AUTISM AWARENESS
We’re proud that our faculty, staff, and students appreciate that differences should be celebrated. This week our school participated in Autism Awareness activities, bringing an understanding that having differences is okay.

Each year our elementary community poses for a picture, formed into a puzzle piece. This year was no exception. Great job faculty, staff, and students.

A big Thank You to the Key Club, too. They sold bracelets and ribbons to bring awareness of Autism. All proceeds went to Autism Awareness and the Foundation of St Lawrence NYSARC!

FREEDOM PENS FOR TROOPS
Some of our students have been working to bring a smile to the faces of soldiers. The Freedom Pen Project sends hand-crafted wood pens to our troops. Students in the woodworking class practiced turning pieces on the wood lathe and when ready, made pens to send to the troops. Students participating in this outreach project include: Cole Bond, Koby Bond, Fisnik Hadzovic, Benjamin Haenel, Vladimir Halpren, Alexander McConnell, and Hailey Villnave. The image attached shows the pens made by these students. [http://freedompens.org/](http://freedompens.org/)

SNACK PACK VOLUNTEERS
A big THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped with the Snack Pack Program. It was a great to see our youth participating in activities of civic engagement. Wonderful!

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.
EXTENDED DAY COMMERCIAL
During a marketing unit in our Extended Day Program our students decided to “market” the program. So, they created a video. It’s fantastic to see what our children can do. We’re proud of them and their work on this project.

“O ROMEO, ROMEO, WHEREFORE ART THOU ROMEO?”
Students in Ms. Sullivan’s ELA 9 classes are in the middle of reading *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*, which is a challenging piece of literature. To help the students with understanding the time-period, they had a masquerade ball to celebrate when Romeo and Juliet first meet. The students wore masks they made themselves and learned a group Renaissance dance before acting out the famous scene where Romeo and Juliet fall in love at first sight. So much fun!

FIFTH GRADE MUSEUM
For the past week students have been conducting some research about Ancient China's culture. Some of their projects have included building replicas of the Great Wall of China with zip lines that could transport materials, creating traditional instruments, constructing timelines, producing commercials of their most famous inventions, and creating brochures of areas to visit. Their hard work will be displayed in a "museum" in the 5th and 6th grade hallway. Come check it out!

STUDENT LEADERS – KEY CLUB
We’re proud of our Key Club, who recently attended Leadership Training at their annual conference. They received several recognitions and awards:

- 3rd place for number of service hours per member
- 2nd place Single Service for Pal, Perfect Paperwork, and Early Bird Dues
- 1st place for nontraditional scrapbook
- Distinguished President Travis LaDue
- Distinguished Key club members Travis LaDue, Jaron Belmore, and Sydney Jarvis.
- Distinguished Diamond Level Club (only 7 recognized out of 260+ Key Clubs in the state)
- 1st in fundraising for March of Dimes, Children’s Miracle Network, and Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma center.
- They also had a special presentation for the Norfolk Rescue squad at their Installation/Awards luncheon on Sunday, April 7th.

We are so proud of our club. Great job Mrs. Dean & Key Clubbers.
SAYING THANK YOU

A "Thank You" goes a long way! During our Extended Day Program, fourth graders said, "thank you" by designing thank you cards for our Bus Drivers, Clarkson Pi Day, Cornell Cooperative Extension Maple Madness and for Mr. Lavigne at the Norfolk Ice Rink. Teaching these simple courtesies is very important. Great job!

PROMOTING PEACE

I’m proud of our students for sharing these posters, promoting peace. What a wonderful school we have when our halls have such important messages from students. This is fantastic.

HELP KIDS FIGHT CYBERBULLYING AND OTHER MEAN ONLINE BEHAVIOR

Here’s a great resource for parents to help our children navigate this exciting (and dangerous) online environment. You’ll also find many other helpful resources from Common Sense Education.

#MANDYSTRONG

Attached to this email you’ll find information regarding a jamboree for Mandy Boyd. Mandy is a first grade teacher at NN. She was recently diagnosed with Synovial Sarcoma, a rare form of cancer. Please take a look at the information sheet, t-shirt order form, and walk/run pledge sheet. There will be copies of the t-shirt form and pledge sheet in the offices if you would like a hard copy. We welcome all support for Mandy and her family as she fights this disease.

RE-PACKAGING LEFTOVER SCHOOL LUNCHES

A story about an Indiana school re-packaging leftover school lunches to send home with students in need was recently brought to our attention. The SLL BOCES shared food service's mission is to ensure that no child goes hungry, and we strive to go above and beyond to meet the needs of our students. We feel that this initiative is in line with our mission and beliefs, and therefore we are investigating whether or not it would be possible to re-package any leftovers in our school cafeterias. We have reached out to the Department of Health, and plan to form a committee of food service directors to look into it. We will keep our BOCES BOE, school district superintendents, and cafeteria staff informed as we explore this possibility.

Thanks to Director of Food Services Artie Frego from SLL BOCES for his diligence with this endeavor.
GENERATIONAL SHIFTS IN BEHAVIORS

Here is an excellent article that explores the drastic behavioral changes between our youngest generation of children in comparison with the past few generations. It’s intriguing to see what these researchers attribute as a possible cause. “Have Smartphones Destroyed a Generation?”, by The Atlantic.

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 known 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.

JOIN THE DISCUSSION: There are two events which parents are invited to.

Chasing the Dragon

On Tuesday, April 9th from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Student Center at Clarkson University, there will be a showing of the movie, Chasing the Dragon with a panel discussion afterward. This event is sponsored through the partnership between the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department and Clarkson University's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. This will take a look into the world over opioids.

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
NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICE

Attached to this email you'll find information from our Health Office. Nurses Brown & Hannon have compiled some useful and relevant details & resources. Please take a look at it.

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.

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.”

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