

District E-News **August 17, 2026**

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

Dear Families and Staff,

Here we go! Bus drivers will be reaching out soon with bus times. Please be patient the first few weeks as everyone adjusts getting back to school. Remember not to pass a school bus and be patient if you are behind one.

MJH Students - shuttle buses leave NGS promptly at 7:47 to go to MJH. Please arrive at NGS by 7:45 to give yourself a few minutes. 8th grade Algebra students - you will report directly to the high school on the first day! NCHS bell rings at 8:00 am sharp! Please make sure you are early!

Families are welcome to walk their students in on the first day and take pictures. It is important to establish a school routine for students, so we ask that you don't linger in the hallway too long. If you need extra time - please visit us in the cafe, but let your child get settled as quickly as possible.

Please help us welcome some new faces to our district family! Welcome McKenzie Pilch, Kindergarten; Dustin Cartina, MJH Social Studies; Brittany Allen, 1st grade Aide; Crystal Ness, Kinder aide and kitchen asst. And…. welcome to all of our students and new families! We have 11 additional district students this year. We are honored to be educating all of our children!

Please make sure you are familiar with our student - parent handbook for this year. We follow all policies and protocols aligned to board policies and school code. The handbook is on the website and here: 2026 - 2027 Parent-Student Handbook.pdf You can access the classroom supply lists here: Supply List 26-27.docx.pdf

NEWARK GRADE SCHOOL DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURES

Drop Off: Students may arrive after 7:35 am. Please watch carefully for all children and vehicles when dropping students off. Please use the center lane of the parking lot. Mr. Hofmann and Mrs. Turman are outside. Please stay in the yellow crosswalk lines. Students have outdoor recess from 7:35 - 8:05 am.

Walkers must also take caution of the vehicles on the road and in the parking lot. Students are admitted into the building at the first bell at 8:05 a.m. Class begins promptly at 8:10 a.m. when the second bell rings.

Pick Up:Parents picking up their children are urged to remain in their vehicles and follow the line up through the parking lot. The supervisor can then assure that each child is getting into the proper vehicle one at a time, and the risk of injury or harm is greatly decreased. If you must enter the building at the end of the day, you are asked to enter the cafeteria entrance and not go into the main hallway. Students who ride the bus home are dismissed to the bus at 3:00 p.m. Walkers are held in the cafe until buses are dismissed and then released to parents.

MILLBROOK JUNIOR HIGH DROP OFF & PICK UP POLICY - Shuttle bus leaves NGS to MJH at 7:47 am!

Those students who do not ride the bus at MJH should be dropped off and picked up at the west parking lot. Parents are asked to enter from Fox River Road to the parking lot. The front of the building is for buses and staff use only during the following hours: 7:45-8:15 a.m. and 2:30-3:15 p.m. and on early dismissal days from 7:45 – 8:15 a.m. and from 11:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-1:30 p.m. Dismissal of those students who do not ride the bus will be after the buses have left. This includes all walkers, bike riders and those being picked up by parents. Class begins promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Our absence /vacation form has been updated! Please read through the policy/procedure for this upcoming year. The form is on the website under parent resources and is attached below.

We are still in search of a 5th/6th Boys' Basketball coach and 5th/6th Girls' Volleyball coach for the 2026 - 2027 school year. Please send a letter of interest to Ms. Chase, Mr. Anderson or Mrs. Turman.

Thank you to Mr. Diaz, Ms. Mize, Mr. Hofmann and Nate Kath - outstanding custodian crew this summer! We appreciate you!

