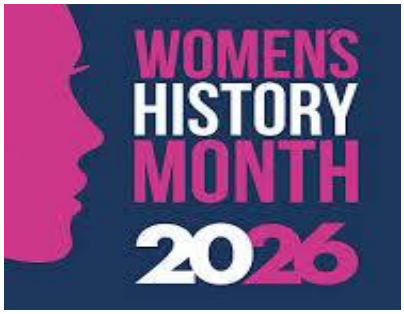




District E-News **March 2, 2026**

Newark CCSD 66

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Dear Families and Staff,

Monday, we honor the birthday of Theodor Giesel, better known as Dr. Seuss! This week is read across America week in his honor. Try to read 15 minutes a night this week!

The annual 5Essentials survey is open! We need 20% parent participation to receive any feedback. Thank you in advance for continuing to help us improve our district. NGS has 10% participation and MJH has 17% as of now.
https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/

Yearbook orders are due March 10. Flyers were sent home in January. They are attached below. Please order online or send in by March 10. This is the only time to order your 2025 - 2026 yearbooks!

Kindergarten round up for the 2026 - 2027 school year will be held on Thursday, April 9 at 4:30 at Newark Grade School. If you have an incoming kindergartener, please join us for registration and academic information.

Student/Parent Handbook Committee - would you like to serve on the district handbook committee? It's that time of year where we review new laws and legislative changes that need to be added to our handbook. If interested, please contact Ms. Chase. The first meeting is at NGS on March 10th at 3:15 pm.

Highlights this week:
3/2 Monday -Dr. Seuss Day! Good luck Bryson M - online spelling bee! 8th grade GBB Jr. 10 Tourney at Earlville; Girl Scouts at NGS 6:00 pm
3/3 Tuesday - 8th grade GBB Jr. 10 Tourney at Earlville
3/4 Wednesday - 8th grade GBB Jr. 10 Tourney at Earlville; PTO meeting 6:00 MJH
3/5 Thursday -8th grade GBB Jr. 10 Tourney at Earlville
3/6 Friday -
3/8 Sunday - Spring Forward! Move clocks ahead one hour!

Dates to Remember:

5 essentials survey open:
https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/
March- Women's' History Month
March 2 - Dr. Seuss Day! Read Across America Day!
March 4 - PTO meeting 6:00 pm
March 10 - Student/Parent Handbook Committee Meeting 3:15 @ NGS; Yearbook orders due!
March 13 - PTO School Store @ NGS; End of Quarter 3
March 14 - Daddy - Daughter Dance at MJH 6:00 - 8:00
March 16 - Board of Education Meeting at NGS 6:30
March 17 - Mobile Food Pantry at NGS 4 - 5:30 pm; Jr. 10 Spelling Bee @ Somonauk 6:30 pm
March 18 - Q3 Report Cards go home
March 19 - Funway trip for 5th/6th grades; Molina's Time to Dine
March 20 - SIP day 1:15/1:30 dismissal; MJH Honor Roll Day
March 23 - March 27 - Spring Break
March 31 - 8th grade visits IVVC
April 1 - PTO meeting 6:00 @ NGS
April 2 - Q3 Perfect Attendance Sundaes
April 3 - No School - Good Friday
April 6 - No School - Easter Monday
April 9 - Kindergarten Round up 4:30 - 5:30 (flyer below)

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Website: www.ngsd66.org
Youtube channel: Newark School District

****Congratulations** to our Viking Victory Winners the past week: NGS - AJ Sleezer, James Murawski, Alanna Fairfield, Easton Zettergren and Martha Williams!

****Congratulations** to Briar Begovac (nominated by Morgan C. and Briana F.)
MJH Spotlight Student/Staff of the Week!

Student needs everyday:
Water bottle, healthy snack, headphones. **WE still need those 5 things! Mornings are cold for outdoor recess and it is muddy!**

Did you know? Women's History Month originated from a local Women's History Week celebration in Sonoma County, California, in 1978, organized to coincide with International Women's Day (March 8). Following its success, in 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared the first national Women's History Week, and by 1987, Congress officially designated March as National Women's History Month.

Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need anything. Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Partners in Education ~ Mrs. Turman & Ms. Chase

Millbrook Jr. High Updates

Week of March 2-March 6

Monday, March 2

Morning Report: Ava G. (8th)

Online Regional Spelling Bee during WIN (Good luck, Bryson!)

Sports & Activities:

8th GBB Jr 10 Tournament @ Earlville

Tuesday, March 3

Morning Report: Fran W.

Sports & Activities:

8th GBB Jr 10 Tournament @ Earlville
Scholastic Bowl Practice, 3:00-4:30 PM
Guys & Dolls 3:30 pm-5 pm

Wednesday, March 4

Morning Report: Avery S.

Sports & Activities:

8th GBB Jr 10 Tournament @ Earlville
Scholastic Bowl Practice,3:00-4:30 PM
Guys & Dolls 3:30 pm-5 pm

Thursday, March 5

Morning Report: Keaton R.

SEL B day

Sports & Activities:

8th GBB Jr 10 Tournament @ Earlville (make up day)

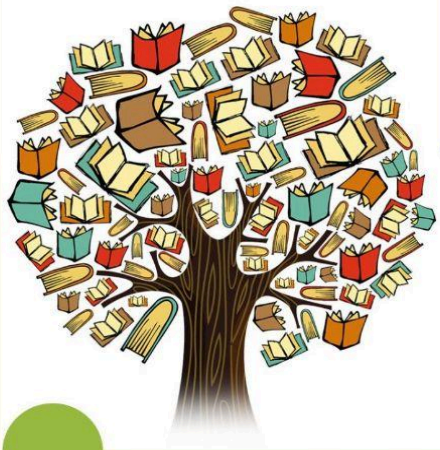
Friday, March 6

Morning Report: Ava B. (5th)

Sports & Activities:

No Sports or Activities

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Teacher _____ **Grade** _____ **Room** _____

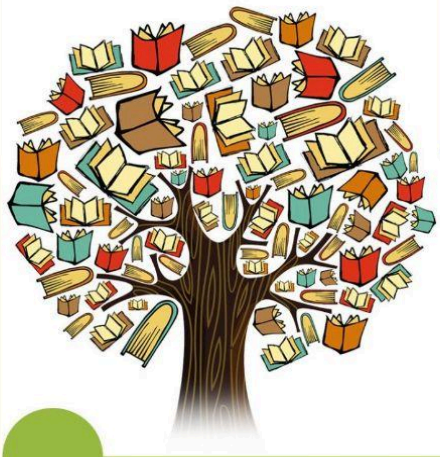
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School Nurse NEWSLETTER

March 2026





From the Nurse A's Desk

Happy March, 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 students entering grades that require the Illinois State Health exam. As well as school action plans. These are required for this upcoming school year. This reminder gives 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:

Nutrition

Good nutrition gives your body the energy it needs to grow, learn, and play. Eating a variety of foods helps keep you strong, focused, and feeling your best.

Smart Nutrition Tips for Students:

- Eat the rainbow: Different colored fruits and veggies give your body different nutrients.
- Choose whole grains: Foods like oatmeal, brown rice, and whole-grain bread give lasting energy.
- Power up with protein: Eggs, beans, chicken, and nuts help your muscles grow.
- Drink water: Staying hydrated helps you think and play better.
- Limit junk food: Save sugary snacks and sodas for special treats, not everyday fuel.

CONTACT IF ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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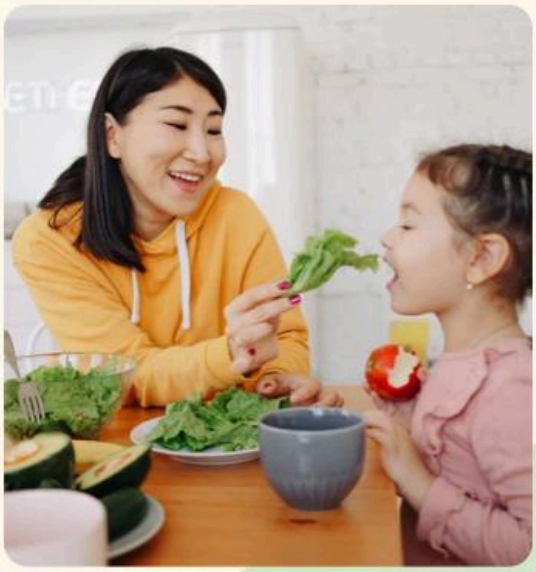
UPCOMING HEALTH EVENTS

