SPECIAL AWARD AT SCHOLASTIC ART SHOW – GRACE FURNACE

We are so very proud of senior Grace Furnace. We knew that she had received several accolades already for her submissions to the Scholastic Art Competition, including a Gold Key Portfolio. However, we received word this past week that her portfolio, *Whimsical Spectrum*, received the Light Work Award for Best Photography Portfolio. This recognition is reserved for only the best of the best submissions. Well done, Grace! We’re proud of you.

Here is a picture of Grace with her presented portfolio at the CNY Scholastic Art Show.

You can view Grace’s portfolio with all the recognized Scholastic Art award submissions HERE. I would encourage everyone to take a few moments to look at it. It’s worth the time. We have some very talented students. Congratulations to all award recipients as well as our wonderful art teachers.

KINDNESS WEEK

The most important lesson we can teach our children. Be kind!

We’re very excited for this year’s Kindness Week, beginning on Monday, January 28th. Each school will be involved with various activities and challenges. Our faculty, staff, and students look forward to showing that KINDNESS MATTERS.

GUEST CONDUCTOR

Congratulations to our high school instrumental music teacher, Mr. Pabis. He was selected to be a guest conductor for the Rensselaer High School All-County Band. He recently conducted this group and reported that it was one of the highlights to his professional career. Upon reflection on his rehearsal techniques and professional development related to this opportunity, he brought new insight into his conducting of the NNCS band. Congratulations Mr. Pabis.

FLYER ATHLETICS

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

Be Loud! Be Proud! Be Supportive!
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 you find the correct information.

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.

TWINS

There were a lot of twins at our elementary this past Friday. Sponsored by the K-Kids with donations going to the Wounded Warriors Outdoor Adventure project, our students enjoyed the day.

Wounded Warrior Outdoor Adventure
THE FLU
The flu has definitely hit the North Country. Information from the NYS Department of Health has collaborated this with continued increases in the diagnosis of the influenza virus. Other than last season, we have more confirmed cases in NYS at this late January date than in the past number of years.

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. Our cleaners are also spending time cleaning the touchable surfaces in each classroom.

RECYCLING EFFORTS
Thanks to science teacher Katie McNulty for helping to keep plastic out of our landfills. She’s initiated a recycling effort for dead or dying markers. So far she’s shipped 263 old markers back to Crayola for repurposing. Thanks Ms. McNulty.

GLOBAL SCHOOL PLAY DAY
Once again this year our elementary will participate in the Global School Play Day. On February 6th our children will play! In impetus behind this is to restore unstructured play to a generation of kids.

February 4, 2015, was the first annual Global School Play Day for students in schools around the world. In year one, over 65,000 students participated! Over 177,000 students took part in 2016. In 2017, over 283,000 kids celebrated Global School Play Day. In 2018, over 385,000 students from 58 nations participated.

In his TEDx lecture, Peter Gray clearly states the case that today's kids do not grow up playing and this has negatively impacted them in many ways. It's time we return the gift of play to this generation.

EMPIRE STATE GAMES TORCH RELAY
This year the Torch Relay will stop at Norwood-Norfolk Elementary School! On January 31st our students will participate as the torch is passed from classroom to classroom. What an opportunity for our children to learn about the Empire State Games and be a part of their history.

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

1/28  Spaghetti Dinner
1/28 – 2/1  Kindness Week
1/31  DIG Meeting
   Empire State Winter Games Torch Relay
2/1  NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
   Student of the Month Assembly
   All County Festival B
2/4  Student of the Quarter Assembly
    President & Vice-President Meet with Superintendent
2/4-2/8  Lockdown Drill
2/6  Global School Play Day
2/9  Trivia Game Night
     Sweetheart Dance
2/12  Board of Education Meeting
2/15  Early Release Day – Professional Development
2/18-22  Mid-Winter Break