Welcome back Vikings! We are excited to start a great new year! Partners in Education ~ Mrs. Turman & Ms. Chase

Dates to Remember:

August 17 - Policy Committee Meeting 5:45 pm; Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm at NGS

August 18 - Teacher Institute; New Year's Eve! 4:15 - 5:15 @ NGS; 4:30 - 5:30 @ MJH Preschool 3's - 3:45 - 4:45; Preschool 4's 4:45 - 5:45

August 19 - Teacher Institute; Kindness in Chalk (flyer below)

August 20 - First day of school! Welcome Back! Ice Cream Social fundraiser at Homegrown (flyer below)

August 25 - Mobile Food Pantry @ NGS 4 - 5:30 pm; Soccer home vs. Crossroads 4:30; XC @ Channahon

August 27 - Soccer home vs. Lisbon 4:30; XC @ Citizens Memorial

August 31- Soccer home vs. Plano 4:30 pm; Open gym for GBB 5th - 8th 3:00 - 4:00 pm

August 31 - Sept 11 - Fall MAP testing

September 7 - Labor Day - no school

September 10 - SIP day 11:15/11:30 dismiss

September 9 - PTO meeting at MJH 6:00 pm

September 14 - 18 Scholastic Book Fair @ NGS

September 14 - GPD - Both schools (flyer below)

September 16 - Curriculum Night - both schools

September 21 - Budget Hearing and Board Meeting 6:30 pm at MJH

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Follow us on Facebook and Twitter and Instagram!

Website: www.ngsd66.org

Youtube channel: Newark School District

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 XC Practice, 8:00-9:00 AM	4 XC Practice, 8:00-9:00 AM	5 XC Practice, 8:00-9:00 AM	6 XC, Soccer Coach/parent mtg 4:30 pm XC Practice, 3:00-4:00 PM	7 XC Practice, 8:00-9:00 AM Soccer open field 5:00 - 7:00 pm	8
9	10 Soccer practice 5:00 - 7:00 PM XC Practice, 8:00-9:00 AM	11 Soccer practice 5:00 -7:00 PM XC Practice, 8:00-9:00 AM	12 Bleacher Inspections XC Practice, 8:00-9:00 AM	13 XC Practice, 8:00-9:00 AM	14 XC Practice, 8:00-9:00 AM Soccer practice 5:00-7:00 PM	15
16	17 Soccer practice 5:00-7:00 PM XC Practice, 3:30-4:30 PM	18 Soccer practice 5:00-7:00 PM XC Practice, 8:00-9:00 AM	19 XC Practice, 3:30-4:30 PM	20 XC Practice, 3:00-4:15 PM	21 Soccer practice 3:15-4:30 PM XC Practice, 3:00-4:15 PM	22
23	24 XC Practice, 3:00-4:15 PM Soccer Practice, 3:00-4:30 PM	25 XC Meet @ Channhon Community Park, 4:30 PM Bus: Soccer HOME vs Crossroads, 4:30 PM	26 Soccer Practice, 3:00-4:30 PM	27 Soccer HOME vs Lisbon, 4:30 PM XC Meet @ Citizens Memorial Sports Complex, 4:15 PM Bus:	28 XC Practice, 3:00-4:15 PM Soccer Practice, 3:00-4:30 PM 5th Grade Band sign up 3:30-5:30 pm	29
30	31 Soccer HOME vs Plano, 4:30 PM XC Practice, 3:00-4:15 PM 5th-8th GBB Open Gym 3:00-4:00 PM					

Please make sure you check the website for the most updated information! We need at least 15 soccer players for the season! This includes attending practices and games. The season may be cancelled without enough players for a team.

MEET THE SOCIAL WORKER



Hello, families!

I'm Mrs. Dunlap, and I am so excited to be your student's school social worker this year! This will be my second year serving both Newark Grade School and Millbrook Junior High, and I am thrilled to be back and working with your students.

This year, both schools will be using CharacterStrong as our Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum. SEL is an important part of helping students develop the skills they need to navigate friendships, manage emotions, solve problems, make responsible decisions, and be successful both in school and in life.

NGS families can also look forward to a monthly SEL newsletter! These newsletters will share what students are learning and practicing at school, along with simple tips, activities, and conversation starters that families can use at home to help reinforce these important skills.

I look forward to a wonderful year of learning, growing, and connecting with our students and families!

Contact Info:

Email: jdunlap@ncsd66.org
Phone: NGS: 815-695-5143 ext. 308
MJH: 630-553-5435 ext. 308

What does a school social worker do?

