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Spotlight on New Milford Schools

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Ready, Set, Almost Go for 2014–2015!

While you are busy enjoying summer happenings with family and friends, the New Milford Public Schools are busy getting ready for our students return on August 25th. Administrators and support staff are welcoming and registering new students, bringing new staff on board, and making all the many preparations that a new school year brings. Take a look inside for a “spotlight” on just a few of the things we’ve been up to this summer.

**First Day of School for Students:
Monday, August 25, 2014**

Early dismissal schedule that day:

NMHS and SMS:

7:35 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Elementaries and SNIS:

8:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Summer Vacation? What Summer Vacation?

The New Milford Public Schools Facilities Department works hard all summer to make sure our buildings are ready for the return of students and staff in August. Facilities Manager John Calhoun says there are as many as 40 projects going at any one time! The department receives lots of cooperation from administrators and staff and works around the summer activities of the schools and community.



There are some projects that happen every summer. District-wide, all floors are re-waxed, all carpets shampooed, restrooms sanitized, and walls and other surfaces cleaned. The department sands and recoats every wood gymnasium floor, and seals the synthetic gym floors throughout the district, as well as inspects and services all gym partition doors.

They pump, inspect and dispose of waste from every septic and grease tank at each of our facilities that have such tanks. All fire extinguishers, fire alarms, emergency lights and fire suppression systems are inspected and repaired as needed. All kitchen ductwork and hood systems in every kitchen in the district are cleaned and inspected. The staff cleans, services and repairs all boilers, burners and hot water heaters in every Board of Education building. In addition, they replenish all of the playgrounds' bark mulch to meet safety standards. And, of course, there is always mowing!

This summer the Facilities staff were very busy with school specific projects as well. Mr. Calhoun said the department has continued to install security enhancements to the buildings. Classrooms and hallways were repainted as needed. Tiles were replaced at SMS and NMHS. At SNIS, the lighting retrofit project was completed inside and problem trees and an old snack shack were removed from the grounds. An asphalt project was done at NES. Parking lot line repainting took place at HPS, NES, SNIS and NMHS. The high school's arena floor was resurfaced and repainted.

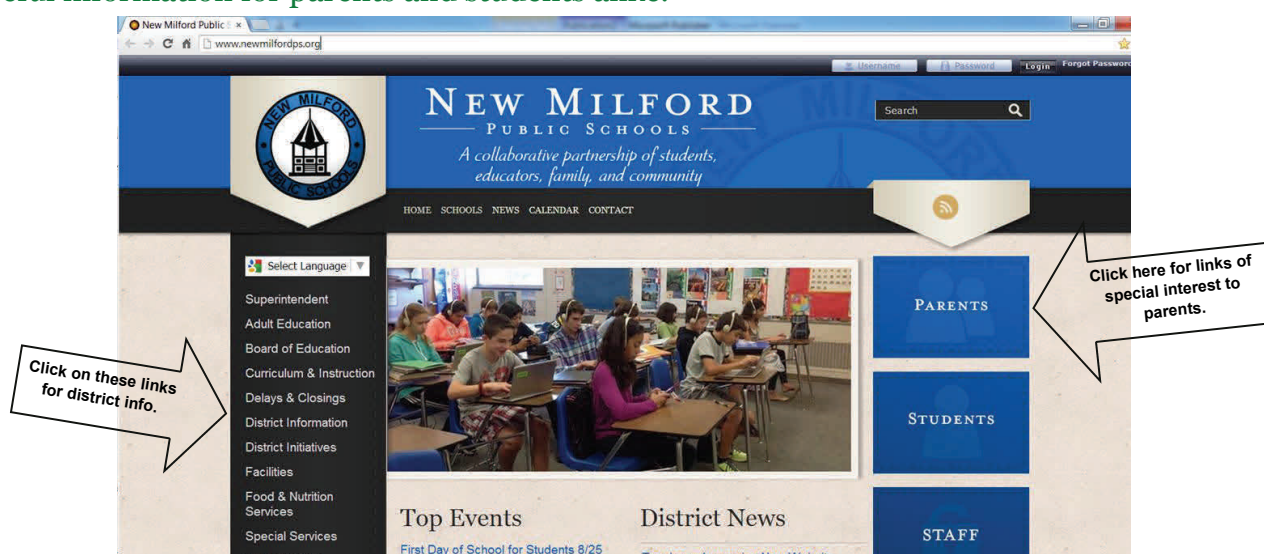
Workstations were added to the *Project Lead the Way* classroom. At the Larson farm house, a hot water boiler was replaced and sections of the barn floor and exterior walls were repaired.

