SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS

Last year we were amazed by our students with their success in the Scholastic Art Competition, with over half of the awards that were given to the North Country going to students at NNCS. Well, it's difficult to imagine, but our students did even better! Over two-thirds of the awards given to kids in the North Country went to Flyers! We are so proud of our students and their excellent teachers.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the largest annual art competition in America, and the participating Central New York awards program has been honoring the creative work of junior/senior high school students for more than 70 years.

This year 6,000 pieces of art were submitted from some of the most talented students in NYS. NNCS’s results were astounding and we are so very proud of our students. We had many students recognized with Gold Key, Silver Key, and Honorable Mentions; this was our best showing, yet. The following are the NNCS results:

- Gold Key Portfolio: 1
- Silver Key Portfolios: 3
- Honorable Mention Portfolio: 1

- Gold Key pieces: 13
- Silver Key pieces: 25
- Honorable Mention pieces: 32

(Some students submit multiple pieces for competition)
Number of Students Receiving Gold Key’s: 8
Number of Students Receiving Silver Key’s: 11
Number of Students Receiving Honorable Mention’s: 20

Our Gold Key Portfolio was awarded to Grace Furnace for her portfolio titled, Whimsical Spectrum. The two of the three Silver Key Portfolios were created by Isabelle Phippen, titled, Solitude in Nature and The Good and the Bad. The third Silver Key Portfolio was created by Erin Simons, titled, Subtle Lighting. The Honorable Mention Portfolio was created by Grace Furnace, titled, Last Minute.

Our Gold Key recipients include 10th grader Elizabeth Lamica; 11th graders Erin Stickney and Nico Sweeney; and 12th graders Grace Furnace, Trinity Sessions, Kelsey Vallance, Hailey Villnave, and Isabelle Phippen.

Our Silver Key recipients include 8th grader Sydnie Barkley; 10th graders Lyndon Cook and Rayth VonHoffmann; 11th grader Nico Sweeney; and 12th graders Grace Furnace, Trinity Sessions, Kelsey Vallance, Hailey Villnave, Coryn Young, Taylor Allen, and Isabelle Phippen.

Our Honorable Mention recipients include 8th graders Sydnie Barkley, Braden Garrow, and Gage Snyder; 9th graders Joella Dumers, Storm McConnell, and Catherine Phippen; 10th graders Lyndon Cook, Elizabeth Lamica, Rayth VonHoffmann, and Kierra Fetter; 11th graders Erin Dickenson, Gillian Simcox, Erin Stickney, and Nico Sweeney; and 12th graders Grace Furnace, Erin Simons, Kelsey Vallance, Anneke Chudzinski, and Isabelle Phippen.
RECAP OF *THE ODYSSEY*

Before the Holiday break our 9th grade English Honors students were busy. Teacher Maggie Sullivan challenged them to recap what they read in the well-known epic tale, *The Odyssey*. The students worked in small groups to create different stop-motion videos from the various scenes from the tale. Then, they pieced it together for a mini-movie. It’s a must-watch and you can access it HERE. Awesome job, kids, and well-done Ms. Sullivan.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Recently a Section X official commented that he loved to referee games at Norwood-Norfolk. He continued to say that our kids and parents were generally very well behaved and everyone cheered for the kids. Obviously, we’re very proud of hearing this comment.

We thought you’d enjoy this quick video, produced by the Saranac Lake School District. It’s a poignant reminder of the importance of showing good sportsmanship…and it’s really funny.

Great job showing your Flyer Pride at games & events. We love watching our kids compete.

FLYER ATHLETICS

Our winter sports teams are really exciting to watch! You can find up-to-date schedules on our website or by visiting www.sectionXboces.com. Let’s get out and support our student-athletes.

Be Loud! Be Proud! Be Supportive!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ASSEMBLY

We congratulate all our elementary students who were recently recognized as a Student of the Month. The theme for January is RESPECT, and what better way to show respect than to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Here’s a quick video of our youngest students paying tribute to our great Nation. Hearing this swells the heart.

AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY

We recently received information from The North Country Children’s Museum about their upcoming after-school activities. For our elementary children in grades 1-4, they will offer Reptiles Alive! From January 16th to March 13 on every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30. The cost is $80. Then, on Fridays from February 8th to March 29th, they’ll offer Theatre for $80 from 3:30-4:30. It looks like fun!

For the older students in 5th and 6th grade, the Museum is offering the after-school activity, Animation, on Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 from January 17th to March 14th. This, too, will be offered for $80.

There’s always a lot to do at The North Country Children’s Museum. Register for these, and other, activities at www.NORTHCOUNTRYCHILDRENSMUSEUM.org.
FUNDRAISER TO HELP OUR PARENTS

Each year the parents of our seniors organize and form a group in order to host an after-graduation all-night drug & alcohol free party. This is an important group that helps to keep our kids off the roads after graduation…and they’re looking for your support. (This group is independent, and not a school group.)

There are two upcoming fundraisers. They’re offering a yummy spaghetti dinner as well as a fun-filled trivia night. Flyers are attached to this email for both events. Let’s get out and support the parents of our seniors.

FACEBOOK

Celebrate our children! Follow our middle school on Facebook page by clicking "Norwood-Norfolk Middle School Moments". Our elementary has also joined with a Facebook page, called “Norwood-Norfolk Elementary School.”

A MESSAGE FROM NYS COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, MARYELLEN ELIA

January 11, 2019

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is kicking off 2019 with new features on our social media channels that I think you will enjoy. I encourage you to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn for tips, resources, activities, and events highlighting daily themes, including "Math Monday," "Trivia Tuesday," "Wellness Wednesday," "Throwback Thursday," and "Weekend Reading." In addition to the daily themes, NYSED is participating in several awareness campaigns on social media for the month of January. These campaigns include National Mentoring Month, National Braille Literacy Month, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Follow us for tips, resources, and our latest news.

If you will be in the Capital Region this weekend, consider visiting the State Museum for "New York State's Great Places and Spaces" program on Saturday. Representatives from over a dozen New York State historic sites and cultural organizations will provide educational hands-on activities and unique artifacts to explore. In addition, a guided tour of "The Historic Woodstock Art Colony" exhibit will be held at 1:00 p.m., followed by a Hudson Valley art project inspired by the exhibit. A guided tour of "Enterprising Waters: New York's Erie Canal" will be held at 3:00 p.m. For more information, visit the Museum's website.

Finally, NYSED is currently inviting public comment on two topics: the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Annual Professional Performance Reviews (APPR). The public comment period on proposed regulations to implement New York State's ESSA plan will run through January 25. The public comment period on APPR gives stakeholders the opportunity to provide input on the proposed extension of the transition period for APPR through the 2019-20 school year. The extension would continue the moratorium delinking student assessments from teacher and principal evaluations. The public comment period on APPR will end February 25. I hope you will take some time to participate in these public comment periods.

Please be sure to sign up for our parent email list to have these updates delivered directly to your inbox, and encourage other parents to do the same.

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