



District E-News

February 2, 2026

Newark CCSD 66

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

Dear Families and Staff,

PTO is sponsoring Carnation Grams for Valentine's Day. There will be a one day only presale on February 3rd and flowers will be delivered on February 13th. See flyer below for more information. Carnations are \$1 each.

NGS is hosting a family reading night on 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 annual 5Essentials survey is open from February 3 through March 13th. Our teachers, 4th - 8th grade students and parents have the opportunity to participate in this survey. We review every year as a team and use the feedback to make improvements. There is an informational letter below. 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/>

February 1, 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of the first Black History celebration, initiated by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926. It highlights a century of efforts to honor, study, and promote Black history and culture. All of our history is intertwined. We continue to recognize and celebrate all American history.

Highlights this week:

2/2 Monday - GBB @ HBR

2/3 Tuesday - PreSale - Valentine's Day Carnations \$1; GBB & Scholastic Bowl pictures at MJH

2/4 Wednesday - PTO meeting 6:00 pm via zoom

2/5 Thursday - Principal/PE/Nurse for the day! GBB at Cross Lutheran

2/6 Friday - GBB Home vs. Crossroads

2/7 Saturday - 5th/6th GBB Cross Lutheran Tourney

****Congratulations** to our Viking Victory Winners the past week: NGS - Brianna Miller, Eloise Burke, Ava Underhill, Everett Carlson and Oaklee Kemplin!

****Congratulations** to Mr. Anderson! (nominated by Ava, Bea, Athena, Avery and Juliette F) MJH Spotlight Student/Staff of the Week!

Student needs everyday:

Water bottle, healthy snack, headphones. **5 things** = coat, hat, gloves, snowpants and snowboots! When the temperature and wind chill combined is above 18 degrees, we recess outside. Thank you for having all 5 things as winter shows us she is still here!

Don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything. Stay warm! Have a wonderful week ahead!

Partners in Education,

Mrs. Turman and Ms. Chase

Dates to Remember:

February 3 - Flower Grams for Valentine's Day - Pre order day only!

5 essentials survey open:

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

February 4 - PTO meeting 6:00 pm via zoom

February 12 - Rep Jed Davis Blood Drive (flyer below)

February 13 - SIP day 1:15/1:30 Dismissal; Q3 Midterms in Teacherease

February 16 - No School Presidents' Day

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!

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

February 24 - 7th grade Science Fair - MJH

February 26 - No Pre-K classes

March 4 - PTO meeting

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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Millbrook Jr. High Updates

Week of February 2 - February 3

Monday, February 2

Morning Report: Ellana M.

Sports & Activities:

7/8th GBB @ HBR, 4:30 PM Bus: 3:45 PM

Guys and Dolls Rehearsal 3:30-5 pm

Tuesday, February 3

Morning Report: Eisley Y.

Stu Co flower sales during lunch sponsored by PTO

Sports & Activities:

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

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

GBB/Scholastic Bowl pics 3 pm-4 pm

Wednesday, February 4

Morning Report: Briar B.

PTO meeting 6 pm via zoom

Sports & Activities:

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

Guys and Dolls Rehearsal 3:30-5 pm

Thursday, February 5

Morning Report: Morgan C.

SEL A day

Stu Co meeting during lunch

Principal/PE Teacher of the Day (Wyatt C.-PE; Cael-Principal)/will go to breakfast
Mrs. Ahearn to visit 8th grade during 7th period (Freshmen Registration info)

Sports & Activities:

5/6th, 7/8th GBB @ Cross Lutheran, 4:15 PM Bus: 3:50 PM

Friday, February 6

Morning Report: Nathan W.

Viking Victory Pizza Party during WIN (library)

Sports & Activities:

5/6th, 7/8th GBB HOME vs Crossroads, 4:30 PM

Saturday, February 7

5/6th Tournament @ Cross Lutheran

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. **



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KHC is underway, and our school is excited about feeling good while doing good! **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
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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.
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Save the date! We cannot wait to share reading joy with our families!

Sign up sheet coming home first week of February!