As summer draws to a close, the Facilities staff will continue to put the finishing touches to each building going forward so they are ready and welcoming for the return of both staff and students alike.



New Look for District Website

Some of you may have already noticed a new look to the district website. According to Director of Technology Roberta Pratt “During the 2013-2014 school year the previous web service provider notified the district that they would be discontinuing service, so the hunt was on for a replacement.” The new site went live on June 27th and the Technology Department has been tweaking it all summer long in preparation for school opening in August. While the site may have a very different look from the old website, it is still packed with useful information for parents and students alike.

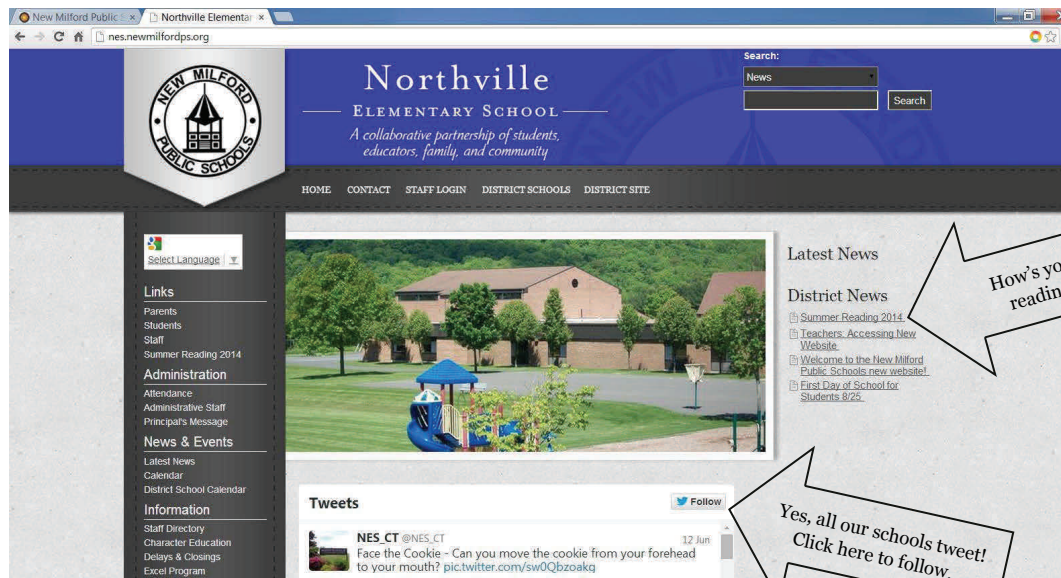


The main page for the district has links at the top to direct a visitor to view district news or the district event calendar and provides contact links for central office administrative staff and the Board of Education. The left side menu has links to everything from Curriculum & Instruction to Food & Nutrition Services to District Initiatives. A new feature on the right hand side groups several related links under buttons for parents, students, staff etc. If you have a moment or two, take some time to click around on the page. You never know what valuable information you might find. Questions about something you do not see listed? Feel free to contact our [Technology Department](#) and they will pass on your inquiry to the appropriate party.

The New Milford Board of Education tab provides information regarding upcoming meetings of the Board and its sub-committees, the policies governing our schools and information on the education budget. You can even follow a link to watch meetings of the Board on-line.

