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Mrs. Anne Bilko
Admin. Intern



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Mrs. Anne Bilko,
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Mrs. Joan Kick, Ass't. Principal



Northville Elementary
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Mrs. Joan Kick, Ass't. Principal

Spotlight on New Milford Schools

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Wrapping up the 2011-2012 School Year

With just a few days left of the 2011-2012 school year, finals are being taken, books are being turned in and graduation ceremonies are being practiced.

Middle and high school students have had dances, awards nights and received their summer reading assignments.

Elementary and intermediate students have performed band and chorus concerts, participated in field day and signed their friends' yearbooks.

Teachers are figuring final grades, administrators are preparing for next school year and parents are making summer plans. A busy time for everyone!

The Board of Education (BOE) has been planning for the 2012-2013 school year for several months now. However, with the passing of the New Milford Town and School budget in mid-May, planning can move into doing.

The BOE recently approved the following administrator hires:

Mr. Marc Balanda, Assistant Principal at New Milford High School

Mrs. Anne Bilko, Assistant Principal for Sarah Noble Intermediate School

Mrs. Joan Kick, full-time Assistant Principal at the elementary schools

Dr. Christopher Longo, Assistant Principal at New Milford High School

Mrs. Tracy-Ann Menzies, Interim Supervisor of Special Education

Mrs. MaryAnn Ness, one-year term as Principal at Hill & Plain School

Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services

Mrs. Susan Ruddock, half-time Assistant Principal at Hill and Plain School

In addition, Mrs. Suzi Greene will transfer from NMHS to SMS as Assistant Principal.

Watch for more information on these staff members as well as additional new hires in the September 2012 newsletter.

New Milford Public Schools wishes everyone a fun and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you again on August 27!

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LET'S GO

If you have a student that plays an instrument you know the dedication that goes into the New Milford School bands. Students in grades 4-12 have the opportunity for both instrument lessons and band participation.

Recently, the Sarah Noble Intermediate School bands performed several "end of the year concerts". Students in grades 4-6 showed off their talents both on stage and in the New Milford Memorial Day Parade.



7th and 8th graders at Schaghticoke Middle School participated in both the Gaylordsville and the New Milford Memorial Day Parades. These activities helped wrap up a busy year for SMS band students.

In addition to several concerts, community service projects (Alzheimer's Walk and playing at area nursing homes), the SMS band participated in the Great East Festivals competition at Six Flags amusement park in Massachusetts and the Northern Region Middle School Festival.



The New Milford High School Band knows how to keep busy! In addition to playing at home football games and providing the music for the All School Musical, the band and color guard also performed in several USBands competitions. With their show entitled "Heartbeat with Music" by Key Poulan, the band ended the season finishing 4th in the USBands Class 5 Open New England States Championships held at Kennedy Stadium in Bridgeport, CT.

Additionally, both the NMHS Band and Color Guard groups competed in USBands and MAC, Musical Arts Conference, indoor competitions. The Winter Guard was MAC Scholastic A State Champions for the second year in a row! Winter Percussion finished 2nd at the USBands Indoor Championships held at the Sun Bank Arena in New Jersey.

Many of the music students also participate in events hosted by CMEA, Connecticut Music Educators Association. The students prepared the audition material on their own and were selected to many different honor groups throughout the year.

In April, the Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Jazz Band and Winter Guard traveled to Virginia Beach, VA to perform in the Festivals of Music Competition. The Jazz Band finished second in their class with a rating of Excellent. The Concert Band finished first in their class with a rating of Excellent. The Winter Guard finished first in their class with a rating of Superior. The Wind Ensemble finished first in their class with a rating of Superior. The Wind Ensemble was also awarded the William D. Revelli Concert Band Award for the highest overall score at the competition.

A fantastic year overall!



NMHS Band
photos courtesy of
John Wells.

B A N D

Walking Project



The Sarah Noble 5th grade walked around the world nearly twice during the month of May. Well, not literally, but definitely figuratively! 47,847 miles were walked during this year's Walking Project.

Now in its sixth year, The Walking Project is about a lot more than just walking. Students learn about the "Three E's" - Environment, Eating Well and Exercise. Partnering with local businesses and organizations, each class is paired with a sponsor. Sponsors walked with the students, provided information on nutrition and even taught a boot camp workout!

