallace 4:30 pm/ 7th/8th BBB home 5:00 pm
Thursday 11/5: 7th GBB Jr. 10 Tourney@ PawPaw; 5th/6th BBB @ Sandwich 4:30; 5th/6th GBB home 4:30
Friday 11/6: IAR Exemplary celebration; Dismissal 1:15 MJH/1:30 NGS

Dates to Remember:

November 1 - Clocks Fall Back 1 hour
November 3 - Election Day - Yes! We have school!
November 5 - Time to Dine @ Molina's
November 6 - SIP day 1:15/1:30 dismiss; No PM preschool
November 11 - PTO meeting at MJH 6:00 pm
November 13 - School Store at NGS
November 16 - Board of Education meeting 6:30 - MJH
November 17 - Mobile Food Pantry at NGS 4:00 - 5:30
November 18 - BBB & Cheer pictures at MJH
November 19 - Time to Dine at Johnny K's
November 20 - Q2 Midterms
November 21 - Winter Bazaar at MJH
November 25 - 27 - No School Thanksgiving Break
December 3 - K-4 Winter Concert at MJH 6:00 pm; Time to Dine at Molina's
December 7 - Band Concert at NCHS 7:00 pm
December 9 - PTO meeting at MJH 6:00 pm; GVB parent meeting @ 4:30 MJH
December 10 - 7th grade field trip
December 14 - 8th Grade night for BBB & Cheer at MJH; Board of Education meeting 6:30 MJH
December 15 - Food Pantry @ NGS 4:00 - 5:30 pm
December 15 - Nothing Bundt Cakes pickup at NGS 3 - 5 pm
December 18 - 1:15/1:30 Dismissal for winter break

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NGS Viking Victory winners this past week: Mason Hoffert, Jon Breunig, Kye Rizzo, Leah Avery, Juniper Guardiola

MJH Viking Spotlight winner: Mary Crowe (nominated by her fellow Algebra classmates)

NGS students - PE /Recess outside - please make sure your students have proper PE and recess shoes. Moccasins, cowboy boots, flip flops, crocs, etc are not supportive for running around outside.

Cooler days are here. We recess outside every day. Please dress your student in layers for the cool mornings and warmer afternoons.

Students need everyday: water bottle, a healthy snack and headphones. It would be very helpful to write a name on the bottom of the water bottle!

Thank you to everyone who provided treats and items for the classroom parties on Friday! At NGS we had 100 people sign in for our annual Halloween parade! Thanks for attending and supporting our students!

Thank you to all of our judges and awesome parents and staff who volunteered at the IESA Speech contest on Friday night! Ms. Chase and team did an amazing job hosting! Thank you!

Congratulations to our 1st Quarter Perfect Attendance students and staff! Have a wonderful week ahead! 💙Partners in Education ~ Mrs. Turman & Ms. Chase

Millbrook Jr. High

Week of November 2-November 6

Fall Back–clocks go back 1 hour

Monday, November 2

Morning Report: Nathan

Perfect Attendance Ice Cream party during WIN

Sports & Activities:

7/8th GBB @ Leland, 4:30 PM Bus:3:45 PM
5/6th GBB Practice,3:00-4:15 @ MJH
Cheer Practice, 3:00-4:00 PM
5-8th BBB practice, 4:30-6:00 PM

Tuesday, November 3

Morning Report: Zoey

Sports & Activities:

7/8th GBB @ Marquette, 5:00 PM
5/6th GBB Practice, 3:00- 4:15 PM @ MJH
5-8th BBB Practice, 4:30-6:00 PM
Cheer Practice, 3:00-4:00 PM

Wednesday, November 4

Morning Report: Ellana

Sports & Activities:

5/6th BBB @ Wallace, 4:30 PM Bus:3:35 PM
7/8th BBB HOME vs Marseilles, 5:00 PM
7/8th GBB Practice, 3:00-4:00 PM
5/6th GBB Practice, 3:00-4:30 PM @ NGS

Thursday, November 5

Morning Report: Mary

SEL A day

Stu Co Meeting during 2nd lunch

Student Sports & Activities:

7th GBB Jr 10 Tournament @ Paw Paw
5/6th BBB @ Sandwich, 4:30 PM Bus:4:00 PM
5/6th GBB HOME vs Morris, 4:30 PM
7/8th BBB Practice, 3:00-4:00 PM
Cheer Practice, 3:00-4:30 PM

Friday, November 6

Morning Report: Eisley

SIP day 1:15 dismiss
An Exemplary Celebration (*celebrating our IAR test results*) (12:08-1:13 pm)

Student Sports & Activities:

7th GBB Jr 10 Tournament @ Paw Paw
5/6th BBB Practice, 1:30-3:00 PM

Saturday, November 7

7th GBB Jr 10 Tournament @ Paw Paw
7/8th BBB practice,7:45-9:15 AM


CONGRATULATIONS!
NEWARK CCSD 66
HAS
EXEMPLARY
SCHOOLS!
We are proud to celebrate this achievement and the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our students, staff, families, and community.
Newark Grade School and Millbrook Jr. High
will celebrate this accomplishment with students on
NOVEMBER 6TH!
PROUD TO BE NEWARK CCSD 66!
LEARN • GROW • BELONG

Perfect attendance for Quarter 1
Ice Cream Sundaes- Cafe
Monday, November 2, 2026 @ 2:15 pm
No tardies am/ No early departures pm

Staff:
Mr. Diaz, Mr. Hofmann, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Ness, Miss Pilch, Mrs. Schmidt

Kindergarten
Ryan Rutkas
Iyla Seanard

1st
Oaklee Kemplin
Eli Lorensten
Brianna Miller
Alana Shimp
Cole Swenson

2nd
Hope Greer
Josie Hauge
Mason Hoffert
Kaden Koester
Kamila Ludwig

3rd
Braden Boyle
Layne Brusveen
Eloise Burke
Charlee Cooper
Kyla Finn
Adelyn Marvin
Libby Mize
Kye Rizzo
Eli Roach
Kearson Roach
McKenna Swenson

4th
Gracelyn DeKing
Autumn Hinman
Gannon Koester
Emelia Linke
Lukas Ludwig
Isabell Seanard
Landen Shimp

Millbrook Jr. High
Perfect Attendance for Quarter 1
Ice Cream Sundaes- Library
Monday, November 2, 2026 during WIN
No tardies am/ No early departures pm

Staff: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cartina, Mrs. Cass, Mrs. Henson

5th
Rett Carlson
Hunter Haley
Aubree Kailus
Stella Linke
Logan Rutka
Kole Stewart

6th
Kaia Acosta
Griffin Anderson
Briar Begovac
Hazel Britz
Morgan Cieply
Briana Finn
Ava Garrity
Jamesly Greer
Cristian Haldorson-Diaz
Danne Johnson
Emmett Roach
Keaton Roach
Jonah Severson
Clara Swenson

7th
Ava Bender
Tahlia Boyle
Charlie DeKing
Weston Haley
Natalie Ludwig
Allison McBroom
Easten Underhill
Elyse Yunker

8th
Lucas Anderson
Brielle Christian
Peyton Morganegg
Colton Von Drasek

GRATITUDE
Family Newsletter

Gratitude Overview

We are looking forward to focusing on Gratitude this month! One way to think about Gratitude is "choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives." Practicing Gratitude can increase our well-being and even our happiness!

Gratitude is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Well**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like emotion regulation, positive self-talk, and stress-management.

Conversation Starters

- Can you share or show what it means to practice Gratitude?
- What is something you are Grateful for every day?

PurposeFull Pursuits

Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Gratitude. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" you can complete together!

#1

What are some small, specific things that you are Grateful for? Maybe it is your favorite water cup, the way the cat sleeps on the chair, or when your grandma bakes banana bread. Spend some time as a family trying to think of at least 10 small things that you have Gratitude for and then choose to notice them this week with a smile.

#2

Review Gratitude as a family! Remember that Gratitude is choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives.
Find a place in your home to display a glass jar. Cut up small slips of paper and place them next to the jar. Use the jar to collect special people, places, events, and memories that your family is thankful for. Find a time each week to add slips of Gratitude to the jar and assist students in writing or drawing gratitude as needed. Having a gloomy day or a challenging time as a family? Pull out the slips of Gratitude and read them aloud together as a reminder of your Grateful moments.

School Nurse NEWSLETTER



November 2026



From the Nurse A's Desk

Happy November, Newark School District #66 families! This month we're focusing on keeping our students healthy, safe, and ready to learn. Please take a moment to review this month's health tips and important reminders.

Medication Policy Reminder:
Please bring any medications to the nurse's office with the proper forms. Students may not carry medication without prior approval.

Immunization Deadline:
-Dental Exam- Due May 2027 (for New, Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th Grade Students)

Monthly Health Spotlight:

Mental Wellness

Just like physical health, mental wellness plays a big role in how students learn, focus, and feel each day. Building healthy coping skills in childhood helps kids manage stress and emotions as they grow.

💡 **Simple Ways to Support Mental Wellness:**

- Talk it out: Encourage students to share their feelings with a trusted adult or friend.
- Take breaks: Short breaks with deep breaths, stretching, or doodling can refresh the mind.
- Get moving: Physical activity boosts mood and lowers stress.
- Practice gratitude: Writing down one good thing each day helps build a positive outlook.
- Sleep well: A good night's rest keeps the brain and body balanced.

