



District E-News

February 16, 2026

Newark CCSD 66

www.ngsd66.org

815-695-5143 NGS; 630-553-5435 MJH

Dear Families and Staff,
Thank you for all the love and kindness for Valentine's Day! Thank you to all the parents who came in to help or supplied treats for the class parties. Thank you PTO for organizing the flower grams. 🌸

NGS is hosting a family reading night this Thursday, February 19th from 4:30 - 5:45 for all preschool through 6th grade students. Bring a book to swap for a gently used one, take a family photo, read our favorite books with staff using reading strategies we teach in the classrooms. Flyer is below, and you can register here to join us:

<https://forms.gle/2fB9dLmQ4ZL44yJy6>

The deadline is Monday, Feb. 16! We need a minimum of 20 students.

The annual 5Essentials survey is open from February 3 through March 13th. We need 20% parent participation to receive any feedback. Thank you in advance for continuing to help us improve our district.

<https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>

The Board of Education meets on Tuesday, Feb. 17th. The board will consider a \$10 increase in sports fees for next year. MJH sports will be following the IESA schedules for next year, switching girls' basketball and girls' volleyball seasons. The seasons will likely be a little extended. Referee fees and other costs have increased.

The Board will also consider an increase in preschool tuition fees beginning with 2027 - 2028. We are confident we are the most cost effective for our preschool tuition. Mrs. Schmidt provides a great start for our littlest learners.

Highlights this week:

2/16 Monday - No School - President's Day! Time to Dine Flame Ka-Bob - all day!

2/17 Tuesday - Food Pantry @ NGS 4:00 - 5:30; BOE meeting at 6:30 at MJH; GBB vs. Lisbon at MJH 4:30 pm

2/18 Wednesday -

2/19 Thursday - Reading Night at NGS 4:30 - 5:45; 7th/8th GBB @ Paw Paw

2/20 Friday - Firefighter for the day (Noah) and Police Officer for the day (Quentin) School store @ NGS;

DDD forms and payment due to school; Last day for AHA donations; 7th GBB Jr. 10 Tourney at HBR

2/21 Saturday - 7th GBB Jr. 10 Tourney at HBR

****Congratulations** to our Viking Victory Winners the past week: NGS - Maddie Morganegg, Ava Goodlet, Jacob Lackey, Emerysn Cooper and Kaylee Morsch.

****Congratulations** to Larry Chavez!! (nominated by Ryan, Alayna and Nora)
MJH Spotlight Student/Staff of the Week!

Student needs everyday:

Water bottle, healthy snack, headphones. **WE still need those 5 things! Warmer this week, but mornings are cold for outdoor recess and it is muddy!**

We are partnering with the Kendall County Sheriff's department and Special Olympics this week for Penny Wars! Ms. Hettinger, Ms. Gabby, Mrs. Winner and Ms. Mize will be Polar Plunging for Special Olympics with the Sheriff's Department! Bring in your change to support the cause!

This week is the last call for American Heart Association donations! Thanks to everyone who took Finn's mission and learned hands on CPR!

Don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything. Enjoy the warmer, wonderful week ahead! ~ Mrs. Turman & Ms. Chase

Dates to Remember:

5 essentials survey open:

<https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>

February 16 - No School Presidents' Day; Time to Dine at Flame Kabob Grill - All day (flyer below)

February 17 - BOE meeting 6:30 pm - MJH; Mobile Food Pantry at NGS 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Chinese New Year begins - Year of the Fire Horse!