Morris Hospital Sports Physicals at MJH

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

Kindergarten Round-up

April 9, 2026 4:30 pm -5:30 pm
Nurse Ammenhauser will be available at the kindergarten round up to answer any medical or health questions for upcoming kindergarten families.



HEALTHY HABITS REMINDER

- Fill half your plate with fruits and vegetables.
- Choose water or milk instead of soda or sugary drinks.
- Try whole grains like brown rice, whole-wheat bread, or oats.
- Eat protein foods (beans, eggs, chicken, nuts) to build strong muscles.
- Don't skip breakfast—your brain needs fuel to learn!



Did You Know?

Your brain uses about 20% of the energy from the food you eat—so healthy foods = better focus in school!



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*

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

MARCH

What's Happening in PTO

- 3/4 Monthly PTO Meeting 6pm at MJH
- 3/13 School Store at NGS during lunch ($1-$3 is plenty)
- 3/14 Daddy Daughter Dance 6-8pm at MJH
  Tickets can be purchased at the door for $35 and each additional daughter will be $7
- 3/19 Molina's Pizza Time to Dine



April Upcoming Events

- 4/1 Monthly PTO Meeting 6pm at NGS
- 4/9 Country Kitchen Time to Dine
- 4/22 Chili's Time to Dine in Morris
- 4/24 School Store at NGS during lunch (last store for the school year)





Welcome to Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten 2026 - 2027

April 9, 2026

4:30 – 5:30 pm - NGS Cafe

4:15 – 4:30 Arrival in cafe

	Parents / Adults	Students
4:30	Walk down to room	Walk down to room
4:45	Mrs. Turman/Questions - Cafe	Kindergarten Lesson
5:00	Registration Info – Mrs. Hauge	Kindergarten Snack
5:15	Mrs. Cass	Kindergarten Bus Ride
5:30	Dismissal	Kindergarten returns from ride



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!

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Charles B. Phillips Library March Calendar Events

MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
2 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime *Dr. Seuss*	**3** 4:00 PM Crochet Club Ages 10+	**4** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**5**	**6** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Walk & Chat Book Club Meet at the library	**7** 10:00 AM Lego/Duplo Club *Dinosaur*
9 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime with a Firefighter 1:00 PM Adult Matinee *Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere*	**10**	**11** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**12**	**13** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	**14** 10:00 AM Adult Book Chat *Isola* By Allegra Goodman
16	**17** 	**18** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**19** 5:00 PM *The Rise & Fall of the Doughboy* Presented by Terry Lynch	**20** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	**21**
23 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime *Spring* 11:30 AM Kid's Movie *Zootopia 2*	**24** 10:30 AM All Ages Spring Lego Build	**25** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**26** 5:00 PM Kid's Movie *Hop*	**27** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta 2:00 PM Kid's Activity *Bunny Bait*	**28** 10:00 AM Breakfast with the Bunny Free Tickets available March 14
30 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**31**	6 N. Jackson St. Newark, IL 60541 815.695.5851 www.cbplib.us		Adult Youth	



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

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12 Teacher Institute
13 Teacher Institute
14 1st day student attend

SEPTEMBER '25

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01 Labor Day
04 SIP Day 11:15/11:30

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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

NOVEMBER '25

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

DECEMBER '25

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19 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
22 - 31 Winter Break

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01 New Year's Day
05 Teacher Institute
16 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
19 M.L. King Day
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FEBRUARY '26

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16 Presidents' Day

MARCH '26

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23 – 27 Spring Break

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

MAY '26

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25 Memorial's Day

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04 Independence Day

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