CONTACT IF ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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Newark Grade School 815-695-5143
Millbrook Junior High School- 630-553-5435

UPCOMING HEALTH EVENTS

5th Grade Puberty Education- MJH
(Parent letter will be sent prior)
November 9, 2026- 5th Grade Boys
November 12, 2026- 5th Grade Girls



HEALTHY HABITS REMINDER

- Take a few deep breaths when you feel stressed.
- Keep a regular bedtime for better focus and mood.
- Move your body—play, walk, or dance to lift your spirits.
- Write or draw your feelings instead of keeping them inside.
- Practice kindness—helping others boosts your own happiness too!



Did You Know?

Even a few minutes of quiet breathing can calm the nervous system and improve focus in class.



Need groceries? The Northern Illinois Food Bank Mobile distribution can help. Food is free to all neighbors; no ID, proof of address or income is required. Just need to provide zip code and how many in your household. Food is distributed on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last.

Where:

Newark Grade School
503 Chicago Road Newark, IL 60541

When:

4:00pm-5:30pm – 3rd Tuesday of the month

August 25, 2026	September 15, 2026	October 20, 2026
November 17, 2026	December 15, 2026	

Come Join Us!

Our SNAP team is available and ready to help!
Call or text "Food" or "Comida" to 844-600-7627
SOLVEHUNGERTODAY.ORG

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November PTO News

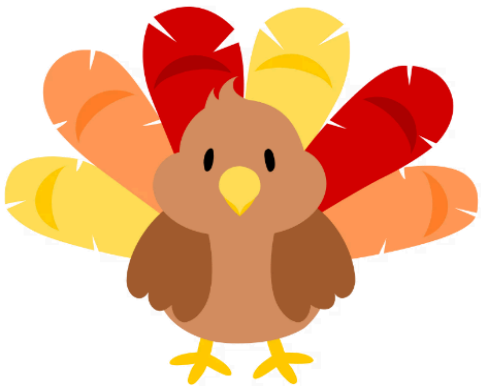
- 11/5 Molina's Pizza Time to Dine All Day
- 11/11 Monthly PTO Meeting at MJH at 6pm
- 11/13 School Store at NGS during lunch
  *Reminder that $1-$2 is plenty
- 11/16 Nothing Bundt Cakes Fundraiser
- 11/19 Johnny K's Time to Dine 4-8pm

COMING UP IN DECEMBER

- 12/3 Molina's Pizza Time to Dine All Day
- 12/9 Monthly PTO Meeting 6pm at NGS
- 12/17 Nothing Bundt Cakes Fundraiser Order Pickup at NGS 3-5pm
- "My Holiday Fair" Holiday Store

We are grateful for all your support,

Happy Thanksgiving from your PTO Team!





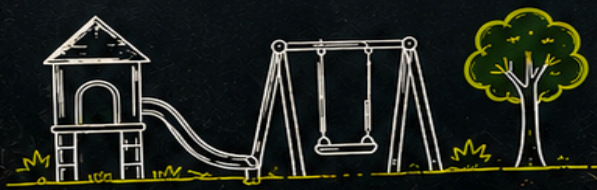
Don't want to cook, WE GOT YOU COVERED!

MOLINA'S PIZZA & GRILL

TIME TO DINE – LET'S GO OUT TO EAT!

THE CURRENT FUNDS BEING RAISED WILL BE GOING TO:

- ★ NGS-PLAYGROUND REPAIRS
- ★ MJH-PLAYGROUND REPAIRS



★ FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH ★

Molina's Pizza & Grill will host our Time to Dine Fundraiser.

Dine in, carry out, or delivery — every meal helps support our schools!

Mark Your Calendar!

- ✔ SEPT 3RD
- ✔ OCT. 1ST
- ✔ NOV. 5TH
- ✔ DEC. 3RD
- ✔ JAN. 7TH
- ✔ FEB. 4TH
- ✔ MARCH 4TH
- ✔ APRIL 1ST
- ✔ MAY 6TH

Your Meal Makes a Difference!

THANK YOU

Newark Grade School and Millbrook Junior High would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to MOLINA'S and YOU!

They will be hosting a fundraiser for us and a percentage of all the sales for the date below will be donated as a benefit back to our school.

1 W. MAIN STREET
NEWARK, IL 60541

815-658-4003

11AM–8PM

Good Food ★ Great Cause ★ Stronger Schools

★ 11AM–8PM **ALL DAY FUNDRAISER!**

NEWARK / MILLBROOK
Parent Teacher Organization

Don’t want to cook, we got you covered!

the current funds being raised will be going to:
NGS-playground repairs
MJH-Playground repairs

125 Duvick Ave,
Sandwich, IL 60548
(815) 786-3088

Time To Dine- Let’s go out to eat fundraiser

Newark Grade School and Millbrook Junior High would like to give a BIG **THANK YOU** to **JOHNNY K’S** and **YOU**!

