



NEW WINDSOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May & June 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Families!

Dear New Windsor School Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you. It truly takes a supportive community to make a school year successful.

Looking back over the past ten months, I'm amazed at what we've accomplished together. Whether through volunteering, cheering on our students, or simply ensuring your child arrived with a smile, your involvement has made a difference.

Why Your Support Matters

Your partnership is vital to our students' success. This year, your contributions have helped us:

- Foster a Positive Environment: Your encouragement at home boosts student confidence.
- Enrich Our Programs: Your time and resources have created unforgettable experiences.
- Build a Stronger Community: Your kindness has made our school feel like a true "home away from home."

Looking Ahead

As classrooms grow quieter, the growth your children have made will continue. We hope you take this summer to rest and celebrate your achievements.

Thank you for trusting us with your children's education. It has been an honor to work with you.

Wishing you a safe and sunny summer break!

With New Windsor School Pride,



Mr. Caml
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS



K-2 FIELD DAY
06-02-2026



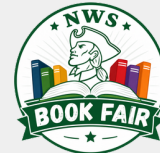
3-5 FIELD DAY
06-03-2026



**KINDERGARTEN
MARTIME FIELD TRIP**
06-04-2026



**CLINTONIAN
INDUCTION CEREMONY**
06-04-2026



SPRING BOOK FAIR
06-09--11-2026



5TH GRADE GLOW UP DANCE
06-12-2026



**5TH GRADE
MOVING UP CEREMONY**
06-16-2026



**KINDERGARTEN
MOVING UP CEREMONY**
06-17&18-2026



FIRSTIE FUN DAY
06-18-2026

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Mark Your Calendars!
So you don't miss any events!



NWS Earth Day Poster Artists!

NWS EARTH DAY POSTERS



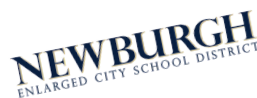
Congratulations to these Awesome Earth Day Poster Artists! Students from Mrs. Merrill's 2nd-grade classroom worked on these Earth Day Posters during art class with Ms. De Forest. The students reviewed the different ways that people can reduce waste by recycling, repurposing, and composting. They made beautiful and colorful posters depicting these ideas. Their artwork has been submitted for inclusion in Senator Skoufis' Earth Day Poster Contest. Well done 2nd graders!!!

The selected pieces are displayed and celebrated on the Senator's website, <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/james-skoufis/earthday>.

Pieces are chosen by the school art educator based on the quality of execution and the creativity demonstrated by the student in response to instruction.



Ms. De Forest
NWS Art Teacher



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School Psychologist's Corner!

Missing School Means Missing Out: The Power of a Full School Day

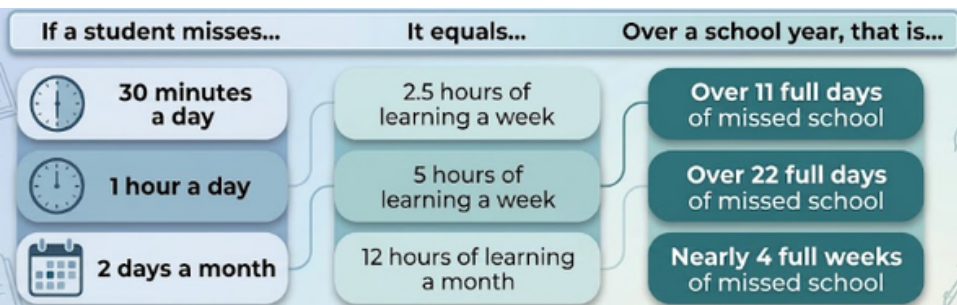
As we close out the 2025-26 school year, it is not too early to start thinking about next year. At New Windsor School, every day is an adventure filled with reading milestones, math discoveries, hands-on science experiments, and critical social time with friends. While it's easy to think of a school day as just a checklist of assignments, it is actually a carefully timed sequence where every hour matters. Over the course of this school year, we have noticed an increase in "early pick-ups" -where students are signed out 30, 60, or even 90 minutes before the dismissal. Our most recent attendance reports shows over 500 absence days accumulated through early dismissals. We know family life is incredibly busy. However, missing even a small part of the day has a surprisingly big impact on your child's success.

The Hidden Impact of "Just a Few Minutes"

It can feel harmless to pick your child up at 2:30 PM instead of waiting for the 3:45 PM dismissal, especially to beat traffic or get a head start on an after-school activity. But those final minutes of the day are some of the most important.

During the last hour of school, teachers are typically wrapping up core lessons, assigning and explaining homework, and helping students organize their thoughts. It is also a vital time for reflection, where children celebrate what they learned and transition socially with their peers.

When a child is picked up early, they don't just miss work - they miss the closure of the day. They often arrive the next morning feeling rushed, disconnected, and scrambling to catch up on what they missed.



Why Consistent Attendance Matters in Elementary School

Research shows that consistent school attendance is one of the strongest predictors of a child's academic and social success.

- **Building the Foundation:** In elementary school, lessons are highly cumulative. What a child learns at 10:00 AM on Tuesday is the foundation for what they will learn on Wednesday. Missing days creates gaps in their knowledge that make future lessons harder to grasp.

The Gift of Summer Reading: A Message to Parents and Guardians

Summer offers something that the school year often cannot—time. Time to slow down, reconnect, explore, and create lasting memories as a family. While vacations and activities are important, one of the greatest gifts we can give our children during the summer months is the opportunity to read.

