

Newmarket Community Education Partnership

Enhancing social, recreational and educational experiences for children and youth in the town of Newmarket

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Teeing off

NCEP is pleased to support the spring First Tee Golf program at the Elementary School.



The program's mission is to positively impact the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote

character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf. The current program is taking place each week at the Rockingham Country Club for 2nd-5th graders.

My first book club

NCEP has granted an additional \$300 to the NES "My First Book Club." Last fall, second-grade teacher Kristin Willett started a book club to introduce new literature into students' lives. Through a \$750 grant from NCEP, the after-school "My First Book Club" was formed. It was a huge success with eager readers in grades 1-3. With the latest grant, the club will purchase a set of *We are in a Book!* as well as activity supplies for the spring session.



Technology helps Social Studies instruction

With a \$560 grant from NCEP, Newmarket Jr./Sr. High students will have an improved way to view social studies via a new LCD projector. The social studies department will be able to integrate technology into their classrooms with the addition of the InFocus mobile projector which will allow teachers to share video, PowerPoint, student and other presentations. It will ease the transition from a more traditional presentation of material to a 21st century presentation model.



8th graders visit Washington D.C.

NCEP granted the Newmarket 8th grade class \$750 to help defray costs of their annual June trip to our nation's capital. The trip is a rich educational and cultural experience for the

students. In addition to touring D.C. and surrounding areas, they experience a tremendous amount of personal growth and independence. The \$500 cost of the trip is prohibitive for many families and the NCEP grant helped make this opportunity possible for all students.



Getting ready for kindergarten



A \$100 NCEP grant will provide books for each NES kindergarten classroom and the school library about the

kindergarten experience. These books will allow parents, students, as well as the kindergarten staff, to better understand concerns and issues unique to kindergarten.

New readers

The NES Reading Department has been granted \$625 to purchase two sets of 120-book S.P.I.R.E. decodable readers. The readers are critical to the first steps of literacy, and will help serve the reading program, as well as provide a resource for classroom teachers in grades K-5.



Calculators for the Math Team

NCEP is proud to support the Newmarket Junior High School Math Team with a grant of \$750 for graphing calculators. During meets, students are asked to calculate problems without any technical assistance, but occasionally allowed to use a calculator to help solve complex problems. Newmarket students did not have enough calculators for each team member to use individually which hindered the team's efficiency and competitiveness. Many times other competing schools loaned their calculators to the math team to help them out. Despite their handicap at the meets, the Junior High team has participated with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. This grant gives the team the chance to work with the same advantages as the schools they are competing against.

On behalf of all the future students that will benefit from these calculators, thank you so much NCEP!

Michelle Silvia
Math Team Advisor

Interacting in New Orleans

For the second year in a row, student members of the Newmarket High School Interact Club spent their April vacation in New Orleans. The group worked on two house projects in the 9th Ward, an area devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The students returned home with new skills and an experience they will never forget. Newmarket's Interact club is also



sponsored by The Rotary Club of Durham. NCEP awarded the club \$300 to help defray trip expenses.

Friend Me: A student panel presentation on social forums

Newmarket Junior High School students will present a family friendly forum that discusses social media and how parents and children can safely and successfully navigate these digital waters. Parents will have an opportunity to ask a student panel questions ranging from how to set up a Facebook account to the benefits of social media in junior high school. The forum's goal is to initiate discussion between students and adults that is not only productive but fun. NCEP was pleased to help with materials for this presentation with a grant of: \$200. The event will give our Jr. High students a platform to share their ideas while simultaneously educating their parents. Parents will have an opportunity to better understand their child's perspective on social media while also obtaining 'know how' on how to get involved themselves. On the other hand, children will gain a better understanding of a parent's concern about social media and the need for open communication.



Library makeover

The mills aren't the only downtown landmark getting a facelift. NCEP is helping fund a children's room makeover at the Newmarket Public Library. The Children's Room will be redesigned to be more child-friendly, with plans for a puppet theater, "stadium" seating for story time and a reading nook. Local



Interior Designer Beth Frede is volunteering her time to work on this project, with help from library volunteer and NCEP board member Nicole Benson.

Drama at NES

A generous donation from an anonymous benefactor is helping NCEP and the Newmarket Elementary School PTA's Leaps and Bounds enrichment program to bring a brand-new drama program to elementary students this spring. Over 150 students signed up for the drama program, which began in February and will culminate in the June production of the musical "Twinderella." The Drama program includes both students who wish to perform on-stage and those who prefer to work behind the scenes. The drama club received funding from the PTA, NCEP, and a \$1,000 anonymous donation from a Newmarket community member who asked that their donation be used for the arts. Funds will be used to purchase costumes, lighting, set materials, and to pay play royalty fees. "Twinderella" will be presented on June 7 and June 9. For more details about the show, contact Newmarket Elementary School.



Thank you!

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**Fall grant applications due:
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