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Superintendent's Message

Greetings colleagues,

As we are getting ready for summer, we are wrapping up this year's newsletter. It will not run this summer for obvious reasons. As the summer approaches I was racking my brain on what to discuss with you all.

Nothing I can come up with is as interesting as the end of the year and the idea of sleeping late, vacations, and getting some much-needed rest and relaxation.

Luckily, I was talking with our directors last Thursday and Mrs. Hicks mentioned a special group of employees. We had to have a friendly debate over who would get to highlight them, we finally agreed that they are such a special group that we would both highlight them.

The group I speak of, is the School Food Service workers at L.P. Vaughn Elementary. These ladies throw a monthly birthday party for every student at L.P. Vaughn. They do this out of their own funds and have never been told to do this, they just do it. SFS workers often times do not get enough credit, but these ladies epitomize what it means to support students. Some of these students may only get recognition during these school birthday celebrations and I'm sure it means the world to them that they are recognized at school.

Kudos to the SFS workers at L.P. Vaughn Elementary. You epitomize the values that NPSB wants to encourage. Keep up the good work, we love what you are doing and you are an essential part of our success as a district!

All I can say is thank you!

Warmest Regards,

Grant Eloi

Dr. Eloi



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UPCOMING

EVENTS

**Check Out Our
Upcoming Events
this week!**

MAY 16

- **NPSB Special Called Meeting**

Tune in on our Facebook page or YouTube Channel to watch the NPSB Special Called Meeting on Monday, May 16th at 5pm.

MAY 18

- **NPTCC High School Graduation**

NPTCC will hold their 2022 Commencement Ceremony on Wednesday, May 18th at 6pm at A.A. Fredericks Auditorium at NSU.

MAY 20

- **Last Day to Apply for Summer Tutors and Paras**

The application deadline for summer school tutors and paraprofessionals is Friday, May 20th.

- **Natchitoches Central High School Graduation**

NCHS will hold their 2022 Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 20th at 7pm at Prather Coliseum at NSU.

MAY BOARD MEETING

Monthly Recap



Check out all the amazing things happening in our district by visiting www.npsb.la.

Spotlights:

- Lakeview Boys & Girls Basketball Teams
- Student of the Year Winners

Non-Voting Items:

1. Transportation Report
2. Child Nutrition Update
3. Personnel Report
4. Maintenance Report
5. Budget Update
6. Sales Tax Report

Voting Items:

1. Motion to Table Cloutierville School donation or demolition
2. Approved consent agenda of out of state travel
3. Approved summer school janitorial pay of \$20 per hour
4. Approved new positions for School Support Specialists through the Aware 2 Grant
5. Keep the Natchitoches Times as the NPSB official journal
6. Vote failed to move into Executive Session
7. Approval of the 2022-2023 NPSB District Handbook and NPSB Wellness Policy



Don't forget...

You can always go to our website and click on Boarddocs to view any previous or future board meeting agenda!

>> BOARD DOCS

Last Week's Events...

SPED Teacher Appreciation Event

May 6, 2022

NPSB celebrated our Department of Exceptional Student Services teachers and support staff by hosting a teacher appreciation event on Friday, May 6, 2022!

Thank you to our sponsors for making it possible!



NPSB Board Meeting Spotlights

May 10, 2022

NPSB spotlighted some very important groups of students at last week's board meetings!

NPSB was proud to recognize our 2021-2022 Student of the Year winners with certificates and awards. The Board also recognized Lakeview High School's Boys and Girls Basketball Teams for their hard work and dedication to the sport this season!

Congratulations students! We are so proud of each and every one of you! To see all of the photos from the May Board Meeting, please visit www.npsb.la.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 Graduations

NPSB is proud to celebrate all of our graduating seniors as they take on this next chapter in their lives!

Congratulations Class of 2022!!

[SEE DATES](#)

Special Called Meeting

NPSB will be holding a Special Called Meeting on **Monday, May 16th at 5pm!**

[SEE AGENDA](#)

Download the New NPSB App

Check out our new district website and don't forget to download the NPSB App for your mobile phone!

[LEARN MORE](#)

NPSB Summer Office Hours

We have released the calendar for our summer office hours for 2022!

