

## Newton Elementary School

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Michele Gorius, Principal

2025



# Newton News

*"It is the mission of Newton Elementary to facilitate learning through a nurturing and supportive environment for each child in our school"*

## STATE TESTING

3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will be completing their state testing this month. If at all possible, please do not schedule appointments over the next few weeks during your child's testing time. Last day of testing is Friday, May 2nd. Please see our website for the testing schedule as well as the page 3 of this newsletter.

## DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

**9:00** - Students may enter the building and report to class.

**9:08** - Tardy bell rings -

Students need to be in their classroom by this time. Students who are tardy need to be signed in and obtain a tardy pass.

**3:15** - Car pick-up students are dismissed.

**3:30** - Bus riders are dismissed.

The district will conduct a district-wide safety drill on April 3 for all buildings. This is a state requirement that must be fulfilled every three years to ensure the process's functionality. This drill will involve evacuating all students from our facilities to their offsite locations. Once that is completed and attendance is taken, the students will return to class.

CHECK OUT OUR



WEB SITE!

## DISTRICT WEB SITE

Our district web site address is:

[www.northfork.k12.oh.us](http://www.northfork.k12.oh.us). It is an excellent source for all kinds of notifications and information.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ **March 31**  
Return from Spring Break!
- ◆ **April 2**  
5th Grade Fieldtrip to The Works
- ◆ **April 3**  
District-wide safety drill
- ◆ **April 4**  
Science Club Meeting @ 3:30 pm
- ◆ **April 8**  
St. Lighthouse Meeting @ 3:30 pm  
PTO Meeting @ 6pm
- ◆ **April 10**  
Science Club Meeting @ 3:30 pm
- ◆ **April 14**  
Math Club Meeting @ 3:30 pm
- ◆ **April 17**  
Science Club Meeting @ 3:30 pm
- ◆ **April 18**  
NO SCHOOL—Holiday
- ◆ **April 21**  
Board Meeting @ 6pm @ NE
- ◆ **April 23**  
1st Grade Fieldtrip to Park Lanes
- ◆ **April 24**  
Science Club Meeting @ 3:30 pm

## CONTACT NUMBERS

### Bus/Food Service—

Mike Maxwell 740-892-3666

Bus Garage— 740-892-2871

### District Wide Nurse—

Jennifer Wygle— 740-403-6502

### Registration—

Peg Carpenter— 740-892-2014

### Progress Book Registration—

Kim Watson—

[klwatson@northfork.k12.oh.us](mailto:klwatson@northfork.k12.oh.us)

## Information Updates

Just a reminder to update us with ANY changes. We need to have the correct information on file for your child(ren). This includes:

- ◆ Phone Number
- ◆ Address
- ◆ Emergency Contacts
- ◆ Custody Information

Proof of Residency and Change of Address form is required with address change.

Court documentation is required with custody/visitation change.



## TRANSPORTATION

If your child needs to get off the bus with another student, BOTH students need to bring in a note. Please include the name of both students, address of the home where the children are going, and the bus number. Students need to turn this information into the teacher in the morning.

A transportation request form must be filled out if this is going to happen on a regular basis. ALL BUS REQUEST CHANGES MUST BE APPROVED BY MIKE MAXWELL, Coordinator of District Services at 740-892-2871. You will also need to contact Mike Maxwell with any bus or bus route questions or issues.



## ONE CALL NOW MESSAGING SYSTEM

Just a reminder that we use the One Call Now messaging system for parent notification of school delays, cancellations and other important information. From the North Fork homepage, just follow the link under the parents tab to update your information. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CONTACT NUMBERS ARE ALWAYS UP TO DATE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND THE ONE CALL SYSTEM.**

## ABSENCES

If your student(s) is absent, please remember to provide the office with a doctor's note or a note stating your student's name, the date they were absent, and the reason for the absence.

**\*These are to be turned into the office WITHIN 3 DAYS of the absence\***

## State Testing Schedule

### 3rd Grade

Ohio's State Tests (ELA)	April 8th, 9th, 10th
Ohio's State Tests (Math)	April 22nd, 23rd, 24th

### 4th Grade

Ohio's State Tests (ELA)	Window Opens April 15th
Ohio's State Tests (Math)	Window Opens April 29th

### 5th Grade

Ohio's State Tests (ELA)	Window Opens April 16th
Ohio's State Tests (Math)	Window Opens April 25th
Ohio's State Tests (Science)	Window Opens April 30th

## ALL ABOUT ME

**Name:** Mrs. Dickson—Kindergarten Teacher

**Favorite Season:** Summer

**Pets:** 1 dog, too many cats, & 60+ cows

**Favorite Movie/T.V. Show:** When Harry Met Sally

**Hobbies:** Reading & Working out

**Favorite color:** Blue

**Favorite food/restaurant:** Mexican

**Favorite subject in school:** Reading/English

**Favorite Candy:** Snickers

**Favorite Vacation:** on the beach

## ALL ABOUT ME

**Name:** Mrs. Phillips—Aide

**Favorite Season:** Fall

**Pets:** 2 dogs—Bob & Wheezy

**Favorite Movie/T.V. Show:** The Office / New Girl

**Hobbies:** Reading

**Favorite color:** Green

**Favorite food/restaurant:** Chipotle

**Favorite subject in school:** Science

**Favorite Candy:** Hershey's chocolate

**Favorite Vacation:** the beach

# Big Brothers/Big Sisters “Lunch Buddies” Program!



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Licking & Perry Counties "Lunch Buddies" program offers personalized time and attention to children at Newton Elementary. Teachers identify children who could benefit from having an extra caring adult in their lives. Once enrolled and matched with a Lunch Buddy (a Big), the children meet with their Lunch Buddies regularly during the school year, typically once a week for 45 minutes during lunch and recess. In the school environment, they play games, talk, do crafts, go over safety issues, and play outside. Qualified BBBS staff are on-site to help.

