



# NEW SUMMIT NEWS



"Life is About New Summits"

## UPDATES FROM ADMIN: MRS. MCCLELLAND & MRS. REISSIG

### HELLO NEW SUMMIT FAMILIES!

Oh, the feeling of Fall is in the air. Our staff is excited to be done with testing and has been getting into the swing of our brand new school.

Both Mrs. Reissig and I have been able to observe in classes, and we are enjoying seeing the hard work of our staff. Students have been engaged in their lessons and making meaningful connections during their lessons. Mrs. Reissig and I have been working towards two more grants for the school that will add to our Library plan and more collaborative furniture in our Connection Center in the Atrium of the school. In addition to the library and the furniture, this grant will help us in our planning for more curriculum this next year and for additional school supplies for our grade levels. We will announce when this is awarded.

This past week we were also blessed to meet with a couple of our sponsors and have lunch with them about how their sponsorships have helped our school and how they can help moving forward.

Another big thanks to Academy Mortgage and Briargate Pediatrics Orthodontist and Dentistry. If you know anyone else who is interested in sponsorships or partnerships with our school, please let Kathryn Sneed our Communications Coordinator know, and she will meet with you to go over the details. This meets part of the mission of our school in creating an "educational community" where we enjoy our partnerships with our community and build a positive connection with our community.

Last, staff will be working hard planning and learning while your kids have a couple of days off. This is a chance for staff to develop some more skills with our Promethean boards and for them to have a teacher workday in preparation of our Parent Teacher conferences.

Please reach out to your teacher about these conferences. These are an important one on one opportunity for communication and to learn more about your child and hear the great things that are happening in their classroom in addition to some areas of growth. Your teachers will have a schedule from which to sign up and their process for conferences. Our goal is to get 100% of families in for conferences.

As always we care deeply about our families and students. We appreciate all the positive words of encouragement and support during the beginning month of our school. It was helpful to hear in some of the rough times that is normal for all schools. This is truly what makes us different and we appreciate all the affirmations.

With Gratitude,  
Mrs. McClelland & Mrs. Reissig

### OTHER UPDATES & REMINDERS:

**1. Uniforms** - Please remind your students of the uniform policy especially about tucking their shirts in and such. We will be enforcing this policy now that we are in our 6th week of school. If you need a reminder on our uniform policy please feel free to look on our website. Be sure to also remind your students to bring jackets and to take them outside for recess now that it is getting colder. They are allowed to wear plain sweatshirts or sweatshirts in uniform colors in the classroom, but no hoodies or other jackets in the classroom.

**2. Safety Issues** - Thank you to all parents for making our dropoff/pickup process run smoothly and safely. For the most part everyone is complying with the procedures, set by the school safety team, which is greatly appreciated. We do ask...if a member of our traffic control team requests that you do (or do not) do something, please respect that request, as it is in the interest of all parties.

We also ask that you do not park your vehicle(s) in any of the designated drop off zones. These are also marked fire lanes and are subject to fines imposed by either the City of Colorado Springs or Academy District 20 Security.

Please know that we are continuing to address your concerns regarding crosswalks on Meadowridge (to connect Ford Frick Park to the school), as well as the intersection of Lexington Dr and Meadowridge. We share your concerns and do understand the importance of these crosswalks (or controlled intersections) and appreciate each of you that have already reached out to the City, as well. We will continue to update you, as we hear any additional information regarding this issue.

### 3. Art to Finish

Six week Art to Finish Studio classes will begin on October 15th, 2018. Taught by NSCA's K-3 art teacher Claire Santellana, these classes will focus on the elements of design and will enable students to work in a

variety of art mediums! Classes will be held on Monday's from 3:05pm-4:05pm. Total cost is \$90 for the six week program. Call Claire at 361-218-9566 or email [arttofinishstudio@gmail.com](mailto:arttofinishstudio@gmail.com) to register. | [www.arttofinishstudio.com](http://www.arttofinishstudio.com)



# GRADE LEVEL HAPPENINGS

## KINDERGARTEN

Greetings from Kindergarten!

Fall is in full swing and so are we. We have enjoyed observing the changes in weather within our classrooms and hope that you are celebrating the new season with lots of fun family activities. The students are settling into our classroom routines and gaining independence while completing daily activities. We have collected and reviewed testing data and are implementing skill level groups to ensure each student is getting the academic support they need.

In Math we are working on counting numbers to 25 and writing numbers to 10. We have just started a new unit in graphing.

In Literacy we are working towards mastery in learning letters names and sounds. We are also working towards remembering sight words. In class, we are reading short stories and nursery rhymes. Another skill we are focusing on is the ability to identify the first sound in words.

