



**NEWMARK**  
K-8 School

Winter 2021

# Newmark K-8 News

## Principal’s Message



Tyler S., Ms. Borea and Tyler C.

Dear Parents,

Happy Holidays! In this season of gratitude, we are reminded that we are truly grateful to have such a wonderful community at Newmark K-8 School. The health and safety of our students and staff continue to be our first priority and we thank you for your continued support.

During this holiday season, we began with our traditional Thanksgiving luncheon where students sat down together and enjoyed turkey and all the fixings in preparation for the holiday break, while watching a special video.

A heartfelt thank you to all of the families who participated in our annual Virtual Spaghetti Dinner. Although it was not a live event, we loved hearing your wonderful comments and seeing the fun pictures of your family and friends making Mr. Withum’s famous Spaghetti & Meatballs. Next year, we hope to be enjoying the event all together! A special thanks to Mr. Withum, Mr. Kraminitz and the committee who made it special. Congratulations to the Giangrante Family for winning the Italian Gift Basket!

Our K-8 school is filled with holiday cheer and our classrooms enjoyed Hanukkah and Christmas stories and made decorations for the Christmas tree in our Main Street hallway. In the spirit of giving, our Community Service Annual Toy Drive was a huge success. Students generously donated their school store points to purchase toys that were donated to St. Joseph’s Social Services Center in Elizabeth. We are extremely humbled and overwhelmed by their kindness.

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### Newmark K-8 School:

Ms. Gina M. Borea  
Principal

Dr. Regina M. Peter &  
Ms. Cynthia Allman  
Executive Directors

Bravo! Bravo! The spirit of the season was evident during our virtual Holiday Show. Our teachers, assistants, specialists and Mr. Sykes did a wonderful job directing the students. The biggest cheer goes out to our students!!! It was evident by their performances that they all worked hard to bring you an incredible performance.

It is a time to reflect and to make plans...a time that focuses on giving and caring. This time of season is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the many blessings of the last year and look forward to another year filled with all kinds of ways to challenge each of us. I would like to thank all of our staff for a wonderful first half of the year and always striving for the best for our students.

The Newmark K-8 School continues to create a safe place for children to learn and grow. Enjoy the special moments with your family and friends this holiday season. Rest, relax and have fun and we will see you in 2022!

Best wishes for a happy new year filled with joy, good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Borea  
Principal

# Spotlight News

## THANK YOU, NEWMARK PARENTS!

We'd like to take this chance to thank all of you who have been so generous this fall by contributing to the 2021 Newmark Annual Fund. We asked and you delivered! A record number of parents participated this year.

Thanks to your amazing contributions, this year's Annual Fund raised over \$135,000 so that we can do what we do best – educating and providing emotional security for our Newmark families and students. The Annual Fund helps our educators provide the important educational and social skills building opportunities for all of our Newmark students. These programs would not be possible without the generous support of Newmark parents, family, staff and friends like you.

As always, we are so grateful for the many donations that directly impact your child's experience at Newmark. We couldn't do it without you! There is still time to make a year-end, tax-deductible gift to the 2021 Newmark Annual Fund on our school website at <https://www.newmarkeducation.com/support/annual>

**Thank you for your generous support of Newmark!**

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# Have a great winter break!



# Spotlight News

## 2021 ANNUAL FUND DONORS

In recognition of all the Newmark families and friends who so generously donated to the 2021 Newmark Annual Fund.

Julie Abrams and Family  
Adamut Family  
The Alban Family  
Cynthia Allman  
Altschul Family  
Elias Alvarez  
Marc and Meg Anderson  
Anonymous  
Trevor Arnstein  
Arosemena Family  
Lillian Asante  
Avidon Family  
Borea Family  
Lisa Breslauer  
David Bronson & Family  
Bronson Family  
The Brugger Family  
Collins Family  
Cannizzo Family  
Barbara and Ron Chillemi  
D'Annunzio Family Foundation  
Tiran, Jacqui and Finn Dagan  
Delmonaco Family  
The DiBisceglie Family  
Stephen & Aimee Dolinac  
Donoghue Family  
Douglas Family  
The Duggan Family  
Durko Family  
Andy Errico-Huttler & Family  
Esposito Family  
Colleen Fagan  
Team Noah  
Myles Fitzpatrick  
Chase Frauwirth  
Alexander Gabriel  
Peter Gagnon  
Cathleen George  
Giangrante Family  
Glatal Family  
Julia and Charlie Goldstein  
Marsha and Philip Goldwasser  
Sophie Gottlieb  
Lucas Greaves  
Jason Guan  
The Guenther Family  
Hahne-Lum Family