February 19 - Reading Night @ NGS - Our Favorite Books! <https://forms.gle/2fB9dLmQ4ZL44yJy6>

February 20 - PTO school store at NGS; Daddy-Daughter Dance tickets/flower orders due to school

Last day for American Heart Association donations

February 23 - 8th Grade Night - GBB

February 24 - 7th grade Science Fair - MJH

February 25 - Freshmen registration at NCHS for 8th graders at 6:30

February 26 - No PM Pre-K classes- conferences

February 27 - No Pre-K classes

March 4 - PTO meeting 6:00 pm

March 14 - Daddy - Daughter Dance at MJH

March 16 - Board of Education Meeting at NGS 6:30

March 17 - Mobile Food Pantry at NGS 4 - 5:30 pm

March 20 - SIP day 1:15/1:30 dismissal

March 23 - March 27 - Spring Break

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Youtube channel: Newark School District

Millbrook Jr. High Updates

Week of February 16-21

Monday, February 16

NO SCHOOL: President's Day!

Tuesday, February 17

Morning Report: Ava G.

Board Meeting @ MJH 6:30 pm

Food Pantry at NGS 4-5:30 pm

Band: Band Karate Prize day, Pizza Party (during Band)

Sports & Activities:

7/8th GBB HOME vs Lisbon, 4:30 PM

Guys & Dolls Rehearsal 3:30-5 pm

Scholastic Bowl Practice, 3:00-4:30 PM

Wednesday, February 18

Morning Report: Briana F.

Sports & Activities:

5th-8th GBB practice, 3:00-5:00 pm

Guys & Dolls Rehearsal 3:30-5 pm

Thursday, February 19

Morning Report: Zoey V.

SEL A day

Student Council mtg. during lunch

Sports & Activities:

7/8th GBB @ Paw Paw, 4:30 PM **Bus:3:15 PM**

Friday, February 20

Morning Report: Paislee M.

Sports & Activities:

7th Grade Jr 10 Tournament @ HBR

Saturday, February 21

7th Grade Jr 10 Tournament @ HBR

Girls Basketball Sports Boosters Volunteer Sign UP

**** CMC stitch is selling sports boosters spirit wear! Shop at cmcstitch.com and make sure to click the "pickup/delivery" option and order will be delivered to MJH. ****



American Heart
Association.

**KIDS
HEART
CHALLENGE™**



**DOWNLOAD THE APP OR
VISIT OUR WEBSITE.**



HEART.ORG/SCHOOLS

Newark Grade School is helping kids with special hearts through Kids Heart Challenge. We want as many families as possible to learn about heart health and the lifesaving skill of Hands-Only CPR.

You can help by completing Finn's Mission. When your student completes all the steps, they'll earn a Lifesavers Cape and earn a chance to win two tickets to Super Bowl LXI in 2027! Sign up today at http://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=12398&pg=company&company_id=535025 or by using the AHA Schools app.



Our Favorite Books: A Night of Stories and Reading Joy

Preschool – sixth grade Families—You are Invited to a Fun-Filled Reading Night!

Bring your children and join us for a cozy, joyful evening celebrating the magic of books. This special event is designed just for our elementary students and their families, with hands-on activities that spark imagination, creativity, and a love of reading.



Event Details

- **Date:** Thursday, February 19, 2026
- **Time:** 4:30 pm – 5:45 pm
- **Location:** Newark Grade School
- **Who:** PK – sixth grade students, families, and staff



Fun Activities for Kids & Families



Book Swap

Bring one, take one! Children trade a gently used book for a new favorite to enjoy at home.



Photo Booth

Smile for the story! Snap a fun family photo.



Reading Classrooms

Read together! Teachers share their favorite stories and reading strategies to use at home.



Character Dress Up

Show off your story style! Kids may dress as a beloved character (optional).



Why Families Will Love This Night

- Encourages a lifelong love of reading.
- Supports family reading routines at home.
- Build school community in a fun, welcoming way.
- Creates positive memories around books and learning.

Save the date! We cannot wait to share reading joy with our families!

Sign up sheet coming home first week of February!

1-2-3-4.. WE DECLARE A PENNY WAR!



FEBRUARY 17th - 24th

MS. HETTINGER, MS. BARRACCA, MS. MIZE &
MRS. WINNER

WILL HAVE THEIR OWN COIN JUG FOR
COLLECTING MONEY!