They will be hosting a fundraiser for us and a percentage of all the sales for the date below will be donated as a benefit back to our school. **bring this flyer in or show it on your phone.**

NOVEMBER 19th
ALL DAY

Dine In and Carry Out Available

NEWARK / MILLBROOK
Parent Teacher Organization

Show Your VIKING PRIDE!

MILLBROOK JR. HIGH & NEWARK GRADE SCHOOL

Spiritwear

Gear up and show your Viking pride!
Every purchase helps support our students, staff, and school community.



YOUR PURCHASE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!
All proceeds from clothing sales will benefit both the Jr. High and Grade School.

MORE DESIGNS COMING SOON!
We'll be adding new styles and designs throughout the year—be sure to check back often!

SHIPPED TO YOU!
Items will be shipped directly to your door for your convenience.

WEAR IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.
Let's show our school spirit everywhere we go!

SHOP NOW!

Millbrook Jr. High Shop
wamiswag.com/shops/milbrookjrhs

Newark Grade School Shop
wamiswag.com/shops/newarkvikings

TOGETHER, WE ARE VIKINGS!

Thank you for supporting our schools!


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NEWARK VIKINGS BASKETBALL
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CHEER
MJH SPORTS BOOSTERS
Basketball and Cheerleading 2026 STORE

Charles B. Phillips Library November Calendar Events

MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
2 12:30 PM Walk & Chat Book Club Harris Forest Preserve	**3** Election Day: Library is a Polling Place	**4** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**5** 4:00 PM Adult Game Night	**6** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**7** All Day Cards for Vets All Ages Kendall County Animal Wishing Tree Kick Off 10:30 AM Play Group
9 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime *Fall* 1:00 PM Adult Matinee *Brink of War*	**10**	**11** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**12** 4:00 PM Adult Painting Night Paint a wooden object (Boxes, signs, ect)	**13** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	**14** 10:00 AM Adult Book Chat *The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County* By Claire Swinarski
16 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**17**	**18** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**19** 5:30 PM PJ Storytime	**20** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	**21**
23 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime *Harvest* 1:00 PM Adult Matinee *Runner*	**24** 10:30 AM Play Group	**25** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 11:00 AM Kid's Movie *Free Birds*	**26** CLOSED	**27** CLOSED	**28**
30 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime *Hibernation*	6 N. Jackson St. Newark, IL 60541 815.695.5851 www.cbplib.us			Adult Events Youth Events	

NEWARK CCSD 66 | 2026-2027 CALENDAR (Updated 6/15/2026)

AUGUST '26

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18 Teacher Institute
19 Teacher Institute
20 Student first day

SEPTEMBER '26

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07 Labor Day – no school
10 SIP Day 11:15/11:30

OCTOBER '26

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09 Teacher Institute
12 Columbus Day – no school
21 PT Conferences
22 1:15/1:30 dismissal
PT conference 2 – 7 pm
23 No School

NOVEMBER '26

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06 SIP Day 1:15 / 1:30

25 -27 Thanksgiving break

DECEMBER '26

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18 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
21-31 Winter Break

JANUARY '27

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04 Teacher Institute
05 Students return
15 No School
18 M.L. King Day –no school

FEBRUARY '27

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12 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
15 Presidents' Day – no school

MARCH '27

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19 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
22 –26 Spring Break
29 Easter Monday – no school

APRIL '27

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30 SIP Day 11:15/11:30

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14 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
28 Last Day 1:15/1:30
31 Memorial Day

JUNE '27

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18 Juneteenth

JULY '27

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04 Independence Day

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Pre-School Calendar 2026-2027

August
24: First Day of Pre-School for 4's
25: First Day of Pre-School for 3's

September
7: No Pre-School (Labor Day)
10: No P.M. Pre-School

October
8: No P.M. Pre-School
9: No Pre-School
12: No Pre-School (Columbus Day)
21: Regular Day of Pre-School Conferences 4-7 pm
22: No P.M. Pre-School Conferences
23: No Pre-School Conferences

November
6: No P.M. Pre-School
25-27: Thanksgiving Break

December
17: No P.M. Pre-School
21-31: Holiday Break

January
1-4: Holiday Break
15: No Pre-School
18: No Pre-School (ML King Day)

February
15: No Pre-School (Presidents' Day)
25: No P.M. Pre-School Conferences
26: No Pre-School Conferences

March
18: No P.M. Pre-School
22-29: Spring Break

April

May
6: No Pre-School Conferences
7: No Pre-School Conferences
26: Last Day of Pre-School for 4's
27: Last Day of Pre-School for 3's