Dakota Halma  
Headley Family  
Collette Higgins  
Hobbs Family  
Inguanzo Family  
Insync Outsourcing Corp  
Jain Family  
Jammin Jenn Music Therapy  
for Children LLC  
Kendis Family  
Kenjorski Family  
Kim Family  
The Knepper Family  
Scott Kochman  
Linda Krutal  
Family of Kai Leisher  
Ljubicich & McCall Family  
McCarthy-Lippin Family  
Macaluso Family  
Mackta-Smith Family  
Mannion Family  
Marin Family  
Dustin Markey  
Marsh Family  
Chloe McCulloch  
Meola Family  
Miele Family  
The Monat Family  
Morgan Family  
Aidan Morrone  
Tishun Myers  
Susan, Jim and Alex Myers  
The Narcisi Family  
Jack Needham  
Nichols Family  
Niewinski Family  
Nussbaum Family  
The Ortiz Family  
Pastrano Family  
Ved Patel  
The Peter and McCreesh Family  
Arthur Peter  
Tanya Pierce  
Brian and Ning Pollak  
Pollak Family  
Max Pressman  
Rannazzisi Family

Ranney Family  
Sharon Ratiner  
Deven Rausch  
Revaitis Family  
Rizzo Family  
The Rokes Family  
Beth Ross  
Sagarese Family  
Saitz Family  
Anthony William Sansiveri  
Daniel Schroeck  
Pranav Shankar  
Monica Shannon  
Bruce, Eric and Brian Shapiro  
Tyler Slavin  
Ian Sluke  
Smith Family  
Gavin Smith  
Soroko Family  
The Stentebjerg-Olesen Family  
The Sullivan Family  
Tony and Sheri Suozzo  
Sutorius Family  
Natalie and Ed Swiatek  
Jonas Switzer  
Cate Tafur  
James and Flor de Maria Thomas  
Ryan Thomas  
Thompson Family  
Jagger Tracy-Enderle  
Valentine Family  
Vierschilling Family  
Aiden Villar  
Sandra Vollero-Levy  
Volpone Family  
Waldron Family  
June Pollak Wallace  
Joseph Wallin  
Zach and Marle Watts  
Wei Family  
David Wholley and Mary O'Crowley  
Cyndi Wilson  
Jim Withum  
Carly Wolf  
Kristen Zucker



# Halloween



*Dr. Peter, Mr. Sykes and Ms. Borea*



*Trick-or-Treating down Main street*



*John, Mikey and Johnny*



*Happy Halloween!*



*Luigi times 3!*



*Giancarlo, Gianna and Reba*



*Great Costumes!*



*Ms. Pantano's Class*



# Community Service

Mrs. Osiadacz

Community Service has had some very productive months! Our staff received such positive feedback from our students during the first Blankets of Hope Day. Students loved this project and were eager to write their cards and prepare their blankets for our local homeless.

Thanks to our student's generosity in exchanging school store points to a monetary donation, Newmark sent a \$1,000 check to the Plainfield Area Humane Society. Students were equally as giving to the Toy Drive. We were able to make a large donation of toys to St. Joseph's Social Center for kids in need.



*Kyle and Xaiver*

Please be sure to check the Friday Backpack News for details on Community Service Happenings.  
**January 2022:** School Store Military Drive for local Veterans begins on 1/14/22

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!



*Mitchell donating from the school store*



*Matthew*



*Newmark donates \$1,000!*

# Counseling News

Ms. George, Mrs. Jernigan and Ms. Rentrop

## Virtual Parent Counseling Nights

Counseling is an integral part of the student experience at Newmark School just as communication between home and school is an integral part of your child's education and well-being. To effectively share information concerning your child, we provide parents an opportunity to connect with the Newmark counselors on the first Tuesday of every month. We encourage you to schedule an appointment for one of our monthly counseling nights to discuss any issues or concerns you may have or just to touch base about your child's progress.

All counselor meetings will be held virtually via telephone. To schedule an appointment, please contact Marla Zucker at 908-753-0330 or mzucker@newmarkeducation.com. Individual appointments are 30 minutes, and we have the following time slots available: 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00 PM.

Our K-8 counselors are Ashlie Jernigan, MS, NCSP and Alyson Rentrop, MSW, LSW.

The dates for the 2021-2022 school year are listed below:

- Tuesday, January 11, 2022
- Tuesday, February 8, 2022
- Tuesday, March 8, 2022
- Tuesday, April 12, 2022
- Tuesday, May 10, 2022
- Tuesday, June 14, 2022

## Community Connections PIN Program

The Community Connections PIN Program recognizes students who demonstrate personal and social growth by participating in meaningful community-based experiences. Community-based experiences can include the following categories: Community Service, Sports, Volunteering, Music/Performing Arts, and Clubs (including Scouting).

