

Norwood-Norfolk Central School District Board of Education Update



August 25, 2017

YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

During our opening day staff development, we were proud to recognize many of our veteran professionals for 10, 20, and 30 years of service. Thank you for all you have (and continue to do) for the children and families of our community.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT



Among the many activities our employees participated with during this past Thursday and Friday was the Poverty Simulation. This simulation placed our people into very stressful roles, to bring about a sense of empathy and understanding for children and families living in less-than-ideal situations. This activity was a kick-off for our school as we continue to explore ways to support our community

members. Participants in the simulation included teachers, bus drivers and monitors, teacher aides, cafeteria workers, teacher assistants, and administrators.



BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

During this school year our faculty and staff will be diligently working on targeted goals. The purpose is to use high-leverage strategies which lead to systemic improvement. You can read about our goals in this [Watertown Times article](#). You can access our Goals [HERE](#) or by visiting our website.

NEW FLYERS WELCOMED AT NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION

This past week we greeted some new faculty members during our New Teacher Orientation. We're excited to welcome these professionals to our Flyer family.



Front Row: Mr. Gino Bisceglia - BOCES .5 PE, Mrs. Dorinda Hardy - 7-12 Librarian LTS, Ms. Margaret Sullivan - ELA, Mrs. Danielle Grant - Gr. 6

Back Row: Mr. George Biffer - Elem. Music, Ms. Christine Reichhart - BOCES .5 Psychologist, Mrs. Kimberly Trombly - Gr. 5, Ms. Elizabeth LaBarge - BOCES .5 Math, Mr. Brian Carl - Science LTS

Missing: Mrs. Rebecca Hannon - K-6 Nurse

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FLYER ATHLETICS

Fall sports for our interscholastic athletes (grades 7-12) are underway. Click [HERE](#) for up-to-the-minute game and practice schedule.

NEW OPTION FOR PAYING TAXES

For the 2017-2018 school tax collection season, taxpayers will now be able to make their school tax payment online. There is a fee to the homeowner for using this service. The fee is NOT for the school but is assessed by the company collecting the taxes. It is their fee, not ours.

Payment options include Visa, Mastercard or Discover credit or debit. The requirements and fees are:

- Minimum of \$2 payment
- Fee of 3% of tax bill or amount paid + \$.50 if using MC/VISA/DISCOVER
- No AMEX accepted
- Payment online has to be made in full - installment payments are not an option
- The fees collected go directly to The Satellite.biz bank account; the District does not receive any of the fees collected.

The URL to make online tax payments is: <http://taxlookup.net/search.aspx?jurisdiction=norwoodcsd>. This link is not active, yet, but will be up and running in late August. All service or technology issues are handled with the provider, The Satellite.biz. The District Office is not responsible for handling inquiries for support.

Taxpayers can still pay their taxes at the Norfolk Town Offices at the designated hours.

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The People Project in collaboration with the American Federation of Teachers, NYSUT and BOCES invite teachers, administrators, and community members to attend the St. Lawrence County Community Schools Summit on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 from 8:30AM – 4:00PM at the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Educational Services Center in Canton.

This event will provide an opportunity to learn about the basics of the Community Schools strategy, including the role of poverty teaching and learning, the role of the Union, research, and what it means to “partner”. There is no cost to attend. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by September 8th via this link: <https://leadernet.aft.org/webform/2017-st-lawrence-county-ny-community-schools-summit>

Who should attend?

- Administrators
- Teachers & other school staff
- Community School Coordinators
- Parents
- Community Partners

Contact Erin Covell, slpeopleproject@gmail.com, (315) 250-8776, with any questions.

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SETTING GOOD HABITS – SEPTEMBER IS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know that chronic absence in 9th grade is a better predictor than 8th grade test scores that a student may drop out of high school, and students who are chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are less likely to read proficiently by the time they finish third grade than students who are not chronically absent?

Find parent resources [HERE](#) to support you getting your children to school every day from Every Student Present.

PROUD OF OUR TEACHERS

We all have been anxiously watching the television as our southern friends have been pummeled by a hurricane. The flooding in Texas has been catastrophic and many of the schools have experienced significant damage.

The NNCS community, led by 7th grade math teacher Jenny Herrick, is attempting to adopt a classroom. They're collecting school supplies and will be sending items to support the continued education of the youth in Texas.

Bravo Mrs. Herrick and Thank you NNCS!

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/5	First Day of School!
9/11	President & Vice-President Meet with Superintendent
9/14	District Improvement Group
9/19	Pre-K – Grade 2 School Pictures
	Board of Education Meeting
9/20	Grade 3 – 6 School Pictures
9/21	Elementary Open House



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