KINDNESS WEEK

We’re gearing up for one of the best weeks of the year: Kindness Week! Each school has been working to bring relevant activities to spread the awareness of the incredible impact of kindness. During the week of January 28-February 1, our community will embrace kindness. At the elementary, they’ll be collecting coins to help build a medical clinic in Liberia. Last year they collected coins to rebuild playgrounds in hurricane affected areas. Here’s a quick video from last year. (NNES is mentioned in the credits.) Our students will also be met with #FlyerPride & activities each day. The middle school will embrace some wonderful activities, too, with a capstone event on Friday when the Kindness video for 2019 will be shown. Here’s a peek at the video they completed a couple years ago. We’re all looking forward to Kindness Week!

LOCKDOWN DRILLS

Before the Holiday break our school conducted our first lockdown drill of four that are mandated by NYS. This was done with local, county and state police agencies on hand to observe. We’ve gathered feedback and will commence with another drill during the week of February 4th. We recognize the impact that these drills have on our students, but we must have our procedures practiced so that our children know what to do in case of an emergency. Thank you for understanding and we apologize if this causes any inconvenience to families.

CHANGE TO CALENDARS ON WEBSITE

Through feedback we’ve learned that our new website wasn’t too easy to navigate when trying to find school calendars. We agreed and have made some simple changes which many will find convenient. You will now find calendars for each school and the District under the heading, “Calendars” at the top of our website. There is also a fast-link at the bottom of the website to the District Calendar. We hope this helps to find the correct information.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Another group of our student-athletes attended Leadership Training with the DiMarco Consulting Group. This leadership training is hosted by Section X Athletics. They believe in developing leadership among our students. NNCS students participating include Alaina Elliott, Jude Lauzon, Bodie Molnar, Hayden Bullock, Anna Nelson, Shelby Vallance, Clayton Reed, Makenna King, Levi Sochia, and Michael Richards.
ELECTIVE FAIR

Students from grades 8 through 11 will participate in our annual Elective Fair this week. This will be an opportunity for our students to talk with teachers regarding elective courses. We have a robust selection of elective courses for the students to select.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Last week we shared some positive comments made by a local referee about the positive Flyer spirit that our students & families show. I also shared a brief video from Saranac Lake Central…which was hilarious and worth the 33 seconds to watch. I’m proud that we are loud, proud, and positive. #FlyerPride

You may have also read in the Watertown Times an article detailing a letter, written by the Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations. She wrote with concern about the decline of high school and youth sports referees across the country. Locally, the shortage of referees has led to game cancellations. In short, less games equates to less opportunities.

Why are there less referees? The answer is very clear: abusive parents. The headline to this letter was simple, “Dear Mom and Dad: Cool It.” We would encourage everyone to watch the brief video from SLCS and read the article from the Watertown Daily Times.

Be Loud! Be Proud! Be Supportive!

REMIND 101

As many of you have been notified, Remind 101 texting service will be disrupted due to a dispute with Verizon. Earlier this week our IT Coordinator sent out information regarding this and also provided instructions to continue receiving messages through Remind in emails instead of texts. Email messages are still free. If you need any support with this then please reach out to our IT Coordinator, Bill Sova. wsova@nncsk12.org

THE FLU

We’re beginning to see cases of the flu in the North Country. Information from the NYS Department of Health has collaborated this with continued increases in the diagnosis of the influenza virus. We remind people that the best barrier is the flu vaccine. Also, regularly washing your hands and covering your mouth/nose when you sneeze prevents the spread. This season doesn’t appear to be as devastating as last year, but through proper care we should be able to limit the exposure.

SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS

If you didn’t see in last week’s Update, our students were amazing! Check out this show of all our award winning pieces. Well done kids & teachers!

Flyer Pride
Embrace the Power of Working Together
School-Family-Community
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.

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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.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/22 – 1/25 January Regents Exams
1/25 Elective Fair
1/26 Lawn Olympics in Gym – by Travel Club
1/28 Spaghetti Dinner
1/28 – 2/1 Kindness Week
1/31 DIG Meeting
2/1 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
   Student of the Month Assembly
2/4 Student of the Quarter Assembly
   President & Vice-President Meet with Superintendent
2/4-2/8 Lockdown Drill
2/9 Trivia Game Night
2/12 Board of Education Meeting
2/15 Early Release Day – Professional Development
2/18-22 Mid-Winter Break