- Helps students handle big feelings.
- Helps students solve problems.
- Supports friendships and social skills.
- Helps students cope with changes or difficult situations.
- Teaches SEL skills.
- Helps students set and reach goals.
- Works with families and teachers to support students.
- Provides individual and small-group support.



Illinois Health Requirements

Preschool

- Birth Certificate
- Physical Examination/*immunizations* (DTP, Polio, Hepatitis B, HIB, Pneumococcal), Varicella "Chicken pox", MMR)
- Proof of blood lead test-Ages 6 and under (New Law July 1, 2026)

Kindergarten and/or first entry to Illinois Schools

- Birth Certificate
- Physical Examination/*immunizations*
  - 4 DTP (last shot on/after 4th birthday)
  - Hepatitis B- 3 doses for ALL grade levels
  - 4 Polio (last shot on/after 4th birthday)
  - 2 MMR (1st dose on/after 1st birthday, 2nd dose at least 4 weeks later)
  - Varicella "chicken pox"- 2 doses, (1st dose on/after 1st birthday)
- Proof of blood lead test-Ages 6 and under (New Law July 1, 2026)
- Dental exam on the school dental exam form
- Vision exam by an optometrist or ophthalmologist

Second Grade

- Dental exam on the school dental exam form

Sixth Grade

- Physical examination/*immunizations*
  - 3 Hepatitis B- for ALL Grade levels
  - Tdap booster- (1st dose on/after 11th birthday regardless of prior tetanus dose)
  - Meningoccal vaccine- (1st dose on/after 11th birthday)
- Dental Exam on the school dental exam form

Ninth Grade

Physical Examination/*immunizations*
Dental Exam on the school dental exam form

Twelfth Grade

Immunization: 2nd meningococcal vaccine required by entrance to school

(***- *Religious exemption (for immunizations) if applicable)***

K-12 Back to School Immunization Clinics

VFC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 18 years and younger
- Enrolled in Medicaid, Title 19
- Uninsured
- Underinsured
- American Indian or Alaskan Native

Staff will verify eligibility before the appointment is scheduled and on the day of the appointment.

Children must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian with proof of legal guardianship or have a written consent from a parent.

A current immunization record is required at the time of service.

CLINIC AVAILABILITY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

TUESDAY CLINICS, 4 PM - 6 PM

MAY 12 MAY 19 MAY 26	JUNE 2 JUNE 11 JUNE 16 JUNE 23 JUNE 30	JULY 7 JULY 14 JULY 21	AUGUST 4 AUGUST 11 AUGUST 18	SEPTEMBER 1 SEPTEMBER 15 SEPTEMBER 22 SEPTEMBER 29	OCTOBER 6 OCTOBER 13 OCTOBER 20

THURSDAY CLINICS, 1:30 PM - 3 PM

MAY 14	JUNE 4 JUNE 11 JUNE 25	JULY 9 JULY 23	AUGUST 6 AUGUST 13 AUGUST 20	SEPTEMBER 10	OCTOBER 8 OCTOBER 22

For more information or to schedule an appointment, scan the QR Code or call 630-553-9100.

KENDALL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, 811 W JOHN ST., YORKVILLE, IL 60560



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!

Kendall County Community FOOD PANTRY

www.equinedreams.org

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

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK. NEIGHBORS. EMPOWERED.

NEWARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 66
Special Absence Request Form

Student Name: _____ Grade:_____

Building:_____

Reason for Absence:_____

Date(s) of Absence:_____

Attendance and Extended Absences

Illinois law requires regular school attendance. Consistent attendance is essential to student learning, and there is no substitute for daily classroom instruction and participation. Absences can negatively affect a student's academic progress and impact the overall educational program.

Parents are strongly encouraged to schedule family trips and vacations during school breaks whenever possible. Absences for reasons other than personal illness, a serious illness in the immediate family, a death in the family, or a legal quarantine should be requested and approved in advance.