[VIEW HOURS](#)

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This Week's Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lacy Powell	Alvin Brossette	Lois Carnline	Mark Dawson	Randol King	Ember O'Bannon	Julie Deford
Shameka Ware	Anita Dubois	Randell Slaughter	Brooklyn Noe	Jonathan Parish		Umeka Demon
	Eddie Jackson		Myles Schexnayder	Suzonne Stephens		Alexys Jennings
	Keydra Moss		Karen Winn	Stacey Wiggins		
	Morgan Williams			Taylor Womack		



WEEKLY WISDOM



In the last few weeks you might have seen or heard of several untimely deaths by suicide - a country singer, reality TV star, college athletes, or students. Suicide does not have a claim over a certain age, gender, race, socioeconomic status, educational status, or group for that matter. What we do know is that we can work to decrease the stigma around mental health and encourage others to ask for help. Together we can be there for others and help those who need additional support find the help that they need to live healthy and fulfilling lives.



Together for Mental Health



TOGETHER
for Mental Health

#Together4MH

1 in 6 youth aged 6-17
experience a mental
health condition each year.

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nami.org/mentalhealthmonth

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May is Mental
Health
Awareness
Month

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for Mental Health

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**1 in 20 adults in the
United States experiences
a serious mental illness
every year.**

nami.org/mentalhealthmonth

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a resource for individuals struggling or for those looking to help someone else. **The number to call is 1-800-273-8255.**

Those who need emotional crisis support can also text **HELLO** to **741741** to speak with a trained listener 24/7. It is free and confidential.



You may ALWAYS reach out to a co-worker, principal, or friend. The NPSB Hotline is available 24/7.

*****Remember to reach out to helpshere@nat.k12.la.us.*****

Child Nutrition



DON'T FORGET TO THANK A FOOD SERVICE WORKER!

May Menus

Our school menus look a little different this month!

During the month of May, each school's cafeteria staff will create their own breakfast and lunch menus with supplies they have in their kitchens!

If you would like to know your school's menus for May, please contact your school's office!



Health Services



Covid-19 Data

In an effort to be transparent and provide the community with the most accurate and up to date information regarding the pandemic, the Natchitoches Parish School Board will be releasing weekly, district and school wide Covid-19 data. The data will contain the number of Covid-19 positive cases and quarantines of both staff and students. All Covid data will be released on our website every Friday at 5pm.

[VIEW DATA](#)



Free Counseling

We are excited to announce new virtual therapy services available to our Birth – Grade 12 employees, including up to four free mental health virtual visits through Ochsner Anywhere Care using service key "LDOE" and coupon code "TEACH." Ochsner Anywhere Care is a secure virtual visit tool offering appointments with licensed psychologists or therapists through your smartphone, tablet or personal computer—so you can get care where and when you need it!

[READ MORE](#)



May Health Challenge Calendar

The May Challenge Calendar is filled with fitness and nutrition tips to help you work toward your health goals. May is National Physical Fitness & Sports Month, so try to schedule 30 minutes of your day for physical activity. The calendar offers a daily exercise workout to try during the month of May. The nutrition focus of the calendar provides tips for an overall healthier diet in order to keep your body fueled and give you more energy throughout the day.

[DOWNLOAD](#)



Mental Health Awareness Month

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month!

Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. Throughout the month of May, NPSB is proud to join the national movement to raise awareness about mental health and to stop the stigma!

#TogetherWeCan

Business/Facilities

Last Day for Employees

The 2021-2022 school year is almost at an end.
The last day of work for employees are listed below:

9 Month Employees

- 5/25/2022

9.5 Month Employees

- 6/1/2022

10 Month Employees

- 6/8/2022

10.5 Month Employees

- 6/15/2022

11 Month Employees

- 6/30/2022



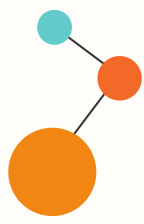
Vacation Leave Time

The Payroll Department needs all 12 month employees to send in their vacation time so that the correct leave time will be on file.

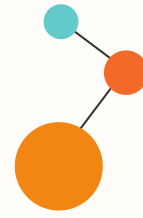
For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Michelle Demery at

Michelle.Demery@npsb.la.





