UNIFIED SPORTS

Section X Athletics is attempting to bring Unified Sports to our area. Unified Sports is a bona fide, recognized sport for athletes (players with intellectual disabilities) and athletes (players without intellectual disabilities) to create athletic teams for training and competition. The NYS Public High School Athletic Association and Special Olympics are combining their efforts for this sports program. Participation is rooted in the principle of meaningful involvement which ensures that every player is given an opportunity to contribute to the success of his or her team through their unique skills.

Here is a video that clearly explains Unified Sports.

If you have a child who would benefit from this program, please contact our CSE Administrator Cassidy Mattimore as soon as possible. If you know of a child who would benefit, please let them know about this opportunity. We are attempting to begin this program in the North Country for this coming Spring, so we need to organize as soon as possible.

VISION SCREENING

Thank you Lion’s Club for holding a vision screening at NNCS. You helped to screen over 130 students. Sixteen children were referred for further evaluation. Thank you!

SEAWAY VALLEY PREVENTION COUNCIL

Thank you to the professionals who spent time at our school this past week. Members from the SVPC were available to our students during lunch and provided a lot of information as a part of Red Ribbon Week. They also worked with some of our teachers in identifying signs of drug use. Keeping Norwood-Norfolk drug free.

CLEANING UP OUR ENVIRONMENT

From Classroom to Community! As a result of their studies in science, two 6th grade students, Kesley Coller and Kendall Shrewsberry, came up with the idea to do a garbage clean up along the streets in Norfolk. Aided by the Norfolk Fire Department, nine 6th grade students helped clean up seven bags of litter. They plan on doing the clean up once a month, weather permitting. Flyer Pride!

We're proud of the work that our 6th graders did to help our environment. Special thanks to Kesley and Kendall for organizing this excellent event. Also, a thank you to the Norfolk Fire Department for partnering with our kids to help our community. Well done!
FLYER ATHLETICS

Our boys’ soccer team completed their season with a tough-fought semi-final game against Brushton-Moira. The team pressed the Panthers hard but finally succumbed. We enjoyed watching our team improve and compete each game.

Our girls’ soccer team won their first playoff game against Tupper Lake 3-0. It was a balanced game which saw our girls slowly dominate the Lumber Jacks. During the semi-final game our Lady Flyers fell to a very strong Madrid-Waddington team. It was great to watch this team play this year.

Our girls’ cross country team went undefeated in the regular season and continued that dominance during this week’s Interdivisional Meet at Gouverneur. Our girls came away with the team championship after besting all competitors. Freshman Maddie Dinneen finished first, earning her a trip to the NYS Federation Meet later this fall in Wappingers Falls. Maddie won by 21 seconds over the next closest finisher. The top seven finishers in the meet were recognized as members of the 1st Team All-NAC, which included Maddie Dinneen, Sydney Levison, and Sharon Colbert. The next seven finishers were recognized as members of the 2nd Team All-NAC, which included 7th grader Rachel Hewey. We’re proud of our girls cross country team for winning the interdivisional meet. Now our girls head to the Section X Championship at Canton Central School on Thursday. Good luck to our state ranked team!

Our boys’ cross country team experienced defeat only once this season as they moved into the Interdivisional Meet with confidence. Our boys came away with second place to a powerful Malone team. Based on how each runner finished the race, Clayton Reed was named to the 1st Team All-NAC, followed by members of the 2nd Team All-NAC, including 8th grader Thomas Hopsicker, Levi Sochia, and Owen Haas. We’re proud of our boys cross country team for doing so well this season. We wish our state ranked cross country team well as they compete in the Section X Championship this Thursday in Canton. Good luck boys!

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

It’s always special to have our grandparents and special friends come to celebrate our children with us. This visit was centered on our Parade of Books in which each class dressed up like characters from a book the class was reading. This day was a culminating activity for Parents as Reading Partners (PARP). Thank you to all grandparents and special friends who attended. Here’s an ARTICLE from North Country Now.

HIKING

Before the snow begins to fly it’s nice to get our children out on the trails behind the school. Our PE teachers have been enjoying the fall weather with our students.
**FUN NIGHT**

What fun! Dressing up for a fun night. Here in this picture you see one of our Key Club high school students helping with face painting. There were a lot of activities for our elementary students at this recent fun night.

**COMPUTER CRIME UNIT INVESTIGATOR PRESENTATION**

Thank you to NYS Police Investigator Todd C. Svarczkopf from Troop B’s Computer Crime Unit. He spent time with our middle school students to reinforce safety while on the internet. There are many dangers that our children face while trolling the World Wide Web. His presentation touched on internet safety, cyberbullying, sexting and inappropriate material. Thank you Investigator Svarczkopf for helping our children.

**RED RIBBON WEEK & SPIRIT WEEK**

NNCS expressed a lot of spirit and support for a drug & bully free school this past week. Each day our children dressed to support a specific theme. The week culminated with our Green & Gold Day which saw almost every student & adult sporting the school colors in support of Red Ribbon Week. Thank you to all who were involved with organizing this special week. Thanks to the Seaway Valley Prevention Council who spoke with many of our students as well as providing assistance for our faculty. We also thank Investigator Todd Svarczkopf for working with our middle school students. A special thanks to the Norwood & Norfolk Communities who supported Red Ribbon Week by placing red ribbons in their parks & placing supportive messages on their boards – it truly takes a community to raise each child.

**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.”

**HAUNTING AT NNCS**

This past weekend our school experienced a haunting. Kids of all ages were invited to a Haunted House sponsored by the National Honor Society & Key Club. Thanks to these clubs for putting this on for our students.

It's the season for ghouls & ghosts. This Halloween please make sure our children are safe while having fun. The annual Halloween Parade will be on Wednesday, October 31st – weather permitting.
UPCOMING EVENTS

10/31  Halloween Parade
11/1   Student of the Month Assembly
       Safety Committee Meeting
11/4   Daylight Savings Ends
11/5   Grove & Move Concert – HS
11/6   District Superintendent Visit to NNCS
11/7   Student of the Quarter
11/9   Parent-Teacher Conferences – ES only, dismissed at 11:30
11/11  Veterans Day
11/12  Veterans Day Observed
11/13  Staff Development Day
       President & Vice-President Meet with Superintendent
11/14  Parent-Teacher Conference  - ES dismissed at 11:30
       - MS & HS dismissed at 10:30
11/17  Key Club Free Movie Day
11/20  Board of Education Meeting
11/21-23 Thanksgiving Recess

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