We would like to thank all the amazing families that have helped us get the year off to a great start. We couldn't do it without your support!

## FIRST GRADE

Last Friday, We enjoyed our very first peak Friday. The kids were exhausted by the end. Don't forget birthday celebrations are the 2nd Friday of every month.

A few important dates. October 26 is our Fall Festival Party. October 27 is the Trunk or Treat. November 2 is our Pyramid Building Project. December 14 is our Gingerbread Literacy Day. December 21 is our Winter Party. More details to come.

Conferences are Wednesday and Thursday evening on October 17, 18. We have sent links out for sign ups.

## SECOND GRADE

Second grade just finished making salt doughs maps in order to highlight the new things we learned during geography. We have been enjoying learning about Early Asian Civilizations. Students have learned about different religions from India as well as how to write using Chinese calligraphy.

Mrs. Ambuski is getting married October 5! We are all super excited for her.

### *Good Things:*

We would like to congratulate our coach, Kevin Stilson and our team for receiving two of this year's top pick of the BEST OF...

- New School of the Year: New Summit Charter Academy -
- New Team of the Year: New Summit Charter Academy -

The awards will be handed out at the Celebration Run on Oct 14, 2018 at the Air Force Academy at 2pm. We invite you to join us!

## THIRD GRADE

Last Friday, We enjoyed our very first peak Friday. The kids were exhausted by the end. The third grade classes just finished learning about "Animal Classification" in Science and will be starting their units on the "Human Body." It was fun to see them work on their animal projects in class.

In Social Studies, they learned about the "World Rivers" and their importance. You can see some of the posters that they have created in the hallway outside the classrooms. They are very excited to begin learning about "Ancient Rome."

A trip to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is in the works. More information will be sent home soon.

Thank you to all of the parents that have volunteered and sent in resources for the classrooms. We appreciate all of you!

## FOURTH GRADE

Fourth grade is settling in to our New Summit routines. We are working on a 4 paragraph personal narrative in CKLA about a memory that the student has chosen. We are learning to include cause and effect, sensory details, similes and metaphors in our writing. We are enjoying reading some personal narratives about Condoleezza Rice and our favorite personal narrative from the book, Small Steps, The Year I Got Polio. Our next unit in CKLA will be studying the Medieval time period. We are hoping to have a curriculum day right before Thanksgiving.

In Science we have been studying the Circulatory System and the Respiratory System. Social Studies has been a great learning time for world maps and world mountains. We actually learned about the Yeti in our study of the mountains! We learned that it is a mythical creature. Ask your student what "myth" means!

Singapore math is finding 4th graders learning about place value, rounding numbers to 10's and 100's, factors, and multiples. It would be wonderful and beneficial to practice some flashcards every night!

### *Pumpkins:*

We are looking for PUMPKIN donations from businesses who would like to help us create a pumpkin patch for our school's Fall Festival!

We want every family to be able to have a pumpkin even if they can't afford one.

If you would like to donate pumpkins, you can contact: [pto@newsummitcharter.org](mailto:pto@newsummitcharter.org). THANK YOU!



# GRADE LEVEL HAPPENINGS CONTINUED...

## FIFTH GRADE

Last week was filled with science fun in fifth grade. Our first after school STEM Club meeting was filled with flying demonstrations, aeronautic terms, and opportunities to apply concepts. On Friday, fifth graders enjoyed science rotations, enjoying time to observe, dissect, and draw fungi in Ms. Sandbakken's room, practicing scientific process and measurement in Mrs. Arnold's room, then completing a writing activity with Mrs. Pluemer. It was a great day!

For the second quarter, the fifth graders will be studying the Maya, Aztec, and Inca Civilizations. We will also be developing expository essays and exploring animal life cycles. In math, we will start the quarter working on multi-digit multiplication and long division, then move into fractions. Keep practicing those basic facts each night!

## SIXTH GRADE

Sixth graders are learning about deserts in social studies, the periodic table in science, and focused narrative writing in language arts. In math, we spent some time reviewing basic concepts and are just wrapping up our first unit on algebra.

Next week our students will start working on the Chromebooks during reading class.

We really appreciate all the parent's help and support.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For 3rd & 4th grade students & their parents:

- October 23rd | 5:30-7:30 pm

Bullying ABCs: What it is, what it's not, and what NSCA does about it!

- October 30th | 5:30 to 7:30 pm

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Grandparents Day | November 14th, 9:30 -1 pm  
More info to come soon!

