WE LOVE APPLES!

A sincere thank you to Angie Conger from JW Orchards on Plum Brook Road for donated apples for our students. What a wonderful treat for our children. Thank you.

FIRE PREVENTION

Thank you to the Norwood and Norfolk Fire Departments. Once again this year they took the lead to teach fire prevention and safety to our children. Our students look forward to learning from these brave heroes and really enjoy the opportunities they bring. One of the favorites is to see a real fire engine up close. Thank you!

PINK OUT AT NNCS

For one day our district’s school colors changed from Green & Gold to PINK. Sponsored by the Key Club for Breast Cancer Awareness, our District was proud to wear pink. Each adult and child were ablaze with this bright color. Those who didn’t have any clothing of this color were provided pink ribbon stickers & pink pencils.

Many of the symptoms of breast cancer are invisible and not noticeable without a professional screening like a mammogram or ultrasound. But some symptoms can be caught early just by looking for certain changes & being proactive about your health. The National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. has produced a free guide, Know the Symptoms. You can access this free guide HERE.

PARP CHALLENGE

Who wouldn’t want to see Principal Kingsley and Administrative Intern Sarah Bullard kiss a pig? I think we all would want to see that happen. They have challenged the elementary students and families as a part of the PARP Challenge. PARP is Parents As Reading Partners and our goal is for 75% of our elementary children to read with their parents. If this goal is achieved, then Ms. Kingsley and Ms. Bullard will…KISS A PIG! Let’s go elementary!
FLYER PRIDE AT THE ELEMENTARY

Our youngest children sported the Green & Gold as part of a school pride event this past week. It was great to see our youngest Flyers being proud of their school.

SLL BOCES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Voters Approve St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Capital Project

—Construction on the three career and technical education buildings expected to begin in 2020—

(CANTON, NY) — On October 9, 2018, voters approved the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES capital project 992 to 141 in a public referendum. Voting was held from 12PM to 8PM at each career and technical education (CTE) center location, as well as the educational services center in Canton. 1,133 votes were cast, including absentee ballots.

The approved proposal totals $43.5 M. Work at Seaway Career and Technical Education Center in Norwood totals $18.3 M. The renovations at Southwest Career and Technical Education Center in Fowler will cost $9.76 M. At Northwest Career and Technical Education Center in Ogdensburg, the work will cost $15.5M.

The approved project proposal will update infrastructure including plumbing, electrical systems and ventilation, and also add space at Seaway Tech to accommodate increasing enrollments. Seaway Tech has the largest enrollment of the three centers.

The BOCES is working with architects from March Associates, who will begin the design phase of the project this week. The design phase is expected to take roughly 5 months. Designs must be submitted to the New York State Department of Education (NYSED) for approval. NYSED review time is currently estimated at 38-40 weeks. Bids on the project from construction companies will open after NYSED grants its approval. Construction is anticipated to start in spring of 2020.

“The voting results speak for themselves,” said BOCES District Superintendent Thomas Burns. “Most people in the North Country have been touched in some way by CTE programming, whether it be a family member who graduated from one of the programs, or an employer who has hired one of our graduates. A majority of high school juniors and seniors in our area attend a CTE program every day and we owe it to them to provide a modern learning environment. We thank the voters for their support and look forward to beginning the renovation process.”

For more information about St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, please visit www.sllboces.org/project.

AGENT OF CHANGE AWARD

Congratulations to teacher aide Susan Barrett. She was recently recognized with the ABC 50 Agent of Change Award. Ms. Barrett is involved in many community events in the North Country, including Joanne’s Gift of Love Foundation of which she is a founding member, in memory of her sister and former NNES Principal Joanne Bigwarfe. Congratulations Ms. Barrett! We’re proud of you.

Click HERE to watch the surprise announcement of this award.

Flyer Pride
Embrace the Power of Working Together
School-Family-Community
SLOW & STEADY PROGRESS

Buffalo Business First Magazine recently released their 2018 rankings of all upstate schools from 48 counties. These rankings are based on data from 2014-2017 as the most recent 2018 data is not available, yet. The most recent year received the most weight in the formula they used, which included data from fourteen statewide elementary and middle school exams, seven Regents exams, four Common Core exams, and two graduation rates. This means they used 52 statistical indicators (two results per test, 25 tests per year, plus two Regents diploma rates). This equals 208 indicators over a four year period.

I’m glad to report that NNCS has risen in the state rank from 2017 to 2018 by 8.6% and are now ranked at 198 out of all Upstate schools. While we’re ranked 8th with our local North Country districts, we experienced more growth (8.6%) than all but three schools. We’re proud of the work our teachers, assistance, aides, and students are doing.

AESOP’S FABLES

Aesop's famous fables and scripts provide great entertainment for children and kids. The fables, or stories, are all very short so they keep the attention of children. Aesop's fables feature familiar animals loved by all. Fables are short stories which illustrate a particular moral and teach a lesson to children. The theme and characters appeal to children and the stories are often humorous and entertaining for kids of all ages. Fables can also be described as tales or yarns which have a message in their narrative such as a parable might have. Fables can often pass into our culture as myths and legends and used to teach about morals to children and kids.

On October 22nd, our elementary children will enjoy a presentation of Aesop’s Fables. This is made possible through our Arts in Education partnership.

VISION SCREENING

Once again we will be having the Lion's Club coming to conduct vision screenings for Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st Grade. The Norfolk Lions Club has joined with the Potsdam Lions Club which in now call the Racquette River Lion's Club. They will be doing Pre-K and Kindergarten on October 18th and 1st grade on October 23rd. Permission slips will be going home as we get closer to those dates.

Thank you to the Lion’s Club. It’s a wonderful service that you provide.

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

10/15     8th Graders to Seaway Tech
10/16     Board of Education Meeting
10/17     SLLCSBA Dinner/Meeting w/ Regent Ouderkirk
10/18-19  Superintendent at MS Conference
10/19     Grandparents/Special Friends Day
          Senior Bowling Trip
          Whiz Quiz to Watertown
          Drama Club to Syracuse
          Elementary Fun Night
10/22     Aesop’s Fables
10/22-26  Spirit Week
          Red Ribbon Week
10/25     DIG Meeting
          Internet Safety Assembly (MS)
10/26     PEP Rally
          Green & Gold Day
10/31     Halloween Parade