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# Newark Digitizer

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## FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to a new school year! We will publish the Newark Digitizer monthly and we hope that you read it in order to stay informed about school events and opportunities. Thank you!

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## LESSON CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Join us to see guest speakers:

**US Rep Troy Balderson**

Tuesday, Oct. 8th from 9-10

**Ohio Senator Jay Hottinger**

Thursday, Oct. 24th from 10-11

History or Government lesson credit will be given to students who attend.

## TEEN PARENT GROUP

Are you a teen mom or dad?

Join us for teen parent group on Thursdays!

Lesson credit, free childcare. Get some tutoring while your child has fun playing!

Please contact Brandi for more information! [bmoффitt@newarkschools.us](mailto:bmoффitt@newarkschools.us)

# Upcoming Test Prep Opportunities



**Do something that your future self will thank you for!**

**Math and Science AIR Test Prep**

**Wednesday November 6, 13 and 20**

**2:00 – 3:30 pm**

Come to the Newark Digital building for special sessions to review and prepare for the Algebra I, Geometry, and/or Biology AIR exams. Stations will be set up focusing on key concepts for each test and students can rotate through the topics they need to be successful on the end-of-course exams. Tests will be administered in December—starting to prepare early will help reduce anxiety and increase retention of information! We hope to see you!

Not available? Check out our test prep materials online at [www.ndamath.weebly.com](http://www.ndamath.weebly.com)!

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Want to study for your AIR tests at home? You will now find **Test Prep Links** for your subject areas under the “Student Login” button on our school website. There are lots of great resources there. Check them out!

Also, within the next couple months you will be receiving **letters in the mail** with test prep resources for some of your classes. These pages will contain just the MOST important things you will need to know for the tests. Make sure you read them and keep them!

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, Nov. 21 from 11-3** for our annual fall test prep day. More information coming soon!

# Recipe of the Month

Contributed by Robert Brown, Learning Coach

## Recipe-S mores Pie

### Ingredients:

Box of Gram Crackers = 14oz

20 oz of Milk Chocolate Bars

1 Stick of butter=4oz

Marshmallows = 24oz bag

Cooking Items You will need-

9 1/2 inch glass or metal pie plate

1 large bowl

1 medium sized bowl

Cooking Spray or butter or some type of cooking grease.

Spatula

### Directions:

1. Pre Heat Oven to 350 and grease the pie plate while you are doing the following

Making the Pie Crust

2. Melt the stick of butter in a microwave save bowl or melt in a small pot on the stove

3. Crush all of the gram crackers into tiny bits in a large bowl. Remove half of the gram crackers and place in another bowl for later use.

4. Add and mix the melted butter to the remaining gram cracker crumbs in the large **bowl**.

5. Use the Spatula to add and shape the butter gram cracker mixture to the greased pie plate.

6. Bake on a middle rack for about 6 minutes.

Filling the Pie

7. Remove the pie plate and add a layer of chocolate bars. Make sure you cover as much of the newly made pie crust as possible.

8. Add a layer of marshmallows on top of the chocolate.

9. Add a layer of crushed gram crackers from the bowl you set aside earlier.

10. Add another layer of chocolate bars.

11. Add a final layer of marshmallows.

12. Return this yumyness to the oven for about 5 minutes.

13. Turn the oven to broil to toast the top layer of marshmallows. Watch the oven carefully.

14. Let cool for a couple of minutes or if you are brave dig in!!!

# Student Columns

## Fall Activities in Licking County

By Vanessa Miller

There are many fun, fall activities in Licking County. You and your family can go out and enjoy time together at these events. It is also a great time to go support our community and their talents. Below are some fall activities in Licking County.

October 11-13	Harvest Moon Rendezvous	At the Infirmary Mound Park in Granville, there will be lots of fun activities. The theme is set from the 1840s. There will be pumpkin painting, crafts, artists, carriage rides, children's activities, a petting zoo, a food truck, and more!
October 12	Art and Craft Market	At the Canal Market District in Newark, there will be an arts and crafts show. There will be up to 40 of our areas best artists and crafters selling their work.
October 12	Holiday Craft Show	At the Wright Memorial UM Church, there will be: <u>Scentsy</u> , Tupperware, jewelry, knit & sewn items, holiday wreaths, handmade craft items, painted rocks, homemade baked goods, and homemade noodles!
November 2	Fall into Winter Half Marathon	In Granville, there will be a half marathon that starts at 9am.
November 9	Skills USA, Craft Show	At C-Tec in Newark, there will be a craft show. Residents from all around Licking County will go to sell and buy crafts.

This is only some of the family-fun activities in Licking County this fall. For a more complete listing visit [www.lickingcountyevents.com](http://www.lickingcountyevents.com). Remember that when you shop local, it supports our local economy.

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## Make an Environmental Move to Get into the School Groove

By Carli Rettig

As we transition into the start of a new school year, it is important to remember the conscious choices that we can make to assist in the betterment of the rapidly changing environment of the planet that we inhabit. With the impacts of devastating climate change events on the horizon, we can choose to strive to make small, yet necessary, moves to enhance our planet before it reaches the brink of disaster where we can no longer make any moves to transcend the state of our environment.