Scholastic Book Fair | November 12-15th

The Book Fair is coming to New Summit! If you can volunteer during our book fair, please contact Kayla McCallister at [secretary.pto@newsummitcharter.org](mailto:secretary.pto@newsummitcharter.org) or Pam Cassady at [pam.cassady@newsummitcharter.org](mailto:pam.cassady@newsummitcharter.org). Thanks so much for your support!



### Upcoming Events:

PTO General Meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 11, at 6:00PM.

Box Tops are due October 20th please send those in with your student.



### October 27th Fall Festival

3-7 PM we are collecting candy, small prizes, and healthy snacks until Oct. 24th the class with most donations will get a pizza and popsicle party and 2nd and 3rd place classes receiving popsicles.

### Oct. 31st Costume Parade

10:15 AM for Preschool and Kindergarten AM classes, 1:45 pm for All grades and PM kindergarten and preschool.

### November 1st PTO General Meeting 6:00 PM

### November 5th Butter Braids Fundraiser Will Begin!

### Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for volunteers for:

- Trunk or Treat
- Lunch Time
- Upcoming November Events

If you would like to volunteer please email Kayla McCallister at [secretary.pto@newsummitcharter.org](mailto:secretary.pto@newsummitcharter.org).

### Costume Parade Guidelines:

**NO's:** witches, devils, Gore, blood, weapons, face paint, full face mask.

**Yes's:** only eye masks , temporary colored hair , can wear anything school appropriate or Halloween costume all day.

# POSITIVE BEHAVIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Positive Behavior Leadership Team: This month we had students apply to be a part of the Positive Behavior Leadership Team. The students selected based on a comprehensive application were:

- **Charlie Teachenor - 6th (Owens)**
- **Noah Romero - 4th (Costantino)**
- **Sophia Anizell - 4th (Costantino)**
- **Jacob Jennings - 5th (J. Arnold)**
- **Gia Byrnes - 6th (Owens)**
- **Kaylee West - 6th (Naujok)**
- **Jordan Wright - 5th (Pluemer)**
- **Brynlee Chapman - 4th (Costantino)**
- **Wynn Geisler - 4th (Costantino)**
- **Alyse Back - 6th (Owens)**
- **Grace Pauletta - 6th (Owens)**

Congratulations and thanks to all of the teachers that have volunteered for this team, as well as all of the students who applied!

# ART & SPANISH

Thank you so much for sharing your wonderful kids with us! We are starting to get our routines down and really getting in a groove with our schedule.

### Art K-3rd Grade:

Our year is off to a great start! I have really enjoyed getting to know the K-3 art students! We just finished working on our Art to Remember projects. This is a fundraiser for the art department at our school and families will have the option to purchase a wide variety of personalized items.

Kindergarten has been learning about colors and studying "Hunters in the Snow". First grade learned to mix primary colors to make secondary colors and second grade is in the midst of creating their own version of a Picasso painting! Third grade will be creating texture pumpkins and learning about the value of both shape and line in a composition.

If you would like to schedule a time to meet with me during parent/teacher conferences, please feel free to email me at [anna.santellana@newsommitcharter.org](mailto:anna.santellana@newsommitcharter.org).

### Art 4-6th Grade:

In Art 4-6 we have been learning how to draw 3D in our sketchbooks. Everyone is really improving even from a few weeks ago. During parent teacher conferences please feel free to stop by and I can show you the drawings we have done so far. We also just completed an Op Art project that was just sent to a company called Art to Remember. This company turns your child's art work into amazing products like key chains, necklaces, ornaments, mugs etc...they are very good quality as well. All funds that we receive for this will go directly towards getting more art supplies for the students. The items will also be back in time for Christmas! If you have any questions feel free to contact me. I look forward to doing many more projects with your kids!!!



# STAR STUDENT

The STAR student program is getting underway! Each month, one student from each class will be nominated by the teacher to receive the STAR student award. The recommendations come from the teachers noticing the student who has done an exemplary job of displaying the Character Attribute that New Summit is focused on for the month.

The September attribute was RESPECT. Your students have been learning about respect in class and have been working to display this attribute towards their peers, teachers, and all school staff.

