

# Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District Monthly Newsletter



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## 1 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!



On August 13, 2019 students returned to NCLUSD campuses to officially kick off the 2019-20 School Year! Each site was bustling with activity as students arrived eager to begin a new year. Staff were out in full force at all sites welcoming their students back. Teachers and administrators were outside the gates excited for their students to return for another great year of learning. Many sites played music and decorated to add to the excitement and make the environment both welcoming and fun!

At OHS the Class of 2020 Seniors met on the football field for their Senior Sunrise. Seniors were treated to breakfast provided by parents and spent the morning talking about all the adventures ahead of them.

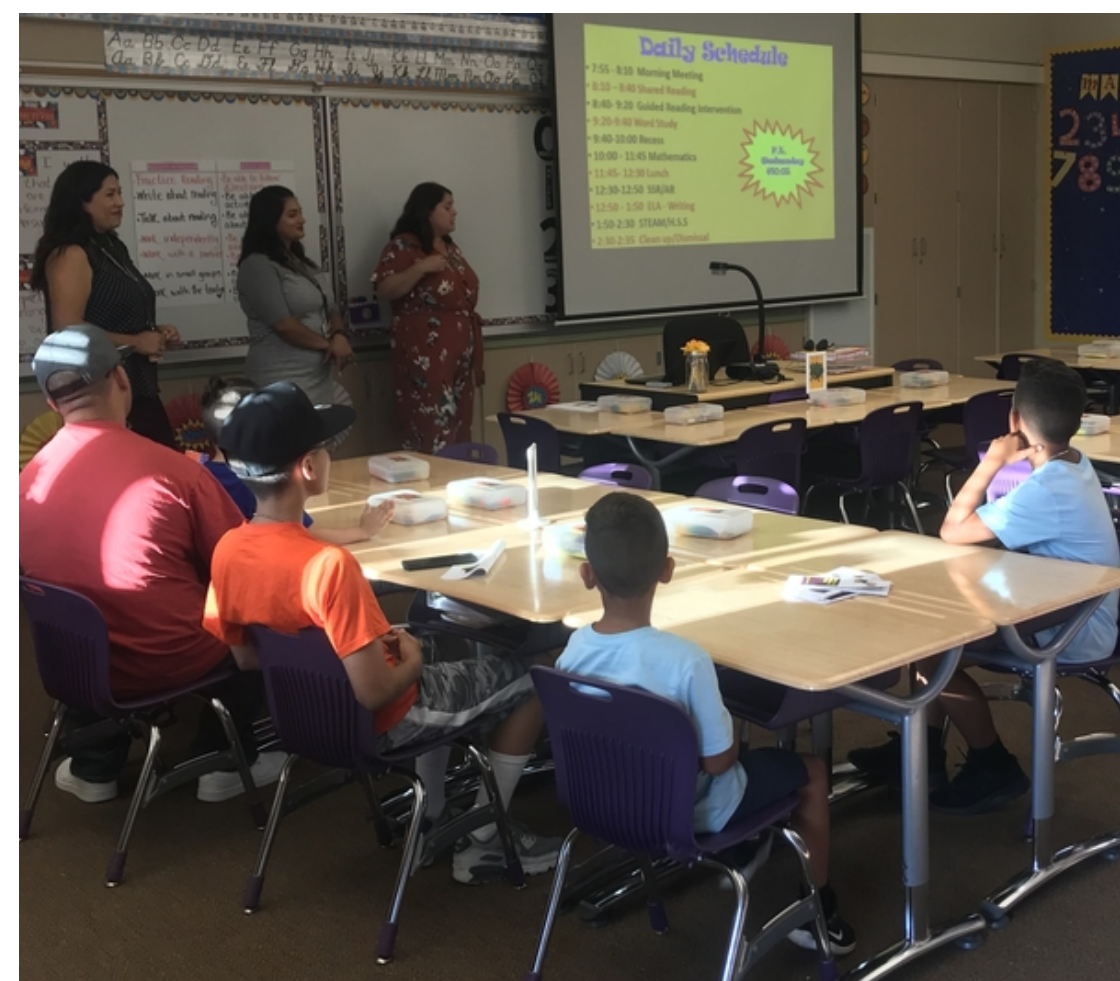
Welcome back students, we are looking forward to another great year with you all!

## 2 Back to School Nights

Parents, family members and friends flooded back to NCLUSD campuses to attend Back to School Nights across the district.

Back to School Night is an opportunity for parents/guardians to visit their student's classroom, meet their teachers and learn about what their student will be doing for the year. This event is the first of many that allows NCLUSD staff to build relationships with their students families. It's by building these relationships with parents/guardians that we all continue working together to make a difference, today.

**\*\*Due to construction OHS will be hosting their Back to School Night in October.**



**NCLUSD Mission:** Through strong relationships, design, and orchestrate relevant and rigorous experiences that inspire and empower all learners.





# 3 Staff Professional Development

At NCLUSD it is our vision that all learners graduate college and career ready, embracing the joy of lifelong learning; all are prepared to be responsible global citizens and leaders. At NCLUSD our staff lead by example and spent the last couple weeks of summer attending professional development sessions and training days. With over 20 different individual sessions and a mini Model Schools Conference to attend our staff packed their backpacks and headed back to class.

Sessions ranged from training on the new Social Studies curriculum to CPR and First Aid training and everything in between. The mini Model Schools Conference lasted two days and included keynote speaker Mr. Ray McNulty and nine breakout sessions presented by staff who attended the 2019 Model Schools Conference in Washington D.C. over the summer.

Mr. McNulty is a senior fellow and past president of the International Center for Leadership in Education. As a keynote speaker, Mr. McNulty addresses the need for school systems to help students become creative thinkers, embrace the process of change, raise performance standards for both students and teachers, and build solid connections between schools and their communities. Mr. McNulty's final advice for our staff as they head into the 2019-20 academic year: 1. Be Kind 2. Be Kind 3. Be Kind.

We are looking forward to implementing what we learned this summer throughout the 19-20 school year.



# 4 Back to School Festival



The annual Back to School Festival marked the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. Students and their families arrived at the plaza eager to see old friends and teachers, visit booths from local community partners, play games organized by the DJ and overall just have fun getting ready to return to NCLUSD campuses for the 2019-20 year.

Staff had a busy Saturday morning as they set up booths, rolled out the food truck and propped up canopies readying themselves for the flurry of attendees. The Back to School Festival also marked the end of the Footsteps2Brilliance Summer Reading Challenge. Winners from grades K-3 from each site were awarded brand new Kindles!

Attendees were able to visit booths from each school site and various community organizations, eat a free hot dog donated by the Newman Police Department and enter into a raffle to win prizes donated from local businesses and partners. Thank you to all who attended and made this event a great success!

## Quote of the Month

"Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best."  
-- Bob Talbert