WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

Both of our cross country teams ran away with the Section X Class D Championships. Almost every student-athlete had personal bests as the meets were held on a rainy, muddy Canton Central course. Here’s an ARTICLE from the Courier-Observer.

Our girls’ cross country team was led by freshman stalwart Maddie Dinneen who was the overall meet champion, finishing the 5K race in 19:36. This was almost a minute faster than her last meet on this course. The team captured the top five spots to earn the Class D crown. The top runners include Maddie Dinneen, senior standout Sydney Levison, Sharon Colbert, Rachel Hewey, and Erin Dickinson. Our Lady Flyers are ranked 10th for Class D in NYS by the Sports Writers Association. We’re proud of you all!

Our boys’ cross country team was led by Owen Haas who was the Class D meet champion, finishing the 5K race in 18:11. This was a personal best for Owen. The team captured five out of the top six spots to earn the Class D title. The top runners include Owen Haas, Clayton Reed, Thomas Hopsicker, Mike Richards, and Levi Sochia. Our Flyers are ranked 12th for Class D in NYS by the Sports Writers Association. You make us proud!

Coach Fetter was named the Section X girls cross country Coach of the Year. Congratulations!

The Flyers teams will now get set to represent Section X in the NYS Championship meet on Saturday, November 10th at Sunken Meadows State Park in Kings Park on Long Island. Good luck!

CONGRATULATIONS

We’d like to congratulate the Flyers who participate on the Potsdam Central varsity football team. They recently outlasted Malone for the Section X Class B Championship. Flyers include Cole Bond, Anthony Zoanetti, Bobby Voss, Phil North, and Michael Hewey. Great job! We’re proud of you.

CHAMPIONSHIP BANNERS

At NNCS we remember our history and celebrate our present and past students. Organized by Athletic Coordinator Nate Plantz and assisted by many coaches, our varsity gymnasium is now a showcase for the accomplishments of our student-athletes. Past championships are displayed, by sport, for all to see. It looks great and will undoubtedly inspire our current students.
VETERANS DAY – Sunday, November 11th (Observed on Monday, November 12th)

“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.”

John F. Kennedy

We are proud and thankful to all those who serve or have served our great country. Thank you for protecting liberty here and abroad. And thank you to your families who sacrifice so much.

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Our District Safety Committee recently held a meeting with our community partners. Participating in the meeting were the Norwood and Norfolk Police, St. Lawrence County Sheriffs, NYS Troopers, and Potsdam Rescue. The District participants included administrators, IT Coordinator, Transportation Supervisor, Maintenance and Cleaner Supervisors, and our Facilities Director.

The purpose of the meeting was to review our Emergency Response Plans, plan upcoming drills, and establish a process for reviewing our Plans. We appreciated the opportunity to meet with our community partners, ensuring the safety and securing of our children.

Future meetings with our community partners has already been established and the District is working to schedule a meeting with our internal Safety Committee, too.

LOCKDOWN DRILL SCHEDULED

NNCS will conduct a mandatory Lockdown Drill on Friday, November 16th. The exact time of day that this will occur will not be announced. We conduct these drills as a mandate from the NYS Education Department; however, there is great value with these drills. Just as Fire Drills have enabled our children to learn to react appropriately, Lockdown Drills can do likewise in the event of a serious situation. The District also learns from each drill on how to better respond to various situations and scenarios. Our Emergency Response Plans are improved as a result of these drills.

During this planned Lockdown Drill, members from multiple emergency response services will be on site to review and evaluate our processes. They have been invited by the District as a collaborative effort to offer the most feasible process for keeping our children and employees safe in the event of an emergency.

Teachers will work with our younger children so that they understand the purpose of conducting these drills. We understand that this type of disruption, while necessary, can be upsetting to children. Our teachers will work to ease any anxiety surrounding this drill.

During a lockdown, no visitors will be allowed access to the school. Typically, a lockdown takes between 30 and 45 minutes to conduct. We apologize for any inconvenience that you have while we conduct this safety drill.
PARP CHALLENGE...SUCCESS!

We were so very happy that our students met their targets during the Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) Challenge. Principal Kingsley and Administrative Intern Sarah Bullard placed a challenge before the children and if they hit the target then they’d … KISS A PIG!

What fun the children had as Mrs. Kingsley and Mrs. Bullard smooched a pig. A few who were close to the action thought the pig kissed them back, too. Congratulations to all the children and families who participated in the PARP Challenge. Few things are more important than reading to your child.

FAMILY RESOURCES

As parents we all need support when working with our own children. Particularly, when we’re trying to support our kids in areas that we parents have little experience. How do we help our children navigate the world of cyberbullying? It’s different than what might occur when children are physically together and so our reactions can either escalate or de-escalate the negative activity. Here are some resources from Common Sense Education as well as 5 tips in responding to cyberbullying.

Also, if your children are spending time playing Fortnite, you may want to look at this resource. Understanding “where” are kids are spending their time is important as we help then navigate this different world.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ASSEMBLY

We thank the many people who came to celebrate our Students of the Month. It’s always a special time for children when they see family in the bleachers. November’s character theme at the elementary is Gratitude. What a great characteristic for November! If you didn't have a chance to be here, you can watch it from our elementary Facebook page.

Congratulations to all the students who were recognized.

SCHOOL BUSES

There is no reason for people not to see our school buses. They’re big and painted yellow with bright, flashing lights. If you see one then slow down. If the yellow lights are flashing, then please use caution. If the red lights are flashing then STOP. We are carrying our most precious treasures. If we catch someone passing a stopped school bus with their red flashers on, then we will provide your plate number to the police.
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!

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

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
11/15  Wellness Committee Meeting
11/16  Lockdown Drill
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