AUTISM WEEK

This week our NNCS Key Club is sponsoring Autism Awareness Week. From April 1st – 5th, our students will show their support by wearing specific colors all week. Ribbons and bracelets will also be available all week for $2 and $1, respectfully. Furthermore, information about Autism will be shared on the announcements all week.

MONDAY, April 1st: Wear AUTISM SHIRTS and Ribbon sale
TUESDAY, April 2nd: Wear YELLOW and Bracelet sale
WEDNESDAY, April 3rd: Wear RED and Bracelet sale
THURSDAY, April 4th: Wear BLUE and Bracelet sale
FRIDAY 5th: Wear GREEN!!

All proceeds will go to Autism Awareness and the Foundation of St Lawrence NYSARC!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for our primary is taking place now. If you have (or know of) a child who will be four, five, or six years old before December 1st and they are not enrolled in school, then please have their parents call the elementary office.

MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ DAY

A few of our 7th and 8th graders traveled to Colton-Pierrepont this last week for a Middle School Jazz Day. This was a great opportunity for them to start learning and experimenting in the genre of Jazz. Don Washington, a very well respected Jazz educator in the North Country, led the workshop. We’re sure this workshop sparked interest in Jazz and got the middle school musicians excited about joining our Jazz Band here at NNCS.
HELP REINFORCE TECHNOLOGY LITERACY

The school tries to reinforce proper use of technology through our curriculum and teaching. One area in which we support our students is through the appropriate use of social media. We see many of the problems that exist with our children possibly being attributed to the constant bombardment of social media messages. Snapchat, texting, emails, Facebook, Twitter, etc., are all ways that our students are being distracted. It’s an exciting world, but we all see the downside.

When children are experiencing any social conflict there is no escaping. When we adults were young, we experienced the same thing; however, we could go home and take a break. Now, our children are constantly connected and cannot take a breather and reflect. It’s difficult for them to process issues when they are receiving constant updates on the conflict. When someone is in a constant state of emotional distress the results are damaging, both physically and emotionally. Student attendance suffers and there is no coincidence between the rise of diagnosed student anxiety at the exact time smart phones were introduced to our society.

There are two things we feel would be important for families to do. First, limit the time our children are connected. Give them time to be on-line, but provide them an escape, too. Children don’t naturally pull themselves away from the addictive qualities of social media, so it’s up to us to help them. Second, reinforce proper etiquette for posting anything on social media. Simply, before you post, THINK. Is your post: True Helpful Inspiring Necessary Kind

Our kids need all of us to support them with these important skills.

Remember that our children look to parents and adults to learn. If we feel it’s important that our children disconnect and THINK before they post anything, then we must be role-models for them.

SNOW DAY GIVE BACKS

Our students are mandated to have a 180 day school year. The current school year was created with 187 days, thus allowing us seven emergency closure days…also knows as snow days. This year NNCS utilized three snow days, therefore, at this time we have four left.

The Board of Education voted to “give back” these four days. So, the students will not have to attend school on the following days:

- June 26, 2019 – Regents Rating Day
- May 24, 2019 – Day before Memorial Day weekend
- April 22, 2019 – Day after Spring Break
- April 12, 2019 – Day before Spring Break.

If we need to close school due to inclement weather, then April 12th would turn back to a school day. If we need to use an additional closure due to inclement weather, then April 22nd would turn back to a school day.
SAT’s

It’s that time of year, again. This coming week our juniors will be taking the SAT exams and we have 51 students signed up. As students begin to think beyond high school, those planning to attend college usually decide to take this exam. Good luck to our juniors.

OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

On Sunday, April 7th, the Clarkson Society of Women Engineers invites high school girls to a brunch to learn about STEM college majors and careers. The brunch will be held in the Student Center with an 11:30-2:30 time frame. A flyer detailing this opportunity is attached to this email. This event is a wonderful opportunity for a connection between a student and a top-rated local university. I would encourage all high school girls to consider attending.

GREAT NEWS! GRANT NOTIFICATION

Our North Country regional schools have combatted homelessness for many years. The stereotypical homeless person isn’t usually seen in the cold North Country. However, many families and individuals struggle with adequate and consistent housing. For many years our District has participated in a regional grant to support our temporarily housed students and families. Our liaison to this grant, Danielle Peterson, has worked diligently to provide support for our many families who find themselves in difficult situations.

We recently received notification that a new round of the McKinney-Vento Grant (to support families experiencing housing difficulties) has been awarded to our regional schools once again. This means that we’ll be able to continue with our efforts through the year 2022. A big thanks to the folks at SLL BOCES who have been consistent in their efforts to provide support for our families.

JOIN THE DISCUSSION: Upcoming Community Forums

Community members are invited to participate in an open discussion facilitated by Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization to gather input on barriers and gaps in the community for opioid treatment access, recovery, and prevention in rural St. Lawrence County. The information will be used to develop strategies to improve services in our community.

Adults (18 years or older) who live or work in St. Lawrence County, including: community members, law enforcement officers, health care professionals, government officials, faith- and community-based organizations, school personnel, individuals in recovery, affected families, and others.

Individuals are encouraged to attend 1 of 2 sessions and registration is required. RSVPs are required, and registration information will soon be available at fdrhpo.org/forums. Questions? Contact pfontana@fdrhpo.org.

May 7th at Massena Community Center, 3:30 – 5:30, or
May 16th at BOCES in Canton, 3:30 – 5:30

Flyer Pride
Embrace the Power of Working Together
School-Family-Community
HYPNOTIST EVENT – FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by the NNCS Class of 2019 All Night Graduation Party parents, this event promises to be a lot of fun. Join the Comedy Hypnotist Night with Don Swan and help our parents keep our children safe at graduation. This fun event will be on Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 PM in the NNCS Auditorium. The cost is $10 per ticket and you can purchase a pre-sale ticket at the high school Guidance Office.

CLAIRe’S FITNESS FUN DAY

Grab your sneakers & join us for a fun filled family day of getting fit for a cure! Saturday, April 6th from 1:00 – 4:00 in the Norwood-Norfolk Elementary Gym. Kids are $5.00 and Adults & children under 3 are free. Family rate is $15.00. All proceeds donated to The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Come enjoy the fun for a great cause!

KIDS GIVING BACK TO KIDS

As we walk about the school it’s not unusual to see middle or high school students working in elementary classrooms. This is a wonderful opportunity for our older students to gain important skills, but it’s more important for our youngest children to have role-models. It’s a wonderful tradition.

CALLING ALL FLYER ALUMNI

Combined Class Reunion 2019! There is a class reunion THIS SUMMER for all NNCS graduating classes. If you’re interested in helping to organize or represent your class, then contact Chuck Morse, ’77 at morsechuck10@gmail.com. Let’s get out and show your Flyer Pride!

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

4/2        Budget Committee Meeting
4/4        SLL BOCES Annual Meeting
4/5        Student of the Month Assembly
4/8        President & Vice President Meet with Superintendent
4/9        Hypnotist – fundraiser for Parents of the Class of 2019
4/12       Snow Day Give Back
4/15-19    Spring Break
4/22       Snow Day Give Back
            Board of Education Meeting
4/23-28    HS Robotics to Detroit

Grades 3-8 NYS Exams

April 1    Grades 5, 6
April 2    Grades 4, 5, 6
April 3    Grades 4, 7, 8
April 4    Grades 3, 7, 8
April 5    Grade 3