Why should you care about how you can help the environment? With the destructiveness of climate change and the danger of pollution and substantial emissions brought on by corporations and overpopulation, the environment has been rapidly suffering over the past years. Scientists that study the changing of the environment have predicted that we only have twelve years to salvage the damage of climate change, pollution, and overpopulation. While countries and some corporations work to lessen their carbon footprint, you can too!

Utilize the resources available to you in the best way possible with technology! As an individual, you can start making these seemingly small progressions by possibly eliminating single use plastic and paper from the school supplies that you use by taking advantage of the online resources at your disposal. Online document platforms, like Google Docs or Microsoft Word, can help you to take notes that will be available across any device. Fortunately, as a Newark Digital Academy student, individuals might already be familiar with using online resources as substitutes for schoolwork that would otherwise be completed on paper.

Innovative apps, such as Flora and Forest, can be essential motivators for maintaining focus on your schoolwork and other tasks outside of school. These apps can grow a virtual tree on your phone while you focus on a task for a designated amount of time. When the virtual tree completes its growth, the developers of the apps will work to plant real trees around the world, acting as a motivator with an environmental aspect to a task you would have to complete anyway. With an app similar to these, you can strive to eliminate procrastination and the distraction of your phone, give yourself a motivator to maintain focus and productivity, and help the environment at the same time.

With these thoughts in mind, I compel you to ask yourself about what you can do to help better the environment. Whether that involves planting trees and other plants, eliminating single use plastic and paper items, recycling, or something else that would enhance the environment, push yourself to do what you can to help the environment.

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## Interview with Amanda Hunt

By Kylie Fultz



Amanda Hunt had been a returning long-term substitute teacher at Newark Digital for the last three years.

### **What do you like about working for NDA?**

“I like that I feel like I am making a difference.”

### **What do you personally think is the best and worst thing about being a teacher?**

“The best thing about being a teacher is an ‘ah-hah’ moment where a student understands what a teacher was explaining. What I don’t like about being a teacher is the people that don’t think our job is important.”

### **What do you do during your summer break?**

“I have a Dungeons and Dragons group that I play with. That’s pretty much it.”

### **Would you say most of the teachers get along well?**

“Absolutely!”

### **What made you want to become a teacher?**

“So when I was in the third grade my teacher made a whole day about the Polar Express, and that’s the first time I felt that learning was not a chore. So I wanted to help show other kids that learning is not always a chore.”

### **Was there something special that drew you to NDA?**

“Both of my sisters went to NDA when they were in high school. Even though they went back to public school, seeing what it did for my sisters drew me to work at NDA.”

### **What would you say your spirit animal is and why?**

“A possum, because people see them as one thing when they’re actually another. When they see conflict they roll over and play dead, and same.”

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## Interview Continued...

### **If you could have three wishes what would they be?**

“The first wish would be to have no debt because I don't like owing the government 16,000 dollars. My second wish would be for the Harry Potter universe to be real. My third wish would be that I would want the power to fly. I'm afraid of heights because I don't trust the thing supporting me, but I trust myself, so I think if I could fly, it would be more fun.”

### **What is your favorite color?**

“I don't really have only one favorite color. My favorites are red, purple, and gold.”

### **How would you like NDA to develop in the future?**

“I would like us to be able to get more student clubs, because I feel like that's the only thing lacking. A lot of the kids come here to escape social interactions, but I feel like if you don't feel safe here where would you feel safe?”

## **NDA's New Dungeons and Dragons Club!**

By Collin Queen

Have you ever wanted to feel like a great warrior? Do you need new friends to hang out with? If so then D&D may be for you. D&D, or Dungeons and Dragons, is a tabletop fantasy action role-playing game. Simply put, in D&D you can do just about anything you want. Together as a party, a team of great warriors (your characters that you've made) explore and battle across an endless world that can change planets and even dimensions. You can get lost in the amount of available content out there for you to explore. A task like playing in a large campaign can be a daunting task for a new player, but if you keep it simple and play with friends or classmates then D&D can be super fun.

D&D is one of my favorite things to do. I find it so easy to get lost in the worlds me and my friend create. The club will meet on Thursdays at one. If you are interested in joining our D&D club, then check out the cool flyers that have been posted around the school or talk to Amanda Hunt in classroom one.



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Welcome back to NDA for the 2019 – 2020 school year. It is hard to believe that it is October already and the first quarter of the school year will be over. We are very excited about everything that we will achieve together this school year. The staff have been working hard and giving our best so that you can do your best. We have already seen great participation in tutoring and nice progress in course work. If you are not doing as well as you would like, please come in and see us and we will work together to see how we can support your success!

As always, there is a lot going on at NDA. Check our website or App for calendar updates on speakers, workshops, video conferences and clubs. The more we see folks the better they tend to do! It is a great time to be a Cat (and a Mustang)!

Stay safe on line and everywhere,

John Lutz – Coordinator of Alternative Education