To learn more about The Walking Project and see a list of sponsors, visit their [webpage](#).



Click the photo above to see a video "rap" that Mrs. Denise Ambrose's class wrote and performed during the Walking Project Celebration Ceremony.



Hill and Plain Garden (left)

2nd graders at Hill and Plain Elementary School plant different kinds of vegetables in the school garden as part of their science curriculum.

Families have signed up to water and weed the garden throughout the summer.

JPS Greenhouse (right)

Parent, teacher and student volunteers from John Pettibone Elementary School assembled a new greenhouse on school grounds. Parent Volunteer, Allison Buckley received a grant from Lowe's Home Improvement for supplies.

The greenhouse will be used to start plants for the JPS Courtyard Garden. 2nd grade JPS students plant and maintain a garden annually.



Northville Plant Patch (left)

As part of the science cart, Northville Elementary students planted seeds that are later transplanted into the school garden—The Plant Patch!

Students make subsequent visits to The Plant Patch as part of Colonial Days and in conjunction with lessons from The Pratt Center.

Volunteers from the Northville PTO keep the garden maintained throughout the summer.



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NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2012 – 2013 School

August 2012 5 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

22 Teacher Work Day
23 Professional Development
24 All Staff Convocation
27 Students Return

September 17 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

3 Labor Day
17 Rosh Hashanah
26 Yom Kippur

October 22 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

8 Columbus Day
17 K-12 Early Dismissal for PD
24 K-12 Early Dismissal for PD

November 18 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

6 Election Day/Professional Day
12 Veterans Day Observed
21 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving
22-23 Thanksgiving Recess
27-29 K-12 Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences

December 15 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

3 K-3 Evening Parent Conferences
4 SNIS Evening Parent Conferences
5 SMS Evening Parent Conferences
6 HS Evening Parent Conferences
24-28 Holiday Recess
& 31

January 2013 21 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

1 Holiday Recess
21 Martin Luther King Day

February 18 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	

18&19 Winter Recess

March 20 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

6 Kindergarten Parent Orientation
25-27 K-6 Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences
26-27 SMS/HS Early Dismissal for PD
29 Good Friday

April 17 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

1 K-3 Evening Parent Conferences
2 SNIS Evening Parent Conferences
3 SMS Evening Parent Conferences
4 HS Evening Parent Conferences
8-12 NES Kindergarten Registration
10 7-12 Early Dismissal for PD
15-19 Spring Recess
22-26 HPS Kindergarten Registration

May 22 Days







Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

1 K-12 Early Dismissal for PD
6-10 JPS Kindergarten Registration
15 K-12 Early Dismissal for PD
27 Memorial Day

June * 6 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

10 Last Day of School
11 Teacher Work Day and District-wide Meeting

-  First Day of School
-  Schools Closed
-  Schools Closed for PD or pre-opening or closing activities
-  Early Dismissal All Schools
-  Early Dismissal K-6 Only
-  Early Dismissal 7-12 Only

181 Student Days Total
186 Teacher Days Total

* NMHS Graduation Date will be set by the Board of Education at its April 2013 Meeting.

Any days lost by emergency closing of schools will be added to the calendar after June 10 through, and including, June 21, 2013. After June 21, days will be deducted from the beginning of spring recess starting with April 15, 16, etc. Additional days will be added after June 21, 2013.

Updated May 17, 2012

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2013 – 2014 School

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August 2013 5 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

- 21 Teacher Work Day
22 Professional Development
23 All Staff Convocation
26 Students Return

September 19 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
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- 2 Labor Day
5 Rosh Hashanah

October 22 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
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- 14 Columbus Day
16 K-12 Early Dismissal for PD
23 K-12 Early Dismissal for PD

November 17 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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- 5 Election Day/Professional Day
11 Veterans Day Observed
19-21 K-12 Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences
27 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving
28-29 Thanksgiving Recess

December 15 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
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30	31			

- 2 K-3 Evening Parent Conferences
3 SNIS Evening Parent Conferences
4 SMS Evening Parent Conferences
5 HS Evening Parent Conferences
23-27 Holiday Recess
30&31 Holiday Recess

