

NORTH COUNTRY ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

The **beginning of March** brings thoughts of springtime and warmer weather, but as we have seen in the past, the month of March can be unpredictable. We hope to leave the frigid conditions behind that have impacted our community during this winter.

Thank you to all that participated in our **3rd annual STEAM night** that took place in February. It was great to see so many families from our community join us in so many different activities that speak to the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. We are already planning next year's event. Please let us know if you have an idea that we can add to the fun!

Planning for the **8th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony and Dance** is underway! Parent volunteers are needed to assist with preparations for the dance. Stay tune for the date of our first **parent volunteer meeting** to discuss tentative plans. The dance will take place on Friday, June 12th, beginning at 7 p.m., and the ceremony will be on Wednesday, June 24th, also beginning at 7 p.m. Students are not expected to rent tuxedos or purchase "prom" type gowns for **either event**. It is a fun and informal event held to celebrate the completion of middle school.

It's that time of year to order your copy of the **2019-2020 NCRMS YEARBOOK!** The ordering window begins on Thursday, March 5th and ends on Thursday, March 12th. The book is priced at \$35 and can be purchased with a check or money order made out to the Miller Place School District. Forms will be provided at lunch time and are available in the main office or on the NCRMS website.

The Dates for the 2020-21 **8th grade Washington D.C. trip** are October 14 – 16. Stay tuned for the time and place of our informational meeting!

With spring fast approaching we all need to maintain our cooperative efforts surrounding the policies set forth in the ***District Code of Conduct***, specifically those relating to school dress. Please be sure to remind your child about appropriate school dress and be aware of what he or she is wearing to school each day.

Important March Dates:

Friday, March 6 th	MP Teachers vs. the Harlem Wizards @ MPHS 7:00 pm
Friday, March 6 th	Progress Reports Posted
Friday, March 13 th	NCRMS 7 th and 8 th grade NJHS Castle ball tournament 7:00 pm
Monday, March 23 rd	NCRMS Spring Sports Begin
Tuesday, March 24 th	NCRMS Incoming 6 th Grade Orientation 7:00 pm
Friday, March 27 th	Student Government Movie Night 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 25 th	BOE Meeting MPHS @ 8:00 pm, NYS English Language Arts Assessment Grades 3-8

Listed below are some of our Middle School events and achievements:

In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, the **National Education Association's *Read Across America*** has grown into a nationwide initiative that promotes reading every day of the year. Our Reading teacher Mrs. Jenn Cavaliere and a number of our reading students visited the Andrew Muller Primary School on Friday, March 1st, to read to a number of classes and share their love for reading.

Congratulations to the **NCRMS National Junior Honor Society** for the results of their **blood drive** in cooperation with the Long Island Blood Services, A Division of New York Blood Center. The drive was able to obtain 30 pints of blood to help save lives. On behalf of the hospitals and patients that are counting on us, the Long Island Blood Services would like to extend a thank you to those that took the time and effort to be a part of the drive.

Congratulations to the participants of our first annual **History Bee**, which took place in January in partnership with the **International Academic Competitions**. Many of our students qualified for the regional finals that will be held in Westbury on March 14th. Students enjoyed the online challenge that went above and beyond the classroom.

Character coupon winners for the month of February were: (8th Grade) Edwin Rubio, (7th Grade) Sean Connolly, and (6th Grade) Jonathan Miletti. Students were giving some tangible rewards for their acts of kindness and compassion from local vendors and merchants.

In order to prevent some potential traffic issues in our parking lots, children that are to be dropped-off and picked-up before and after school hours should be using the back parking lot that is accessible by the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School Driveway. **The NCRMS “north roadway” is closed to all traffic except buses from 7:00 a.m. to 7:40 a.m. and from 2:15 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.** Your cooperation and interest in the safety of our students is appreciated.

Schools across the nation are taking measures to enhance safety standards in their communities. It is very important that you **remember to bring proper identification with you when signing your child out** of our school for any reason. Please ensure that family members/friends listed on the Census Verification Card are able to provide identification as well.

We have posted a number of informational items for your review. One example that will always accompany the newsletter is the monthly publication titled, **Middle Years**, which provides information and ideas to help support your adolescent child. The website for middle school interscholastic athletics information is <http://www.sectionxi.org>. Please check this website for dates of games, directions, etc. Also, take a look at the **FYI NCR Page** a link can be found on the NCRMS homepage. The goal of this website is to help inform students and parents about all of the great things that are planned for the North Country Road Middle School. Please visit the District's homepage (<http://www.millerplace.k12.ny.us/>) to find the link that will bring you to a site dedicated to promoting Miller Place School District happenings. Scroll through the page to see news stories and photos as we celebrate our District's hardworking students and dedicated staff. This page can also be accessed by visiting <http://millerplaceinthedia.com/>.

From time to time the guidance office receives information on **enrichment programs**. If you are interested in learning more about these programs contact your child's guidance counselor.

Feel free to contact your child's teachers, guidance counselor, or any member of the administration at any time to answer your questions or address your concerns. Remember, no concern is too small. Working together, we can help your child reach his or her maximum potential in order to experience success.

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