

WELCOME TO OUR October Newsletter



What an AMAZING day of fun, laughter, and school spirit! Our Fall Fundraiser celebration was truly a BEST DAY EVER, and we are so thankful to our wonderful students, families, staff, and community for making it such a special event!

Because of the incredible generosity and participation of our school community, we are thrilled to share that we raised just over \$10,000! This is an incredible accomplishment, and it would not have been possible without all of you!



We are incredibly grateful for every family who participated, every person who donated, every student who worked hard, and every community member who helped support our school.

Whether you helped with fundraising, shared information, made a donation, encouraged your child, or simply cheered our students on, you played a part in making this success possible! We are so grateful to have such a supportive school community behind us. Together, we are making a difference for our students—one experience, one classroom, and one opportunity at a time.

We hope our students had the BEST DAY EVER, because they certainly deserved it!

Events:
Early Release Wednesday dismiss at 2:22 pm. Please call by 1:30 pm to make any end of day changes for your student.

Office Notes:

8:05 - Doors Open

8:11 - School Starts

Call before 2:30 to make end of day changes. Anything after 2:30 will not be accepted.

3:22 - Dismissal

It is that time of year again for the pumpkin Character Contest in the library. If you need a pumpkin, please reach out to Mrs. Painter. Pumpkins are due Thursday, October 22nd. The community voting night will be on Tuesday, October 27th from 4:30 to 6:00. Come and vote for your favorite pumpkin character!

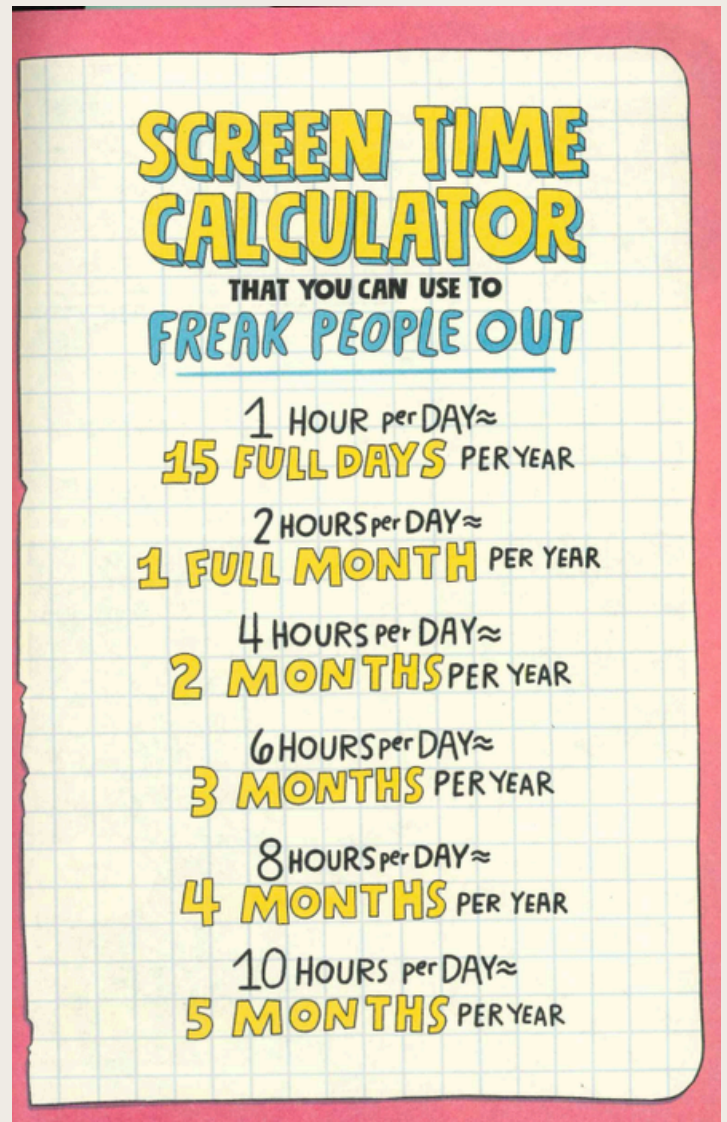
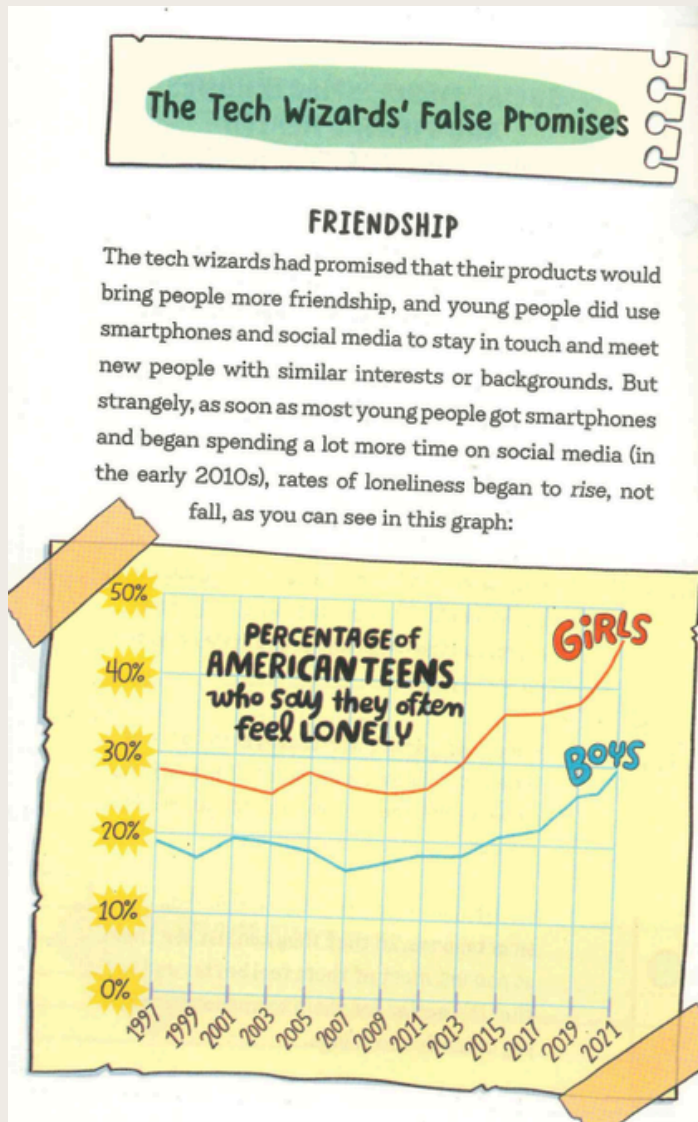