Nominations can be submitted by a parent, teacher or member of the PIN Committee. Once the nomination has been approved, the student will receive a special

pin commemorating their achievement with a ceremony in their honor.

PINS Program ceremonies occur two times per year (at the Awards Assemblies). PINS Form submission deadlines are:

- Friday, January 21, 2022
- Friday, April 1, 2022
- Friday, May 20, 2022

More information, and digital nomination forms, can be found on the Newmark Education website:

<https://www.newmarkeducation.com/our-schools/pins>



*PINs Ceremony November 2021*



*PINs Ceremony November 2021*

# Save the **Dates**

## **K-8 Winter Announcements**

### **Student Socials**

**Kid's Afternoons (2:30-4:00 PM)** - For students in Ms. Fagan, Ms. McCarty, Mrs. Necci and Mr. Cebula's classes only. Activities begin after dismissal from 2:30-4:00 PM. Fee: \$20 per date and \$1 cash only snack. Check your weekly Friday Backpack News or website for Permission Forms.

- **Friday, January 21, 2022**
- **Friday, March 4, 2022**
- **Friday, May 20, 2022**

**Teen Afternoons (2:30-4:30 PM)** - For students in Mrs. Arnao, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni and Ms. Pantano's classes only. Activities begin after dismissal from 2:30-4:30 PM. Fee: \$20 per date and \$1 cash only snack. Check your weekly Friday Backpack News or website for Permission Forms.

- **Friday, January 14, 2022**
- **Friday, February 25, 2022**

### **K-8 After School Clubs & Programs – Session III:**

- **Session III Begins – Monday, February 7, 2022**
- **Session III Ends – Thursday, March 31, 2022**

### **Events**

**K-8 “Virtual” Science Fair:** Wednesday – Thursday, February 16 – 17, 2022

**School Spirit Week:** Begins Tuesday, February 22 through Friday, February 25, 2022

**K-8 “Virtual” Spring Show:** Friday, March 25, 2022

*Check your weekly Friday Backpack News closer to the event dates for details.*



# Favorite Hat Day



Ms. Lanuez, Andres and Ms. Rogoff



Elias and Ms. Pantano



Favorite Hat Day!



Mrs. Gregory, Reba and Mrs. Krutal



Jordan and Cooper



Tommy, Mrs. Necci and Russell



Lillian, Ms. McCarty and Xavier



Anthony and Ms. Halma



# Thanksgiving Luncheon



Parker and Gianna



Jules and John



Myles and Rusty



Coco



Lars



Logan and Tyler



Ian and Layla



# Students of the Month

OCTOBER



**Anthony**, Ms. Fagan



**Avery**, Ms. McCarty



**Sean F.**, Mrs. Necci



**Moshe**, Mrs. Necci



**John**, Mr. Cebula

NOVEMBER



**Nate**, Ms. Fagan



**Matthew**, Ms. McCarty



**Russell**, Mrs. Necci



**Elijah**, Mr. Cebula



**Nicolas**, Mr. Cebula

DECEMBER



**Myles**, Ms. Fagan



**Sean M.**, Ms. McCarty



**Sean B.**, Mrs. Necci



**Louis**, Mr. Cebula

## ***Congratulations!***



# Students of the Month

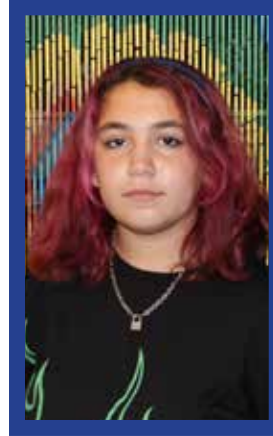
OCTOBER



**Sarah**, Mrs. Arnao



**Jagger**, Mrs. Gregory



**Sophie**, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni



**Finn**, Ms. Pantano

NOVEMBER



**Milan**, Mrs. Arnao



**John**, Mrs. Gregory



**Noah**, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni



**Matthew**, Ms. Pantano

DECEMBER



**Coco**, Mrs. Arnao



**Parker**, Mrs. Arnao



**Harrison**, Mrs. Gregory



**Beth**, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni



**Ian**, Ms. Pantano

## Congratulations!

# Holiday Show



*Ms. Fagan's Class*



*Ms. McCarty's Class*



*Mrs. Mastrogiovanni's Class*



*Mr. Cebula's Class*



*Ms. Pantano's Class*



*Mrs. Arnao's Class*