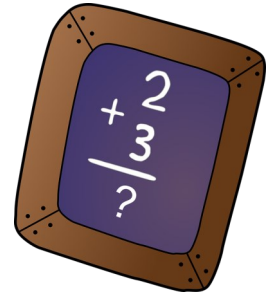
Whether they play games or read together, their relationship fosters a positive school experience for the child, including good attendance, positive relationships with peers and adults, a positive attitude, and academic enrichment. As their friendship grows, the Lunch Buddies and children discover ways to make learning and school enjoyable. Lunch Buddies who continue matches from year to year feel the satisfaction of watching their Littles succeed in school.

The Lunch Buddies program starts enrollment in Fall 2025





# Newton Math Club



Newton Elementary Math Club members did many fun math activities this year! We did STEM projects such as building a bridge and designing a Valentine delivery system. We also played math strategy and logical thinking games such as Monopoly, Rush Hour, and Qbitz. Most recently we celebrated Pi Day by measuring circumference and diameter of yummy circle-shaped snacks!

Thanks for a great year, math friends!----Mrs. Hale

# NEWTON PTO

March 2025

## Important Dates

- **PTO Meeting: April 8th - 6 PM**
- **Fun Day - Friday, May 16th with a Rain Date for Monday, May 19th (More details to come soon)**
- **Walk-A-Thon - Wednesday, May 21st**

## 2025-2026 PTO Board Nominations

**If you, or anyone you know, is interested in being on the Newton PTO Board, please email: [newton.pto@hotmail.com](mailto:newton.pto@hotmail.com) with your nomination for the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Nominations will be accepted by email until Monday, April 7th. During the April 8th PTO Meeting, nominees must be present to be voted upon.**

## Event Recaps

Dodgeball Tournament:

- Newton and Utica PTOs would love to thank everyone who attended, volunteered, and made this event so amazing. This year we had over 200 participants.

Mom and Son Dance:

- If you didn't get in on the fun this year, we plan to have this fun event next year. We had 102 boys sign up for our first mom and son dance.
- Thank you to everyone who helped make this event amazing, as well as:
  - Utica La Sertoma: Donated 50 Dozen Cookies
  - Bekah's Enchanted Images: Captured images for all of the moms and sons
  - DJ Tammi: She kept the party rockin

## PTO Board

President: Brooke Kreager

[Brookeroe3@hotmail.com](mailto:Brookeroe3@hotmail.com)

Vice-President: Makenzie Miskell

[makenzie444@gmail.com](mailto:makenzie444@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Brittany Clanin

[Belanin@hotmail.com](mailto:Belanin@hotmail.com)

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[tiffanystevens0822@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanystevens0822@gmail.com)

Principal: Michele Gorius

[mgorius@northfork.k12.oh.us](mailto:mgorius@northfork.k12.oh.us)

Teacher Liaison: Leah Swan

[lswan@northfork.k12.oh.us](mailto:lswan@northfork.k12.oh.us)



# Reducing **FAMILY CONFLICT**



*for every parent*

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**  
**6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

You are invited to attend a **virtual Triple P discussion group program** hosted by Our Futures in Licking County.

**This program:**

- is free
- will be held **live on Zoom**
- welcomes all parents, grandparents and caregivers with teens or tweens.

Please register by calling (740) 522-1234, ext. 26, or email [TriplePSeminar@hotmail.com](mailto:TriplePSeminar@hotmail.com) at least four days prior to the seminar date.

You will receive a reminder and Zoom link prior to the seminar date that you wish to attend.



**Reducing Family Conflict** is a **Triple P** discussion group program that will help you deal with the day-to-day challenges of parenting teens. Many parents find that conflict between siblings and among family members increases as children move into the teenage years. It can be quite a challenge to know when to intervene in an argument or how to remain calm if you become involved. This program offers practical suggestions to help teach teens to solve problems peacefully, and how to manage problems if you do have family conflict. You will learn how to help your child deal with disagreements without becoming aggressive and how to promote family harmony.

**Triple P** is a research-based, internationally-recognized, multilevel parent support program funded by Licking Memorial Health Systems and supported by Mental Health and Recovery of Licking and Knox Counties and Our Futures in Licking County.

96 percent of parents who have tried some of the **Triple P** strategies have seen an improvement in their child's behavior!





## Leader In Me Shirts

Do you still have a navy blue Leader In Me lighthouse t-shirt?

Is your student still able to wear their Leader In Me t-shirt?

If not, you can send them back to the school so they can be passed on to another student who does not have one.

## BULLYING

For anti-bullying video resources to share with your kids,  
please go to:

[www.stopbullying.gov/kids](http://www.stopbullying.gov/kids)

## Second Step

From Mrs. Evers

Want to know more about what Second Step is?

Here is a helpful link: [Resources for Parents | Second Step](#)