BOCES CAPITAL PROJECT

On October 9th there will be a vote to determine if St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES can enter into a capital improvement project. The $43.5 million initiative will significantly upgrade their three career and technical facilities in Ogdensburg, Norwood, and Fowler. These buildings, though well maintained, have not seen substantial upgrades since they were built about 50 years ago. The public referendum date is scheduled for October 9, 2018 and voting will be done at each tech center as well as the main BOCES building in Canton. Voting will be from 12:00 to 8:00PM.

Please visit the SLL BOCES site for additional information on this project.

This past year some of the NNCS Board of Education members attended a tour of the Seaway Tech facility. We learned firsthand how cramped they were for space. We also witnessed the needs that this proposed project would address. Finally, we saw the excellent work that their faculty & staff do to prepare our students for career and college. HERE is a recent Courier-Observer article.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Once again this year our students will engage in leadership training through Section X Athletics. Recently, ten of our students joined other student-athletes from around the North Country for team building and leadership activities. The session was led by Section X Coordinator Carl Normandin and Abram DiMarco of DiMarco Consulting.

The following student-athletes have been selected to attend from NNCS: Alaina Elliot, Clayton Reed, Hayden Bullock, Jude Lauzon, Bodie Molnar, Anna Nelson, Shelby Vallance, Makenna King, Levi Sochia, Michael Richards.

PROFESSIONALS NEVER STOP LEARNING

Many of our teachers have been attending some early morning professional development on the use of Chromebooks. Thanks to the support of Model Schools professionals from SLL BOCES, our teachers are learning beginning, intermediate, and advanced technical skills. These PD offerings will enable our teachers to fully utilize the Chromebooks in instruction. Currently, we have almost 900 Chromebooks for student use during the school day.

NOTIFICATION – NATIONAL ALERT SYSTEM

We’ve received notification and want to make you aware that the national alert system will conduct a nationwide test from FEMA planned for October 3. In short, this test will broadcast an alert message to all cell phones nation-wide at 2:18 PM on October 3.

We anticipate that, given the number of cellular devices in the hands of our children, that it’s safe to assume that this test could possibly be disruptive without notice.

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

Each month our elementary children learn about a specific character trait. In September our children experienced the trait of RESPONSIBILITY. This character trait is also present with our Flyer Pride at the secondary schools. We need the help from moms, dads, and grandparents to talk to our children about this very important character trait.

What is responsibility? We say that it’s important, but what does it really mean? Here is a video resource for you to use as you discuss this with your child. Responsibility goes hand-in-hand with expectations. Meeting the tasks set before you. Do we set expectations for our children?

VISION SCREENING

Once again we will be having the Lion's Club coming to conduct vision screenings for Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st Grade. The Norfolk Lions Club has joined with the Potsdam Lions Club which in now call the Racquette River Lion's Club. They will be doing Pre-K and Kindergarten on October 18th and 1st grade on October 23rd. Permission slips will be going home as we get closer to those dates.

Thank you to the Lion’s Club. It’s a wonderful service that you provide.

2018 GRADES 3-8 ELA & MATH ASSESSMENT RESULTS

A Message from Commissioner Elia

HERE is a message from our NYS Education Department Commissioner. It’s a short five minute video and worth the watch.

NYS ABSENTISM

Data and statistics show us attendance is directly correlated with future success in college or the work force. NYS has determined that a child who has over 10% absenteeism is labelled as chronically absent and they have set a target for us to have an absent rate of less than 5%.

After 19 days of school we have a total of 63 students (grades 1-12) who have more than 2 absences (10%). That’s 7% of our students are classified as chronically absent. Few of us would retain our jobs if we missed one day every two weeks. Let’s enable our children to succeed in their future.

When a child is ill, please don’t send them to school. That will undoubtedly lead to additional absences as germs are shared in school. However, we all need to make a concerted effort to be in school. I know we can do better. #FlyerPride
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

10/2  Higher Education Day – Jr’s & Sr’s
10/2-3  Buster the Bus – Pre-K & K
10/4  Student of the Month
10/5  Early Dismissal – ES at 12:30, MS & HS at 11:30
10/8  Columbus Day
     Touch Football Tournament
10/9  Wellness Committee Meeting
     President & Vice-President Meet with Superintendent
10/9-10  Fire Prevention Presentations – Elementary
10/10  PSAT’s
10/12  Fire Prevention Presentations – grades 5 & 6
     Manufacturing Day
     Whiz Quiz to Watertown
10/15  8th Graders to Seaway Tech
10/16  Board of Education Meeting
10/17  SLLCSBA Dinner/Meeting w/ Regent Ouderkirk
10/18-19  Superintendent at MS Conference
10/19  Grandparents/Special Friends Day
     Elementary Fun Night
10/25  DIG Meeting