January 2014 21 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

- 1 Holiday Recess
20 Martin Luther King Day

February 18 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

- 17&18 Winter Recess

March 21 Days

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24	25	26	27	28
31				

- 5 Kindergarten Parent Orientation
24-26 K-6 Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences
25-26 SMS/HS Early Dismissal for PD
31 K-3 Evening Parent Conferences

April 17 Days

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- 1 SNIS Evening Parent Conferences
2 SMS Evening Parent Conferences
3 HS Evening Parent Conferences
7-11 NES Kindergarten Registration
9 7-12 Early Dismissal for PD
14-18 Spring Recess
21-25 HPS Kindergarten Registration
28-30 JPS Kindergarten Registration

May 21 Days







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13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
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- 1-2 JPS Kindergarten Registration
7 K-12 Early Dismissal for PD
21 K-12 Early Dismissal for PD
26 Memorial Day

June * 5 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
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- 6 Last Day of School

-  First Day of School
-  Schools Closed
-  Schools Closed for PD or pre-opening activities
-  Early Dismissal All Schools
-  Early Dismissal K-6 Only
-  Early Dismissal 7-12 Only

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181 Student Days Total

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NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2014 – 2015 School

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August 2014 5 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
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- 20 Teacher Work Day
21 Professional Development
22 All Staff Convocation
25 Students Return

September 20 Days

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- 1 Labor Day
25 Rosh Hashanah

October 22 Days

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- 13 Columbus Day
15 K-12 Early Dismissal for PD
22 K-12 Early Dismissal for PD

November 16 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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- 4 Election Day/Professional Day
11 Veterans Day Observed
18-20 K-12 Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences
26 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving
27-28 Thanksgiving Recess

December 17 Days

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- 1 K-3 Evening Parent Conferences
2 SNIS Evening Parent Conferences
3 SMS Evening Parent Conferences
4 HS Evening Parent Conferences
23 Early Dismissal for Holiday Recess
24-26 Holiday Recess
29-31 Holiday Recess

January 2015 19 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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- 1-2 Holiday Recess
19 Martin Luther King Day

February 18 Days

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- 16&17 Winter Recess

March 22 Days

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30	31			

- 4 Kindergarten Parent Orientation
23-25 K-6 Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences
24-25 SMS/HS Early Dismissal for PD
30 K-3 Evening Parent Conferences
31 SNIS Evening Parent Conferences

April 16 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

- 1 SMS Evening Parent Conferences
3 Good Friday
6-10 NES Kindergarten Registration
8 7-12 Early Dismissal for PD
9 HS Evening Parent Conferences
13-17 Spring Recess
20-24 HPS Kindergarten Registration
27-30 JPS Kindergarten Registration

May 20 Days







Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
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- 1 JPS Kindergarten Registration
6 K-12 Early Dismissal for PD
20 K-12 Early Dismissal for PD
25 Memorial Day

June * 6 Days

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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- 8 Last Day of School

-  First Day of School
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 Schools Closed for PD or pre-opening activities
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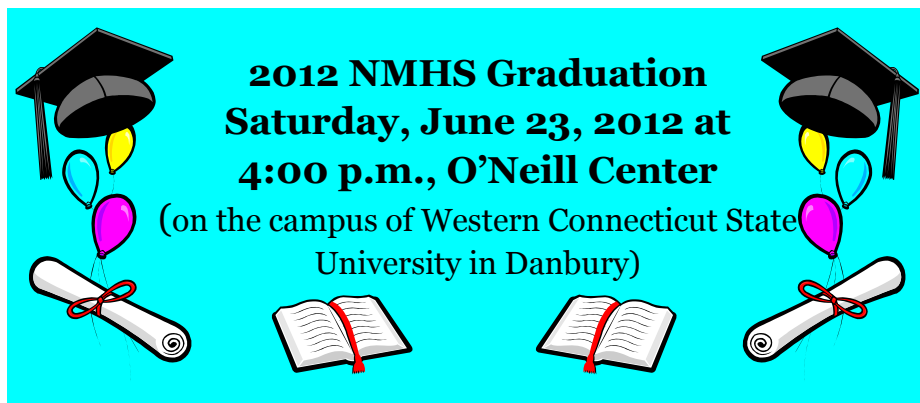
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New Milford Schools Calendar

C A L E N D A R

June

18—Last Day of School - Early Dismissal HS/SMS @ 12 PM - Elem @ 1 PM



August

14 **NMHS** Freshmen & New Student Orientation

21 **SMS** parent walk-through

24 **SNIS** Open House/Meet the Teacher for 4th grade, 11:00 am -12:00 pm

K-3 Open House/Meet the Teacher—12:30 pm -1:30 p.m.