ADD POINTS BY ADDING PENNIES AND BILLS
SUBTRACT POINTS BY ADDING SILVER COINS

THE TEACHER WITH THE MOST POINTS WILL WIN
A TROPHY TO PUT ON DISPLAY UNTIL NEXT YEAR!

POINT SYSTEM

ADDING POINTS



PENNY = +1 POINT



\$1 BILL = +100 POINTS



\$5 BILL = +500 POINTS



\$10 BILL = +1000 POINTS

SUBTRACTING POINTS



NICKEL = -5 POINTS



DIME = -10 POINTS



QUARTER = -25 POINTS

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS!



School Nurse NEWSLETTER

February 2026



From Nurse A's Desk

Happy February 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.

2026-2027 Required Health Docs

Letters were sent out in January to the upcoming students who will be entering grades that will need Illinois State Health exams. As well as school action plans. These are required for this upcoming school year. This reminder will hopefully give everyone time to plan and schedule their appointments. Once physician forms are complete, please turn into or email Mrs. Ammenhauser! Please see grade level state requirements below.



Monthly Health Spotlight:

Heart Health

♥ Why it matters: Heart disease is the leading cause of illness in adults, but prevention starts in childhood. Teaching kids healthy choices now helps set lifelong habits.

💡 Heart-Healthy Habits for Students:

- Stay active: Aim for at least 60 minutes of play or physical activity each day.
- Eat colorful foods: Fruits, vegetables, and whole grains help keep hearts strong.
- Limit sugary drinks: Water and milk are the best choices.
- Get enough sleep: A rested body supports a healthy heart.
- Manage stress: Deep breaths, talking with a friend, or drawing can calm nerves.

CONTACT IF ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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Millbrook Junior High School- 630-553-5435



Illinois Health Requirements

Preschool

- Birth Certificate
- Physical Examination/immunizations (DTP, Polio, Hepatitis B, HIB, Pneumococcal), Varicella "Chicken pox", MMR)
- * Religious exemption (for immunizations) if applicable*

Kindergarten and/or first entry to Illinois Schools

- Birth Certificate
- Physical Examination/immunizations (DTP, hepatitis B, Polio, MMR, Varicella "chicken pox")
- *Religious exemption (for immunizations) if applicable*
- Dental exam on school dental exam form
- Vision exam by optometrist or ophthalmologist

Second Grade

- Dental exam on school dental exam form

Sixth Grade

- Physical examination/immunizations (Hepatitis B, Tdap booster, meningococcal)
- *Religious exemption (for immunizations) if applicable*



UPCOMING HEALTH EVENTS

8th Grade CPR Certification Class

- 8th graders who signed up
- Tuesday February 10, 2026
- 3pm-5pm
- Millbrook Junior High School with Mrs. Ammenhauser

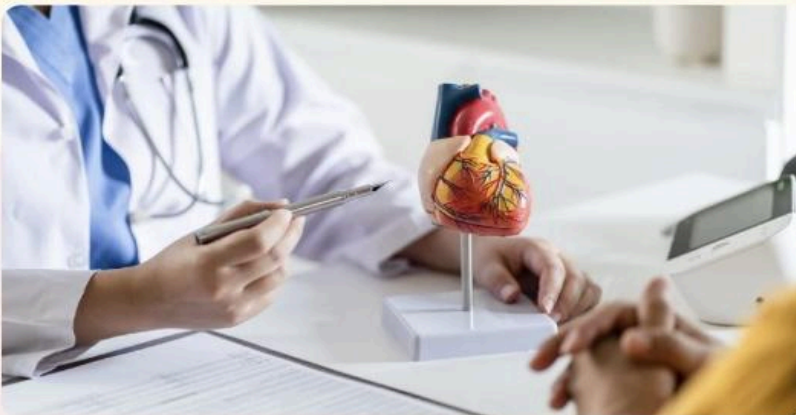
Morris Hospital-Sports Physicals at MJH

- Morris hospital providers will be performing sports physicals at MJH May 12, 2026, for upcoming 5th, 7th and 8th grade students- More information COMING SOON for those who are interested!!!!