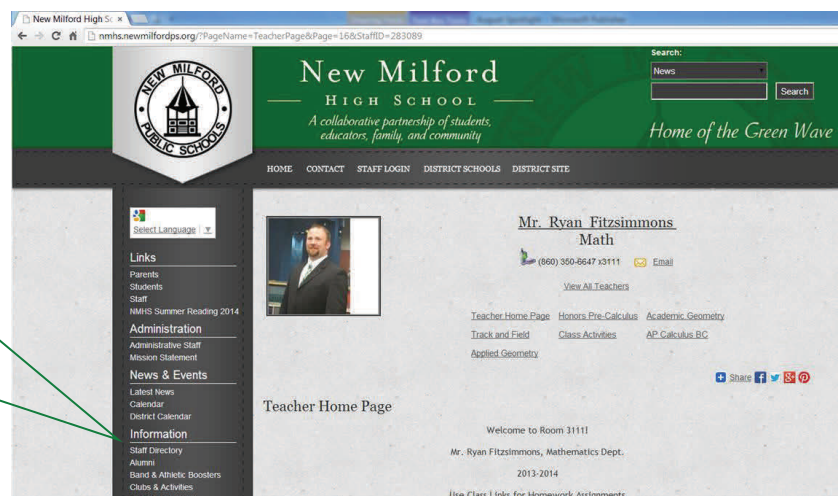


Every school has its own site too. Some of the links are the same for each school, but lots of others offer information specific to that school's guidelines and happenings. Each school's Twitter feed is prominently displayed on its home page. The new website also has a nice mobile version for your smartphone or tablet of choice.



For those of you still in summer mode, each school's home page has a link to summer reading with suggested reading assignments and a link to the New Milford Public Library website where you can search for that perfect book.

The Staff Directory tab gives you contact information for teachers and administrators at that school. It also links to the teacher webpage if they have one.



We hope you will visit the website, both district and school pages, on a regular basis to keep up-to-date on school happenings. On our part, we will strive to keep it both informative and useful.

Leadership Changes

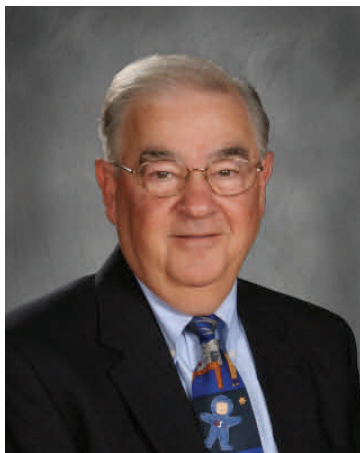
When students return to school in August, they may see some new faces in administrative positions as well as some familiar faces in new places. At a Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, the Board of Education approved three administrative appointments which were recommended by Superintendent of Schools JeanAnn C. Paddyfote.

Mrs. Anne Bilko was named Principal of Sarah Noble Intermediate School where she has served as Assistant Principal for the past 2 years. Mrs. Bilko replaces Interim Principal Dr. Len Tomasello who will become Interim Principal of Hill and Plain Elementary School for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Paula Kelleher, current John Pettibone School Principal, will become Principal at Hill and Plain School beginning in July 2015.

Per Dr. Paddyfote, "With the closing of John Pettibone School in June of 2015 and the reconfiguration of the remaining schools, we wanted a leadership team in place this year to help ensure a smooth transition for all. Mrs. Kelleher will remain at John Pettibone School where she has served as Principal for many years, Dr. Tomasello will provide veteran leadership at Hill & Plain and Mrs. Bilko will take over the leadership at Sarah Noble, a school and staff she already knows very well."



Mrs. Anne Bilko
Principal
Sarah Noble Intermediate School



Dr. Len Tomasello
Principal
Hill and Plain Elementary School



Mrs. Paula Kelleher
Principal
John Pettibone Elementary School

Prior to serving as an assistant principal at Sarah Noble, Mrs. Bilko served as an administrative intern at SNIS and as an assistant principal at Hill and Plain School in 2011-2012. Mrs. Bilko spent ten years as a fifth grade teacher for the New Milford Public Schools prior to her administrative experiences.