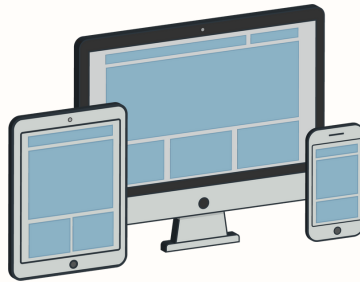
Technology News



Return Devices to NPSB Technology

All non-certified teachers **MUST** return all NPSB issued devices by June 3, 2022. Anyone who will not be returning for the 2022–2023 school year must also return their devices by the beginning of summer.

If you are returning a device, please email ipadhelp@npsb.la to schedule your device return.



Deletion of Student Accounts

All student accounts will be deleted at the end of Summer RISE Pathways 2022 in June. Please make sure students are aware that their student accounts will no longer be active after June 2022.

All student accounts will be reactivated by the start of the 2022–2023 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Cozad at michaelc@npsb.la.





TEACHING & LEARNING



KINDERGARTEN STAGGER START

Kindergarten is now a mandatory attendance grade in Natchitoches Parish Schools.

The start dates for the 2022-2023 school year will be as follows:

- August 5, 2022- 1/2 of students
- August 8, 2022- 1/2 of students
- August 9, 2022- all kindergarten students



Summer Rise Pathways

SUMMER RISE PARAS & TUTORS NEEDED

Please print and share the applications linked below with your paraprofessionals and tutors. We will provide paras and/or tutors at L.P. Vaughn, Weaver, Provencal, and Fairview summer sites.

Applications are due May 20, 2022.

Real-Time Tutors can be certified teachers or certified paras and will be paid \$25 per hour. Summer Rise Classroom Tutors will be paid \$15 per hour.

[Real-Time Tutor Application](#)

[Summer Tutor Application](#)



MAY ELA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

The following professional development opportunities will be offered in the month of May:

- 3rd-8th Grade Teachers New to Guidebooks: May 26th from 8:00am-3:00pm at the Title I Media Center
- High School ELA Teachers Guidebook 2.0 Platform Training: May 27th from 12:00pm-3:00pm at NCHS
- K-2 Teachers New to EL Education: May 27th from 8:00am-3:00pm at the Title I Media Center



TEACHING & LEARNING



2022-2023 TEACHER EVALUATION RUBRIC

The teacher evaluation rubric for the 2022-2023 school year will be the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) Teaching and Learning Standards rubric.

The 2021-2022 end-of-year cluster meetings will provide all teachers with an orientation to understanding the contents of the evaluation rubric. The beginning of year 2022-2023 cluster meetings will provide an opportunity for all teachers to review the rubric again. This time will also provide a deeper level of professional development around the domains, indicators and descriptors of effective teaching.

» [Teacher Evaluation Rubric](#)



NIET TEACHING & LEARNING RUBIC TRAINING

The National Institute for Excellence in Teaching, based on nationally normed, research-based standards, has developed the NIET Teaching and Learning Standards Rubric. The rubric clearly defines effective teaching and fosters collaboration around a common language and vision that correlates with student achievement.

A comprehensive focus on four key domains will accompany the implementation of this observation system. The four key domains are; Instruction, Learning Environment, Designing and Planning Instruction, and Professionalism.

The NIET Teaching and Learning Standards Rubric will be used for teacher observations during the 2022-2023 school year in Natchitoches Parish Schools. Principals, Assistant Principals (who observe teachers), and Instructional Specialists will receive training regarding implementation and application of the NIET Rubric on June 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th. Sessions start at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. each day at the Natchitoches Events Center.



LEVEL TWO SCHOOL COLLABORATION & INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Level Two Cluster and Instructional Leadership Team training will be delivered June 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th. Sessions start at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. each day.

Instructional Leadership Team members from each school are required to attend. Lead teachers are not required to attend. The location will be the Natchitoches Events Center.

ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY



CIS END OF YEAR CLOSEOUT FOR TEACHER EVALUATION

The teacher evaluation upload window opens on May 11, 2022. Please complete the following tasks in CIS no later than June 15, 2022. System requires two observations to complete the evaluation process.

Rate both SLT's for teachers and staff. Enter professional practice scores for teachers and staff. Once data is uploaded, finalize teacher evaluations.