Students and parents are responsible for ensuring that all missed assignments are completed. Please note that absences during state or district assessments for reasons other than illness or a death in the family will be considered unexcused. In accordance with Board policy, family vacations taken during the school year are considered unexcused absences.

Homework Make-Up Policy

Students with *excused* absences will be allowed the same number of school days as their absence to complete missed assignments for full credit. Any work not completed within the allotted time will receive a grade of zero (0).

For *unexcused* absences, including family vacations, students may make up academic work for credit for up to five (5) *unexcused* absence days per school year. All make-up work must be completed upon the student's return to school and is subject to the teacher's guidelines and timelines.

Beginning with the sixth (6th) *unexcused* absence day, students will not be permitted to make up missed academic work for credit.

Teacher's Acknowledgement
Please indicate the effect the absence may have on this student's scholastic standing.

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Comments:

Acknowledgement:
I (we) acknowledge the above statements.

_____
Parent Signature Date

_____
Administrator Signature Date

YOU ARE INVITED

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

TUESDAY, AUG. 18, 2026

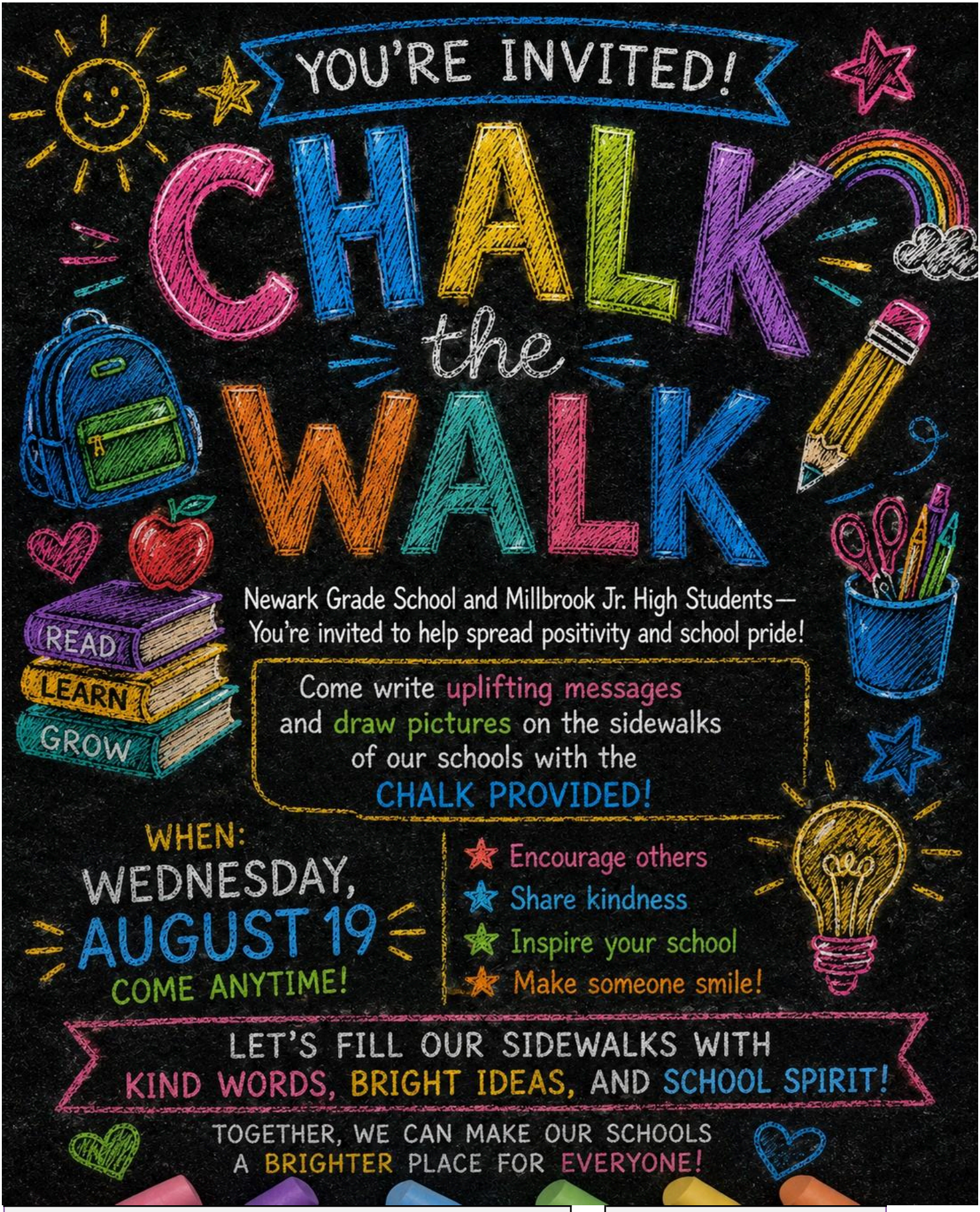
DROP OFF SUPPLIES AND MEET YOUR TEACHER

NGS 4:15 - 5:15

MJH 4:30 - 5:30

Preschool 3's 3:45 - 4:45

Preschool 4's 4:45 - 5:45


YOU'RE INVITED!
CHALK the WALK
READ
LEARN
GROW
Newark Grade School and Millbrook Jr. High Students—
You're invited to help spread positivity and school pride!
Come write uplifting messages
and draw pictures on the sidewalks
of our schools with the
CHALK PROVIDED!
WHEN:
WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 19
COME ANYTIME!
Encourage others
Share kindness
Inspire your school
Make someone smile!
LET'S FILL OUR SIDEWALKS WITH
KIND WORDS, BRIGHT IDEAS, AND SCHOOL SPIRIT!
TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE OUR SCHOOLS
A BRIGHTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE!


Back to School
ICE CREAM
Fundraiser
FARM FRESH PRODUCTS
Homegrown
MEAT COMPANY
- 2021 -
NEWARK, IL USA
Newark Grade School and Millbrook Jr. High would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to Homegrown Meat Company and YOU!
THURSDAY
AUGUST 20TH
3PM - 9PM
They will be hosting a fundraiser for us and a percentage of all sales for the date above will be donated as a benefit back to our schools.
