



Parent Teacher Conferences

Lilli Jensen

Parent teacher conferences are coming at the speed of light! Are you ready?

I interviewed several after-school kids to find out how they feel about conferences. Davina from 3rd grade was nervous and her confidence was down at the first conference. But then she saw how well her teacher and mom got along and her whole day was lit up!

Alfredo from 6th grade said that it is embarrassing and nerve-wracking and that his parents work so that it is hard to show up.

Conferences are a time for teachers to celebrate students' progress with families. So whether you think conferences are scary, boring, or a time for your teacher to brag about you, watch out! They're coming for you!

Who are the people behind Newman's parent community? It's the SCC! These hardworking people work with Mrs. Warren to organize Family Nights and are part of the PTA. They work with the community and the parents.

The SCC manages the way we spend our fundraised money. For example, the Walk-a-Thon. They enjoy cooperating with the parents and students to make they get a good education.

Want to help the SCC? Join today! The SCC needs a vice chair and more parents. To get more updates, head to the Newman Facebook page and/or website. As you can see, the SCC is a great help. Thank you!

Science Fair Results

Soren Wangsgard & Natalie Romero

Fun, exciting, valuable! What could this be? The Science Fair, of course! The Science Fair was held on January 16th and hours were put into every project. The projects ranged from germs to popcorn, from power foods to marbles. We want to congratulate the winners.

1. Dany Bayly (6th)
2. Lilly Aguirre (6th)
3. Allyanna Vidal and Heidi Ramirez (6th)
4. Rada Devic, Thatcher Rogers, Rosalyn Wayman (6th)
5. Emilie Kleinman (4th)

Honorable Mention

Isaiah Jensen & Soren Wangsgard (5th), Salma Lopez & Joycelyn Urcino (4th), Isabelle Medina, Marisol Quezada, Kim Villa Rodriguez (6th), Heidi Cano & Marie Reyes (6th), Alexandria Aguilar (6th)

We're very proud of the school Science Fair winners and we are glad they are moving on to the district. They may even make it to the state Science Fair! We wish them the best!

Thank you to all the judges, teachers, students, and especially Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Morrill for all the hard work they put into this.

SCC

Natalie Romero

Coming Events:

February

2/5 PTA @ 5:30pm-6:15pm

SCC Meeting @ 6:15-7:15pm

2/6 Utah Food Bank @ 2:20-3:20pm

2/11-14 Book Fair

2/11-13 Parent Teacher Conferences

2/14 Short Day

2/15 No School

2/18 No School—President's Day

2/28 Family Night @ 6:30pm

Newman's PTA

Brylee Maddox

You have probably heard of the Newman PTA. If you haven't, the PTA is a group of volunteers that raise money from fundraisers to afford field trips and school supplies for us kids at Newman. They also love making their children's school better.

Our PTA president is Natasha Jensen. The president-elect is Jennifer Zuelli. Leslie Babilis is the treasurer. And Aline Ashton is the secretary.

Natasha Jensen, the PTA president, said that she likes being in the PTA because it's like giving back to the community. She has gotten to know people, learned a lot of things, and had some good experiences.

School wouldn't be the same without the PTA. So say thanks or show your appreciation for everything that they do. If you are a parent, you could join the PTA and help out! If you are a student, you could maybe write them a thank you note or support their fundraisers.



The History of Pizza

Derek Earl

Have you ever wondered about the history of pizza? Maybe, or maybe not. In fact, did you know that the original pizza contained fruits and nuts? Pizza was invented in 1889 in Italy. It was once made by soldiers cooking the pizza on their shields. This is probably new news to you!

People like you may even wonder why tomatoes are the most popular fruit on pizza. Well, the answer to that is because Italy is famous for growing tomatoes and they had too many. The tomato sauce idea comes from when the Italians put the tomatoes under the cheese, where it got crushed.

The reason we call it pizza is because of the pizza makers, who were called *pizzaiolos*. Then they shortened it to "pizza" and they decided that's what they'll name the famous food.

You know now the history of pizza, the very spectacular food. Now, if you don't mind, may I ask you a question (well, besides the one I just asked)? Who's having pizza tonight?

Valentine's Box

Ember Osness & Lily Mecham

Valentine's is right around the corner. It's time to craft on! Here are some tips for making a great Valentine's box.

Tip 1: *Let your imagination shine through!* Think of something you like, like a TV show, a hobby, or a favorite animal. Make this your box's theme.

Tip 2: *Make it fit your style!* Ember loves color, so she would add lots of paint or colorful paper. Lily loves decorating, so she would use pom poms and googly eyes!

Tip 3: *Decorate it!* Use something you love like glitter, colored paper, or stickers to make it amazing!

There you have it, a unique box that's one-of-a-kind! Have a wonderful Valentine's Day!

Llama Looking for a Good Book

Mia Parke

For all you kinder, 1st, or 2nd graders, or anyone who loves picture books, I know school is hard. I was in those grades once too. So you need a good book! You might need to read with your mom or dad, but a good book can make you happy!

A book I would recommend is *Llama Llama Home with Mama* by Anna Dewdney. There are two characters, Baby Llama and of course, Mama Llama. They get sick and need to get better! I would read this book because it's funny, has poetry, and I believe you might learn new things. This book is llamazing!

Drawing Tips

Evan Archibeque

Good morning (or afternoon) Newman. Today I'll be talking about the top 5 best drawing tips.

1. ***Practice!*** No matter how bad at drawing you think you are, practice always helps.
2. ***Believe that you have good drawings.*** Believing in yourself boosts your confidence and makes you better at drawing.
3. ***Ask an expert.*** Just because you're not an expert doesn't mean you can't get advice from one. If you have access to YouTube, there are thousands of videos on how to draw certain things, like pandas or wolves. Also, in the school library, there are over 50 how to draw books.
4. ***Work from light to dark.*** This helps you a lot. You should start by drawing lightly so if you mess up, you can erase and leave less marks. Then when you finish with the perfect sketch, draw more normally and dark over the sketch.
5. ***Shade your sketch and think of the lighting.*** With shading you need to imagine where the light is coming from. If the light is coming from the right, the shadow will be left. This is important because it makes your drawing more realistic.

If you follow these five tips, you could be the new Leonardo Da Vinci!

Book Fair

Juan Perez

Who's excited for the book fair? The book fair will start Feb 7-14. You can go after-school until 6pm. If it's a parent teacher conference night, it will go until 7pm. There are some books you can't find in other stores, just the book fair. It also helps the library to get more books at our school. Also, as a reminder, the book fair rules are...

1. Treat it like a store. Be respectful of the books and other products.
2. You break it, you buy it. As you look, handle the books carefully.

Hope you have fun and start saving up for a great book! Be sure to thank Mrs. Grimshaw for all of her hard work!