ACT 108

In the Spring of 2021, the Louisiana Legislature enacted Act 108 which requires all kindergarten through third grade teachers who teach English, Math, Science, or Social Studies, to receive the Science of Reading Training. Administrators over these grades are required to receive this training as well.

Natchitoches Parish has organized schedules with each K-3 principal to hold these trainings in the 2022-2023 school year. A training schedule will be introduced to teachers soon. ACT 108 is linked below for review. All questions should be directed to Principals or Aly Erikson at aerikson@npsb.la.

» [View Act 108](#)



2022 ASSESSMENT

High School End of Course testing has ended and the scores are coming in. The testing window for grades 3-8 will close on May 25th.

ELPT scores have yet to be released. LEAP Connect Scores have been sent to the schools. 504/SBLC Coordinators make sure to get all logs turned in along with any plans that may need signatures. Remember to bring 504 Plans for students who will be leaving your school to Mrs. Irchirl at the Media Center before leaving for the summer.

Testing Coordinators: Remember to turn in your testing binders, oaths, and rosters of students who did not show up for testing. Thank you to everyone that helped with testing. We could not have done it without all of your assistance and patience!



EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

Summer Learning Opportunity

The Autism Society of North Louisiana will host its 3rd Annual Summer Institute for educators of students with Autism on July 29, 2022.

The institute will include several speakers with a focus on supporting IEP goal development and implementation. Topics include education law, collaborating with families, and resources to support goal implementation.

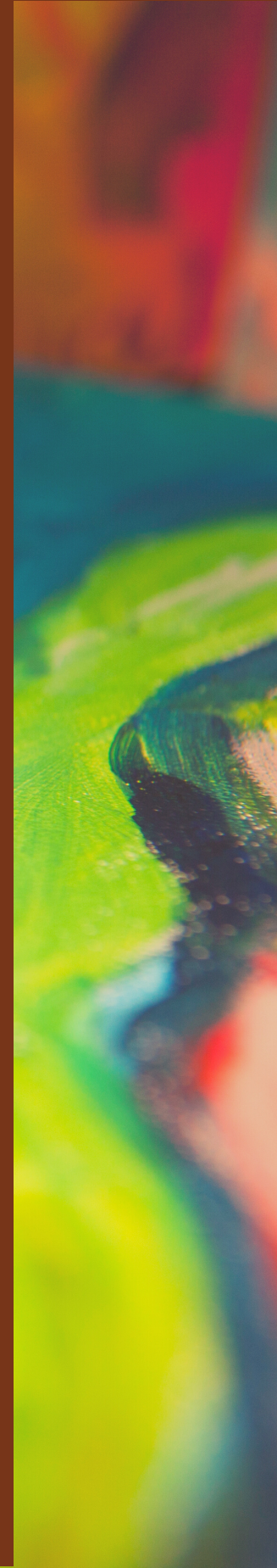
Lunch will be provided free of charge to participants. Attendance is limited to 70. All participants will also be provided free resources and materials for a make and take activity. Registration is FREE!

For more information visit: <https://www.autismsocietynorthla.com/event-details-registration/3rd-annual-asnla-summer-institute-for-educators>.

END OF YEAR SPED CHECK-OUT

NPSB's SPED Check-Out for the 2021-2022 school year will be conducted on **Monday, May 9th** through **Wednesday, May 18th**.

Teachers should check the DESS Google Classroom for specific information regarding necessary items and deadlines. This year, the team will meet with teachers at their respective schools for check-out.





SPED TEACHER APPRECIATION 2022



The NPSB Department of Exceptional Student Services celebrated its teachers and support staff by throwing a teacher appreciation event on Friday, May 6th at Parc Natchitoches! To see the full list of sponsors who made this event possible, please visit [HERE](#).

CRAWFISH BOIL FUN

NPSB celebrated our DESS teachers and support staff with a crawfish boil to thank them all for making a difference in our schools each and every day! Our staff enjoyed delicious crawfish, pizza, cookies, and other treats. Thank you to our sponsors for making this event possible!



GIFTS FOR TEACHERS

NPSB DESS Personnel gave each of our amazing teachers a gift bag to thank them for their service to our students here in Natchitoches Parish Schools!