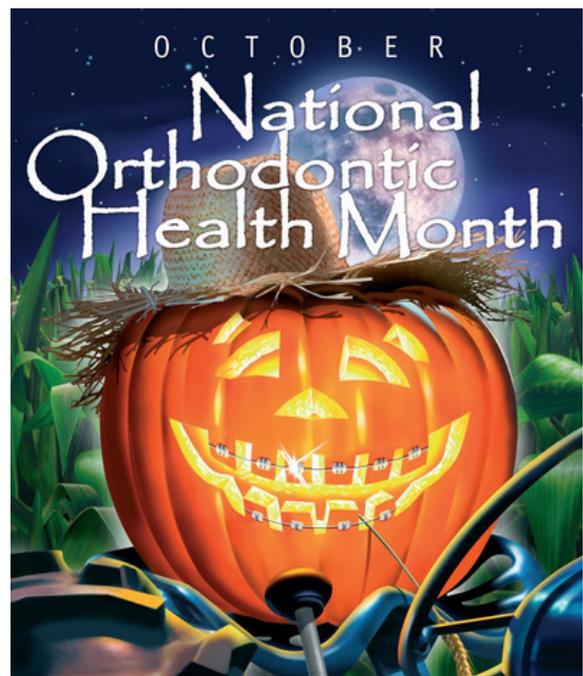
The September nominations are due by 10/5 and the STAR students will be recognized in a school assembly as well as rewarded sometime in October for their RESPECT! We look forward to recognizing your students being STARS in the New Summit community!

# SPONSOR CORNER

### BRIARGATE PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY & ORTHODONTICS

Drs. James and Lauren Busch are located just around the corner from our school in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They serve infants, children, and teens in and around the surrounding cities of Monument, Black Forest and Falcon, Colorado. They also offer free orthodontic screenings!

Check Them Out: [www.briargatepediatricdentistry.com](http://www.briargatepediatricdentistry.com).



# Counselor's Corner

## Meeting the Need: School Counseling at New Summit Charter Academy

From the beginning, New Summit decided that we would focus on character and emotional development skills as an integral part of the overall curriculum. The elementary school years set the foundation for developing the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary for children to become healthy, competent, and confident lifelong learners. Additionally, we understand that we have a diverse group of students that we will be serving and that a child's background, story, history, and their individual needs have a profound impact on their success in the classroom, as well as their overall educational success. Finally, we desire to provide unique training and resources to our teachers in order to help them instruct and build relationships with all students, even those who struggle in the academic environment for one reason or another. With these factors in mind, New Summit knew that there would be an essential role for a school counselor on staff.

School Counselors are individuals who are uniquely trained in child development, learning strategies, coping skills, and the intertwined and correlated relationship between education, academic success, and everything that goes on or has gone on for a child outside of school. The elementary years are a time when students begin to develop their academic self-concept and feelings of competence and confidence as learners. They are beginning to develop decision-making, communication, and life skills, as well as character values. It is also a time when students develop and acquire attitudes towards school, self, peers, social groups, authority figures, and families. New Summit Charter Academy has decided that we will be a place where children can thrive and where their needs are met.

In her role, our school counselor, Mrs. Wise works as an integral part of New Summit's overall vision to meet the needs of students so that they can be successful both emotionally and academically. We are looking to provide character education in addition to prevention and intervention methods that will help our students engage with their teachers, peers, and the educational material. Additionally, in her role, Cortnie serves as part of the team for all students who require 504s and IEPs regarding social and emotional needs or behaviors. We believe that school needs to be a safe place where students can ask for help and know that their needs will be met. It is our desire to provide students with counseling and additional resources that may be needed to help students process through life and learn the skills needed to make their experience at New Summit an experience of achievement.

We are currently looking into programming that includes education on social skills, self-esteem, coping skills, healthy sexuality and relationships, anti-bullying, and difficult family dynamics. Our School Counselor works to engage students and collaborate with the rest of the school staff in the delivery of programs and activities to help students meet their goals. She will also collaborate with teachers, parents, and students on early identification of and intervention in children's academic and emotional needs, which is essential to removing barriers to learning and developing skills and behaviors critical for academic success. It is our desire to be a place where barriers can be identified and rectified or addressed early on. Through this, we hope to provide students with an environment that hears them, sees them, and celebrates them.

Mrs. Wise has started to and will continue to be working to provide direct instruction, teacher training, learning activities, goal focused counseling services, crisis response, and team collaboration and consultation. She will be available to support teachers, parents, students, and administrators in the implementation of programming that meets every student's individual needs. Additionally, she will work to identify community resources that will be helpful for parents and students. Through an integrative approach that includes a holistic view of the children we serve, New Summit will strive to provide a program that is designed to create a lifelong love of learning.

Overall, it is our belief that every child is served by giving them access to people who can help them develop the emotional skills needed to cope with the hardships they will encounter in life. It is a well-known reality that resiliency is created by providing today's generation with just one person who believes in them. At New Summit, in the comprehensive school counseling program, as well as in every staff member they encounter, students will be surrounded by professionals who believe in them and are cheering them on to be the best they can be!