Looking ahead to our classroom Halloween festivities on Friday, Oct. 30th...school appropriate costumes follow regular dress code guidelines and do not represent blood/gore or excessively scary themes...no toy weapons are to be brought to school even if it is a part of a costume. Thank you for your understanding and partnership.



"Growing" our Kids!

The Amazing Generation is a book that is geared towards kids and is designed in the format of a graphic novel. It explores the dangers of excessive screen time and how to thrive in the midst of a screen filled world. There is so much good (and scary) information in this book. Don't miss this opportunity!

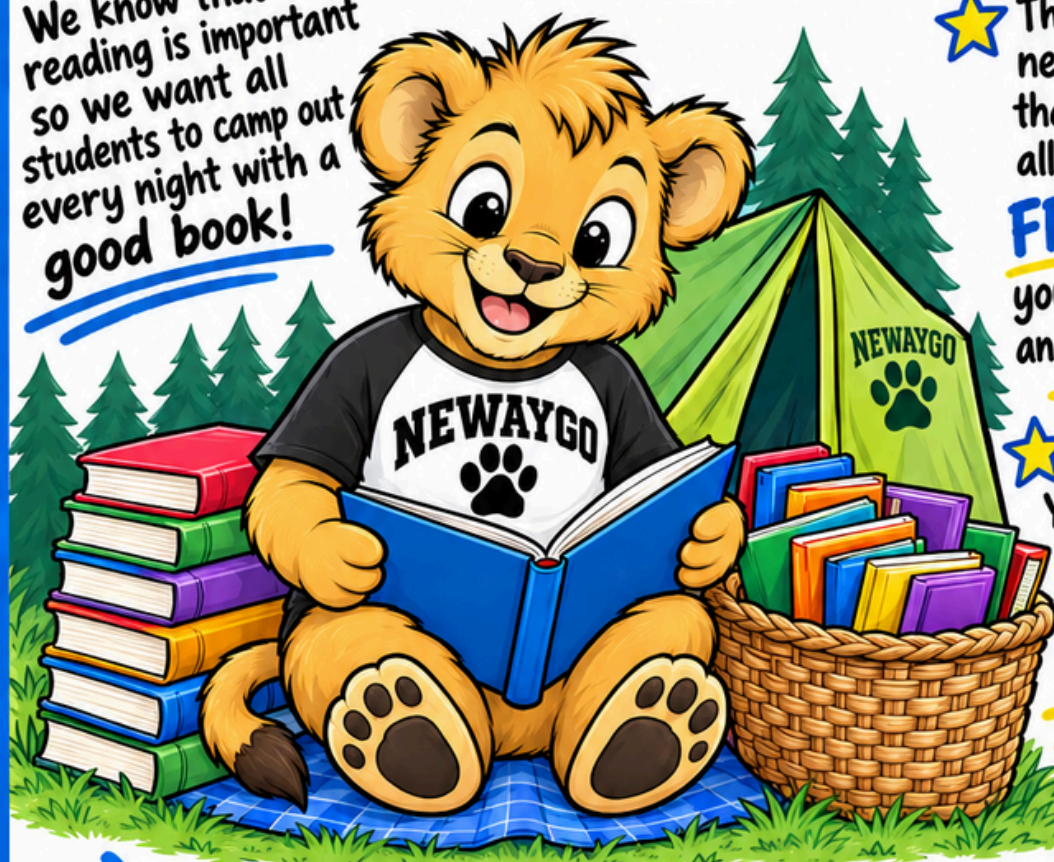


If you would like to borrow a copy of this fantastic book to read with your student, please scan the above to request a copy!

Introducing Newaygo Elementary's

CAMP Read-A-Lot Program

We know that reading is important so we want all students to camp out every night with a good book!



★ There is a table, near the library, that will be stocked all year with **FREE** books for your child to take and read at home.

★ It is official! You are a member of the **Camp Read-A-Lot Program!**

➤ Sponsored by Newaygo Elementary Teachers! ➤

Read!
Then read some more!
Then **READ SOME MORE!!!!**



Helping Prevent Bullying: 5 Ways Families Can Help

- **Talk about bullying:** Help your child understand what bullying is, how it affects others, and what they can do if they experience or witness it.
- **Keep communication open:** Create a safe space where your child feels comfortable talking about their experiences, feelings, and concerns.
- **Be a positive role model:** Show kindness, respect, and healthy ways to handle conflict. Children learn from what they see!
- **Encourage kindness and inclusion:** Teach your child to include others, stand up for classmates, and be a caring friend.
- **Build confidence:** Encourage your child's strengths and interests. Celebrate their efforts and successes to help them develop confidence and resilience.

Mean Behavior vs. Bullying: What's the Difference?

Not every unkind behavior is bullying, but every unkind behavior should be addressed. Children are still learning how to manage emotions, solve conflicts, and treat others respectfully.

Mean or hurtful behavior may be a one-time incident, such as saying something unkind, leaving someone out, or having a disagreement with a friend. These situations still need to be addressed and provide opportunities for children to learn, repair relationships, and make better choices.

Bullying involves behavior that is repeated or has the potential to be repeated, is intended to harm, intimidate, or humiliate, and creates a power imbalance that makes it difficult for the targeted student to defend themselves.

Whether an incident is considered bullying or mean behavior, we want students to speak up and tell a trusted adult. Our goal is to help students feel safe, learn from their choices, and develop the skills to treat others with kindness and respect.

Together, families and schools can create a safe, welcoming environment where every child feels valued and included.