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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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

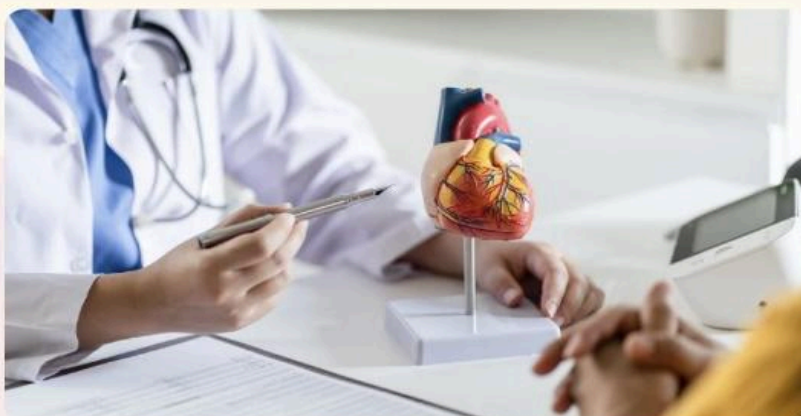
Morris Hospital-Sports Physicals at MJH

- 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



H A P P Y
Valentine's Day

CARNATION

FLOWER GRAMS

Flower Grams are small, thoughtful gifts consisting of a beautiful carnation and a personalized note. They're a perfect way to brighten someone's day – whether it's for a friend, teacher, classmate, or loved one!

1 carnation = \$1.00

6 carnations = \$5.00

12 carnations = \$10.00



NGS - Tuesday, February 3rd - Preorder and pay during lunch.

Friday, February 13th - Students receive flowers to pass out by you or ask a teacher or friend to help. You can also bring them home for someone special.

MJH - Tuesday, February 3rd - Preorder and pay during lunch.

Friday, February 13th - Delivery by Student Council during WIN (If you purchase one to keep or to take home, it will be delivered to you!!)

Event sponsored by Newark-Millbrook PTO

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: \$ _____

Donate Blood & Save Lives!



**Thursday,
February 12**

12:00 – 4:30 pm

Rep. Davis'
District Office
1925 S. Bridge Street
Yorkville, Illinois

RepJedDavis.com

Join State Rep. Jed
Davis for a Blood Drive

Reservations are highly
recommended. Use the
QR code to reserve
your spot today!



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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NGSD66 Illness Protocol: Should Your Child Stay Home?

In most situations, the staff of Newark Grade School District 66 prefers students come to school and if they become ill at school, the parent/guardian will be notified. However, here are a few guidelines to help you decide whether your child is too ill to go to school.

Fever

Your child should stay home if he/she has a temperature at or above 100.4° F. **Your child may return to school when he has been fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication for 24 hours.**

Contagious Illness

- Your child should stay home from school if he/she has a contagious disease. A contagious disease is one that is spread by close contact with a person or object. This could include chicken pox, influenza, vomiting, diarrhea, strep throat, "pink eye" with copious amounts of yellow or green drainage. Some illnesses may be contagious before the child shows signs of illness. It is very hard to prevent the spread of some germs, especially in a community setting. Good hand washing is the best way to prevent the spread of disease.
- If your child has chicken pox or strep throat, ask your doctor when he/she may return to school. Generally, children who have active chicken pox should not return to school until all the lesions are dried and crusted. Children with strep throat should be on antibiotics for 24 hours and be feeling well enough to concentrate before returning to school.

Your child is too ill to go to school if he/she has any of these signs:

- Has vomiting or diarrhea, unless these are determined to be due to a non-communicable condition and the child is not in danger of dehydration and feels well enough to participate in school. **Please keep your child home for 24 hours from the last episode of vomiting.**
- Is wheezing or consistently short of breath.
- Has a cough that disrupts sleep and/or normal activity.
- Has copious amounts of yellow or green drainage from the eye. If the doctor has given antibiotics, the child may return to school after 24 hours of treatment or according to the doctor's note.
- Rash that is rapidly spreading or accompanied by fever or has open, weeping lesions (rash without fever or other symptoms usually does not require the student to stay home)

Your child may be able to come to school even if:

- He/she has a mild stuffy nose, sneezing, and a mild cough without fever. Reinforce the importance of frequent hand washing.
- He/she has experienced one or two episodes of diarrhea without vomiting, abdominal pain, or fever.

Updated 5/2025



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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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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