HEALTHY HABITS REMINDER

- Get moving! Play outside, ride your bike, or dance to keep your heart strong.
- Eat colorful foods—fruits and veggies give your body important vitamins.
- Choose water or milk instead of sugary drinks.
- Limit screen time and spend time being active with family or friends.
- Sleep 9–11 hours each night to give your heart and body a rest.



💡 Did You Know?



Your heart beats about 100,000 times every day! That's like pumping enough blood to fill a big swimming pool each week. Taking care of your heart now keeps it strong for a lifetime.

Newark CCSD 66

Dear Newark Families,

Beginning February 3, 2026, students and teachers across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the eleventh annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent/guardian, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the essential elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by [UChicago Impact](#) at the [University of Chicago](#). The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Prior research in more than four hundred schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more Essentials.

All teachers and **fourth through 12th grade students** will be responding to this survey. 5Essentials Reports will be generated for schools if their teachers and/or students meet the response rate threshold of 50 percent. These reports will be sent to schools and districts in May and will also be included in the State School Report Card.

Additionally, your district has chosen to provide the optional supplement parent survey. If at least 20 percent of Newark Grade School and Millbrook Jr. High parents/guardians complete this survey, a parent report will also be generated. The parent data will not be included in the State Report Card.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey helps us understand the conditions at our schools and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey for students, teachers and parents will be conducted February 3 – March 13. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view previous years' Reports, please visit <https://www.5-essentials.org/illinois>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact UChicago Impact Survey Support at 1-866-440-1874 or impact-surveys@uchicago.edu.

Partners in Education,
Demetra Turman
Mindi Chase

February PTO Events

- 2/3 Valentine's Day Carnation Flower Grams preorder and pay during lunch. Flowers will be distributed on 2/13.
- 2/4 Monthly PTO Meeting 6pm at NGS
- 2/16 Flame Kabob Time to Dine in Yorkville All Day
- 2/20 School Store at NGS during lunch (S1-S3 is plenty)
- 2/26 Rosati's Time to Dine in Sandwich All Day



Upcoming Events in March

- 3/4 Monthly PTO Meeting 6pm at MJH
- 3/13 School Store at NGS during lunch

The Daddy Daughter Dance is on Saturday March 14th from 6-8pm at MJH. Forms have been sent home and are due back by 2/20.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$35 and each additional daughter will be \$7.

PTO is asking for donations to be used in raffle baskets for the dance. Please contact Ashley D'Arcy at ashleydrc@gmail.com

Saturday, March 14th, 2025

6:00pm-8:00pm

"Magical Masquerade Ball"

Sponsored by the Newark/Millbrook PTO Open to Newark/Millbrook and Lisbon Schools

\$30 per couple (\$35 at the door)

\$10 flower corsages

~Pizza Dinner

~Photographer*

~Raffle Baskets*

~Photo Booth

~Professional DJ

~50/50 raffle*

Tickets and Flowers can be purchased until Friday, February 20th

Photo packages/keepsakes are available to purchase at the dance*

*Please Note – All raffle tickets, 50/50 sales & photo packages the night of the dance will be CASH ONLY

Questions? Contact Ashley D'Arcy (ashleydrc@gmail.com)

Please return the form below with payment (cash or checks made to Newark/Millbrook PTO) in a SEALED ENVELOPE to your child's school office (NGS, MJH or Lisbon) teacher or homeroom teacher

Newark/Lisbon homeschooled children are also welcome to attend



Cut here and return by February 20th



OLDEST ATTENDING STUDENT NAME: _____

ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER(S) NAME(S): _____

(This can also include younger, not school-aged siblings)