Mrs. Bilko's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Economics from St. John's University, her Elementary Education Teacher Certification (K-6) from Western Connecticut State University, a Master of Science in Educational

Technology from Eastern Connecticut State University, and her 6th year degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Sacred Heart University.

Two assistant principals were also chosen to replace administrators who retired at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.



Mrs. Jennifer Hankla
Assistant Principal
HPS and JPS



Mrs. Barbara Nanassy
Assistant Principal
SNIS

Mrs. Jennifer Hankla was named K-3 Assistant Principal assigned to Hill and Plain and John Pettibone Elementary schools. Mrs. Hankla comes to New Milford from the Ridgefield Public Schools where she has served as a Literary Specialist from 2005 to the present. Prior to that appointment, Mrs. Hankla spent 12 years as an elementary school teacher.

Mrs. Hankla's educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Theatre & Speech from the College of William and Mary, a Master of Arts in Education with a concentration in Reading and English from the University of North Texas, a certification in Educational Leadership from Sacred Heart University, and certification from the Advanced Alternative Preparation Program for Literary Specialists from Albertus Magnus College.

Mrs. Barbara Nanassy was named Assistant Principal at Sarah Noble Intermediate School. Mrs. Nanassy comes to New Milford from the Brookfield Public Schools where she has worked since 1998 first as a Grade 2 teacher and most recently as a Grade 5 Math & Literacy teacher and as Building Coordinator for SRBI (Scientific Research-Based Interventions).

Mrs. Nanassy's educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Houghton College, a Master of Education in Reading from Saint Joseph College and her 6th year degree in Advanced Studies in Administration from Sacred Heart University.



Curriculum Night—Grades K-3
September 10, 2014
(HPS, JPS, NES) 5:30 p.m.

Curriculum Night—Grade 4
September 15, 2014
(SNIS) 6:00 p.m.

Curriculum Night—Grades 5&6
September 17, 2014
(SNIS) 6:00 p.m.

Curriculum Night—Grades 7&8
September 11, 2014
(SMS) 5:30 p.m.

Open House—Grades 9 through 12
September 18, 2014
(NMHS) 7:00 p.m.

Interested in Volunteering?

The Board of Education recognizes that volunteers can make many valuable contributions to our schools. The Board endorses a volunteer program that encourages community residents to take an active role to become school volunteers subject to suitable regulations and safeguards.

The New Milford Public Schools recognizes that just about any volunteer situation may result in direct contact with students. Our obligation to take appropriate measures to keep our children safe is one of our primary concerns. We require criminal history checks, at no cost to you, of all adults who wish to act as volunteers in our schools or chaperones on our field trips.

In order to volunteer, whether in the classroom, school or on a field trip, it is necessary for you to be fingerprinted. This takes place through the district's Human Resources department. However, if you have already been fingerprinted and have actively volunteered each year, you may not need to be re-fingerprinted. You should check with the secretary to the principal in your child's school.

Fingerprinting dates will be made available through the school office once school begins. If you are planning to volunteer at any time during the school year, please sign up with your child's teacher and plan to be fingerprinted earlier rather than later. More information will be given to you from the school. We look forward to having you join us as school volunteers.





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New Students!

*Do you have a new neighbor
with school aged children
or know of a friend
moving to New Milford?*

**Please share the following information
about late registration with them:**

On August 6, 2014, there will be late registration for new students entering grades kindergarten through Grade 3 at Hill & Plain, Northville and John Pettibone Elementary schools. Please call the appropriate school after July 28, 2014 and before August 6, 2014 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to make arrangements for registration.

Hill & Plain School 860-354-5430
Northville School 860-355-3713
John Pettibone School 860-354-3218

Parents of students in grades 4-6 may call the Sarah Noble Intermediate School office at 860-210-4020 any weekday throughout the summer between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to make arrangements for registration.

Parents of students in grades 7-8 may call the Schaghticoke Middle School office at 860-354-2204 any weekday throughout the summer between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to make arrangements for registration.

Parents of students in grades 9-12 may call the New Milford High School guidance secretary at 860-350-6647 extension 1102 at the high school any weekday throughout the summer between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to make arrangements for registration.

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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