

# Newton Falls Elementary/ Middle School

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Principal Mrs. Witt  
Secretary Mrs. Howard



Dear Tiger Families,

It is hard to believe that November is upon us. As I reflect upon the school year, I am encouraged by the student growth we are seeing in our classrooms. Our teachers and students are working really hard developing basic literacy skills to crack the code of reading. Students in all grades are engaging in complex text and developing their writing proficiency by utilizing text evidence to support their claims.

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Our teachers are meeting twice per week in Teacher Based Team meetings to review student data and work samples, develop strategic lesson plans based on student need and ensuring that content put in front of students is aligned to the standards.

Our counselors are supporting our students both academically and socially. Students have access to individual sessions, small and whole group lessons. It is a great time to be a Newton Falls Tiger.

Thank you to all of you for your support this year!!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Witt

## National Honor Society Mentorship:

I am excited to share with you our National Honor Society Mentorship program. This year we have 17 young men and women from our high school NHS that will be at our building every other Friday having lunch with select second and third grade students. These NHS members are positive role models for our students. They will be building relationships and encouraging our younger tigers to do well in school.

### ◆ Important Dates

- ◆ November 4<sup>th</sup> – Fundraiser pick up: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
- ◆ November 4<sup>th</sup> – ABC meeting- 7:30 pm
- ◆ November 5<sup>th</sup> – Mobile Dentist
- ◆ November 7<sup>th</sup> – K-2 Honors Assembly -9:15 am – Families welcomed
- ◆ November 8<sup>th</sup> – 3-5 Honors Assembly- 9:15 am – Families welcomed
- ◆ November 7<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students attending Veteran's day program
- ◆ November 8<sup>th</sup> – Mother- Son Dance
- ◆ November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fundraiser assembly
- ◆ November 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break

## Lexia Level Up Challenge:

Our students are currently participating in the Lexia Level Up Challenge. The challenge runs between November 1 and November 20 and any student who passes their level in Lexia will participate in a popcorn and BINGO party on November 22. Lexia is a comprehensive technology based literacy program that extends learning for all students. Lexia tailors instruction to meet each student's unique literacy needs and provides supplemental materials that can be done in the classroom. Students successfully mastering their targeted skills "level up" and move to the next sequence of standards/skills. This incentive is designed to encourage our students to do their best and give 100%

## From the Cafeteria:

We have a lot of students with outstanding lunch charges. If your child charged a lunch at school you still have to pay for it. They are allowed two charges per child and then they will be given an alternate meal. The cafeteria staff has been paying for a lot of your children because they do not like to see the children cry. Please send in their lunch money as soon as possible. Any questions call Diane McElravy at 330-872-0695 ext 1041

## PBIS- Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports

We have been busy learning how to Implement PBIS in Newton Falls Schools. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an approach to teaching and supporting positive behaviors and meeting the needs of ALL students. This school-wide approach to behavior focuses on building a safe and positive environment in which all students can learn. The foundation of PBIS at Newton Falls Elementary/Middle School is the following building-wide expectation

**Be Respectful**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Safe**

**Be a Learner**

In our last training we created a **Behavior Matrix** which is our behavior expectations here at Newton Falls. Recognition of expected behaviors will be awarded with: **Tiger Bucks, Pawsome Awards, Classroom Parties and Lunch with the Principal!**

## Counselor Update:

Teaching kids character strengths and life skills is one of the most important jobs of parents, caregivers, and teachers. Hundreds of times a day, often without realizing it, we seize on moments to reinforce strengths such as humility, integrity, perseverance, and teamwork. Each month we build on those character strengths through guidance lessons.

November is a time for giving thanks and showing gratitude. This month our character guidance lessons will be focused on being thankful and showing gratitude.

It is hard to believe that we will be beginning a whole new set of

groups focused around peace called Peace Pals. In these groups we will focus on healthy peer relationships and conflict resolution skills. If you believe your child would benefit from this group please let Miss Brown or Mrs Fischer know.