ADULT ATTENDING: _____

SCHOOL: _____ TEACHER: _____

PARENT NAME/PHONE/EMAIL: _____

TICKET FOR 2 (\$30): _____

ADDITIONAL DAUGHTERS (\$7 each): _____

CORSAGE (\$10 each)

PINK qty: _____

YELLOW qty: _____

WHITE qty: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____



**Don't want to cook,
we got you covered!**

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



**1411 Cannonball Trail,
Yorkville, IL 60560
(630) 553-9620**

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 **Flame Kabob Grill** in
yorkville 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.**

February 16th

ALL DAY



**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



**710 E Railroad St,
Sandwich, IL 60548
(815) 786-1500**

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 **ROSATI'S** in **SANDWICH**
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.**

February 26th

ALL DAY



**NEWARK /
MILLBROOK**
Parent Teacher Organization

WE ALL BELONG

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 each month

January 20, 2026	February 17, 2026	March 17, 2026
April 21, 2026	May 19, 2026	June 16, 2026

Come Join Us!



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

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**NEIGHBORS.
EMPOWERED.**

Charles B. Phillips Library February Calendar Events

MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
2 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime <i>Groundhog Day</i> 1:00 PM Walk & Chat Book Club Meet at the	3 11:00 AM Homeschool Meetup <i>Board Game Bash</i> 4:00 PM Crochet Club Ages 10+	4 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	5 10:15 AM Advanced Chair Yoga	6 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	7 10:00 AM Lego/Duplo Club <i>Wizard</i> 11:30 AM Kid's Movie <i>The Peanuts Movie</i>
9 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime with a Firefighter 1:00 PM Adult Matinee <i>The Senior</i>	10 10:30 AM Play-Doh Playdate	11 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	12 10:15 AM Advanced Chair Yoga	13 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	14
16 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime <i>Snow</i> 11:30 PM Kid's Movie <i>Sneaks</i>	17 4:00 PM Crochet Club Ages 10+	18 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	19 10:15 AM Advanced Chair Yoga	20 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	21 10:00 AM Adult Book Chat <i>The Mountain Between Us</i> By Charles Martin
23 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	24	25 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	26 10:15 AM Advanced Chair Yoga	27 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	28

6 N. Jackson St.
Newark, IL 60541
815.695.5851
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NGS SCHOOL STORE



**KIDS CAN PURCHASE ITEMS DURING
THEIR LUNCH TIME
PRICES RANGE FROM \$.25 - \$2.00**

Items include:

Scented erasers, pencils toppers, bookmarks, key chains, squishy toys and much more!

● ● ● School Store Dates ● ● ●

September 19th

October 17th

November 14th

December (holiday Store)

January 23rd

February 20th

March 13th

April 24th



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- Childcare
- Transportation
- Substance
- Abuse
- Senior Services

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Newark CCSD 66 | 2025-2026 CALENDAR

AUGUST '25						
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12 Teacher Institute
13 Teacher Institute
14 1st day student attend

FEBRUARY '26						
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13 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
16 Presidents' Day

SEPTEMBER '25						
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01 Labor Day
04 SIP Day 11:15/11:30

MARCH '26						
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20 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
23 – 27 Spring Break

OCTOBER '25						
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10 Teacher Institute
13 Columbus Day
No School
22 PT Conferences 4 – 7
23 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
PT Conferences 2 – 7
24 No School

APRIL '26						
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03 Good Friday -off
05 Easter Sunday
06 No School
24 SIP 11:15/11:30

NOVEMBER '25						
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11 Veterans Day
14 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
26 - 28 Thanksgiving

MAY '26						
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22 Last Day 1:15/1:30
25 Memorial's Day

DECEMBER '25						
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18 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
19 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
22 - 31 Winter Break

JUNE '26						
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19 Juneteenth

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01 New Year's Day
05 Teacher Institute
16 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
19 M.L. King Day
No School

JULY '26						
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04 Independence Day

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