Come Enjoy & Support Our Schools!
NEWARK / MILLBROOK
Parent Teacher Organization
Please bring this flyer in or show it on your phone.

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!

Parents, JOIN THE NEWARK/MILLBROOK PTO

2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR

VOLUNTEER
by coming to the monthly meetings both in person or via Zoom.

THE PTO MEETINGS
are organized for the purpose of supporting all of our students, Pre-K through 8th grade.

WE WANT TO
build relationships among the school, parents, teachers and community while helping provide financial support for programs, supplies and needs funded outside of the annual school budget.

MEETING DATES

2026

- September 9th
- October 14th
- November 11th
- December 9th

2027

- January 13th
- February 9th
- March 10th
- April 14th
- May 12th



ALL MEETINGS WILL BE AT
6:00 PM
AT MILLBROOK JR. HIGH



Charles B. Phillips Library August Calendar Events

MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
 Adult Events Youth Events					1 10:30 AM Watch Party *Super Mario Galaxy*
3 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime *Bus* 1:00 PM Walk & Chat Book Club Harris Forest Preserve	4	5 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	6	7 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	8
10 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime *Zoo* 1:00 PM Adult Matinee *You, Me & Tuscany*	11 10:30 AM Watch Party *Monsters University*	12 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	13	14 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	15 10:00 AM Adult Book Chat *James* By Percival Everett
17 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime *Barn Yard*	18 10:30 AM Kids Craft *Back to School Buttons*	19 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	20 4:00 PM Adult Game Night	21 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	22
24 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Adult Matinee *Michael*	25	26 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	27 5:00 PM Adult Painting *Personalize Doormat*	28 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	29
31 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	6 N. Jackson St. Newark, IL 815.695.5851 www.cbplib.us				

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

MAY '27

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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

School Calendar © calendarlabs.com

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