SNIS Open House/Meet the Teacher for 5th & 6th grades, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

27 First Day of School—early dismissal

September

3 **No School (Labor Day)**

4 **BOE** Facilities Committee Mtg - Lillis Bldg. Room 2 @ 6:30 PM

BOE Operations Committee Mtg - Lillis Bldg. Room 2 @ 7:30 PM

7 **K-3** Welcome Back Picnic (HPS, JPS, NES)

10 **SNIS** Curriculum Night

11 **Board of Education** Mtg. - SNIS Library Media Room @ 7:30 PM

12 **SMS** Curriculum Night

13 **NMHS** Curriculum Night

14 **SNIS** Family Fun Fest

17 **No school (Rosh Hashanah)**

18 **SNIS** Curriculum Night

BOE Policy Committee Mtg. - Lillis Bldg. Room 2 @ 6:30 PM

BOE Committee on Learning Mtg. - Lillis Bldg. Room 2 @ 7:30 PM

19 **K-3** Curriculum Night (H&P, JPS, NES)

26 **No School (Yom Kippur)**

Please Note—these dates are subject to change. Please refer to the [New Milford School District website](#) for up-to-date information.



Experts agree the best way to stop summer “brain drain” is by reading! New Milford Public Schools asks that each K-8 student participate in the [Connecticut Governor’s 2012 Reading Challenge](#).

But while you’re reading, you might want to check out these other reading programs as well. Some offer great prizes and might get your student(s) fired up about reading!

[New Milford Public Library](#)

Register now for the New Milford Public Library (NMPL) reading program. The program, which runs from July 2-August 10, offers random prizes for every 32 pages (or one picture book) your child reads. Children receive a game board and when the game board is complete, students will receive a certificate and a book.

[Barnes & Noble](#)

Barnes & Noble book stores offer students K-6 a free book for their reading efforts. Students simply read any eight (8) books and complete the accompanying reading journal, bring it to a Barnes & Noble store and choose a free book. The program runs from May 22nd to September 4th.

[Chuck E. Cheese’s](#)

Complete the reading reward calendar for 10 free tokens, offer expires 12/31/12.

[Pottery Barn Kids](#)

Pick a book from the Pottery Barn Kids reading list and qualify for a free book and register for special prizes. There are two lists: one for independent readers and one for early readers. The program runs from May 17th to August 22nd. Free books must be redeemed by August 31st.

[Scholastic Books](#)

Read books, log minutes, win prizes – simple enough! They also have a cool (and free) reading timer app for your smart phone or device.

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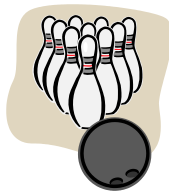
Summer Fun

Looking for something fun this summer? Below are 20 free things you and your child can do. Write each item on a popsicle stick and put them into a container. When your child says, "Mom, I'm bored," have them pull out a popsicle stick and you have an instant "boredom buster."

1. Bike Ride
2. Board Games
3. Build a Fort
4. Card Games
5. Catch Bugs
6. Charades
7. Explore the Neighborhood
8. Fly Kites
9. Hike
10. Make Paper Planes or Origami
11. Make Popsicles
12. Picnic
13. Play in the Rain
14. Play I-Spy
15. Play with Sidewalk Chalk
16. Random Acts of Kindness
17. Sand Castle or Sand Sculpture
18. Treasure Hunt
19. Volunteer
20. Water Balloon Fight



Another summer freebie...



Do your kids enjoy bowling? By registering your kids at www.kidsbowlfree.com they'll receive passes for 2 free games per day at our local bowling alley. A great deal, especially on those really hot days because the bowling alley is air conditioned!

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family and community, is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

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