MEMORIAL DAY

With the long Memorial Day weekend we need to reflect on the reason our government provides a “day off” for us. Memorial Day is a day to remember the sacrifices of men, women, and families for our freedom. On behalf of the Norwood-Norfolk School District, THANK YOU to all those who have sacrificed for our freedom.

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE by Kelly Strong

I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
He’d stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers’ tears?
How many pilots shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers’ graves?
No, freedom isn’t free.

I heard the sound of TAPS one night,
When everything was still
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That TAPS had meant “Amen,”
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea.
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn’t free.
THANK YOU

It was humbling to see our school budget pass with such a positive margin. Each year we put forth a budget that best addresses the needs of our children with keeping the needs of the community in mind. The Board of Education and administration work closely together to ensure our program provides a top-notch education while remaining fiscally responsible. The support from the community is appreciated.

Congratulations to our four newly elected Board members: Mary Ellen Todd, Suzanne Fiacco, Artie Frego, Robert Barlow.

CONGRATULATIONS, DR. BIFFER

We’re very proud to announce that Mr. Biffer, elementary music teacher, is now Dr. Biffer. He recently received his doctorate from the University of New England in Educational Leadership.

Left: Dr. Biffer is shown with his family.

Congratulations and well done! We’re very proud of you!

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROJECT: SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, TECHNOLOGY

Our sixth graders had an amazing opportunity to work in front of an actual Green Screen to create a weather broadcast. Each news report detailed the weather from one of the ancient civilizations they’ve learned about this year. It was amazing to see what our children could do. Students reported that they loved collaborating, being able to focus on one big project and get two grades, and learning a brand new video program. Click HERE to see one example of the many videos produced by our young news anchors.

ELA VIDEO FROM THE FLYER FAIR

Check out the compilation video, shown during the Flyer Fair, from our 6th grade ELA. There were many wonderful examples at the Flyer Fair of how our students are using technology in the classroom.

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

Our middle school students were able to visit far-away lands recently. Thanks to SLL BOCES Model Schools, we had the capability of virtual reality.
NYS SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Athletic Coordinator Nate Plantz has announced that many of our Flyers and teams will be recognized by NYS Public High School Athletic Association as Scholar Athletes. For an individual to achieve this they must have a GPA above 90%. Here are the numbers of scholar athletes per team: Baseball – 8, Softball – 9, Boys Track – 12, Girls Track – 20, Golf – 6.

Mr. Plantz has also announced that ALL of our spring teams attained the Scholar-Athlete Team recognition. Teams can only achieve this if 75% of their roster has above a 90% GPA. Congratulations to our student-athletes!

In addition, we have 4 Athletes of Distinction (seniors with a cumulative GPA over 90): Sydney Levison, Grace Furnace, Alyssia Simons, Jacob Dutch (Golf - SLC athlete). Congratulations. We’re very proud of you.

PLAYOFF TIME!!!

It’s always an exciting time of year when the Flyers move into “playoff mode.” Make sure to get out and cheer on your favorite teams and athletes. Be Loud! Be Proud! Be Respectful!

Wednesday, May 29th
- Softball vs. Brushton-Moira at NNCS at 5:00
- Baseball vs. either Tupper Lake or SLC at NNCS at 5:00

Thursday, May 30th
- Track & Field – Sectional Qualifier at NNCS at 4:00

Friday, May 31st
- Track & Field – Championship at NNCS at 4:00

Our golf team had a strong season, coming in 2nd behind Canton in Section X Division II. Congratulations coach & athletes on a stellar season.

FLYER ATHLETICS

For the most up-to-date schedules please visit www.sectionxboces.org or you can follow the link from our website.

MUSIC PERFORMANCES

Once again our high school students took the stage and truly impressed everyone at the recent High School Concert. We have such talented children and wonderful, caring teachers. There’s more performances to see in the coming weeks – here’s a schedule for remainder of the year.

May 30 – Jazz Band & Bel Aires at the Norwood Village Green
June 4 – Middle School Concerts
June 11 – Elementary School Concerts
This past week we hosted a blood drive in memory of former elementary principal Joanne Bigwarfe. Some of our older students remember Principal Bigwarfe and the heartache they felt when she passed. The blood drive in her memory was steady all day and they ended up collecting enough blood to save 84 lives! Thank you to all who donated.

Our middle school Students of the Quarter, from quarters 3 and 4, will have a special excursion in June. In coordination with our high school students from Mr. Yandeau’s Wilderness Studies course, our middle schoolers will be trained on “leaving no trace” as they hike one of our local natural treasures. Our students will be hiking Azure Mountain on June 10th. What fun!

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**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5/27</td>
<td>Memorial Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/30</td>
<td>Jazz Band and Bel Aires Perform at the Norwood Village Green</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/31</td>
<td>Student of the Quarter Assembly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/2</td>
<td>SLLC School Boards Association Honors Banquet</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/3</td>
<td>President &amp; Vice-President Meet with Superintendent</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/4</td>
<td>Student of the Month</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Middle School Concerts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/5</td>
<td>National Honor Society Inductions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6</td>
<td>Fun Night</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/11</td>
<td>Elementary Concerts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Board of Education Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/12</td>
<td>New Board of Education Member Training</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/13</td>
<td>Track &amp; Field Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/14</td>
<td>Seaway Tech Graduation</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**BLOOD DRIVE OUTCOME**

**HIKING UP AZURE MOUNTAIN**

**FACEBOOK**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**