Research consistently shows that children who read regularly during the summer maintain and even strengthen their academic skills. Reading keeps young minds active, expands vocabulary, improves comprehension, and fosters creativity. Just twenty minutes of reading a day can make a significant difference when students return to school in the fall.



Equally important is what children do instead of spending hours on electronic devices. Screens have become a constant presence in our lives, but summer provides a wonderful opportunity to unplug. Encourage your children to explore the outdoors, observe nature, ride bikes, visit local parks, hike trails, collect interesting rocks, or simply lie on the grass and watch the clouds drift by.

Consider visiting museums, libraries, zoos, historical sites, and community events. These experiences spark curiosity and provide rich learning opportunities that no screen can fully replicate. Even ordinary family outings can become extraordinary learning experiences when children are encouraged to ask questions and discover new things.

Perhaps most importantly, make time to simply be together. Share meals without phones, play board games, read aloud as a family, or sit on the porch and talk. Children may not remember every activity, but they will remember the feeling of being connected and valued.

This summer, let books open new worlds, let nature inspire wonder, and let family time strengthen the bonds that matter most. The memories created today and the habits developed through reading will benefit our children for years to come.

Have a safe, joyful, and book-filled summer!

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School Psychologist's Corner! (Cont'd)

Missing School Means Missing Out: The Power of a Full School Day

- **Social & Emotional Growth:** School is where children learn how to navigate friendships, share, cooperate, and build resilience. When a child is frequently absent or leaves early, they miss out on structured and unstructured peer interactions, which can make them feel left out.
- **Creating Lifelong Habits:** Regular attendance teaches children accountability, routine, and dependability. The habits they build in Kindergarten and 1st grade follow them all the way through high school and into adulthood.

How Families Can Help

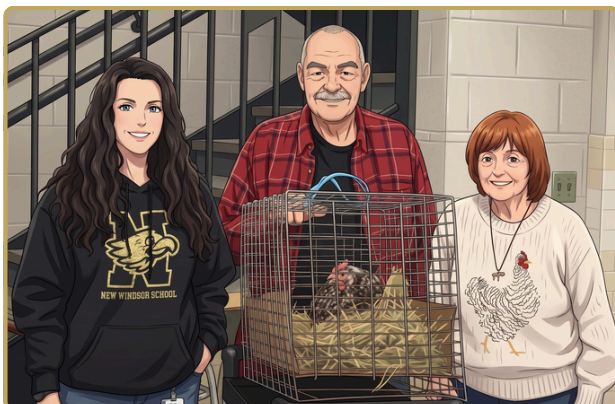
We want to partner with you to give your child the best possible school experience. Here are a few simple ways to champion great attendance:

- **Schedule Wisely:** Whenever possible, please schedule doctor, dentist, and personal appointments on school holidays, early-dismissal days, or later in the afternoon after the final bell.
- **Protect the Routine:** Keep a regular bedtime and morning routine to ensure your child wakes up rested and ready to learn.
- **Limit Screen Time:** After school and power down devices at least 2 hours before bedtime.
- **Talk Positively About School:** Encourage your child by talking about how exciting it is to see their teacher and friends every day.

A Note on Illness: Of course, if your child is truly sick, running a fever, or contagious, they should absolutely stay home to rest and protect the health of our school community!

Thank you for your continued partnership, your flexibility, and your dedication to helping our students show up, stay the whole day, and shine!

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Mrs. Caci
School Psychologist

RECENT EVENTS



NWS: CLINTONIAN INDUCTION CEREMONY

06-04-2026

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NWS: FIELD DAY! 2026

JUNE-2026

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NWS: MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

05-08-2026

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NWS: CHARACTER AMBASSADOR ASSEMBLY

05-11-2026

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New Windsor School Students Inducted into the Clintonian Society

New Windsor School proudly celebrated the induction of 14 exceptional students into the Clintonian Society during a formal ceremony held on June 4, 2026. The Clintonian Society is a longstanding tradition at New Windsor School that recognizes and honors scholars who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, exemplary character, and a commitment to leadership and service. The society seeks to foster a passion for scholarship, encourage responsible citizenship, inspire service to others, develop leadership skills, and promote the highest standards of character among students.

This year, fourteen students from grades 4 and 5 earned this distinguished honor through their dedication, hard work, and positive contributions to the school community. Their induction reflects not only academic excellence but also the values that define the New Windsor School community.

In addition to the induction ceremony, two students were recognized for their exceptional academic accomplishments through the presentation of the prestigious Sands Medals. The **Silver Sands Medal** was awarded to **Isabella Trinh**, while the **Bronze Sands Medal** was awarded to **Emma Mininni**.

New Windsor School extends its sincere congratulations to all of this year's Clintonian Society inductees and Sands Medal recipients. We are proud of their achievements and look forward to their continued success as scholars, leaders, and role models within our school community.



Ms. Quinci & Ms. Kennedy
4th Grade Teachers



BLAST FROM THE PAST



NWS: CHARACTER AMBASSADOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY

FEB-2020

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NWS: BUS GOTCHA CELEBRATION!

FEB-2020

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NWS: MUSIC PERFORMANCE

JANUARY-2020

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2019-2020 FIRST DAY PD @ NWS

2019-2020

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