

# THE NORTH COLEMAN NEWS

MARCH 2024

## February Students of the Month: HONESTY

In February, we celebrated HONESTY. The following students exemplified caring for themselves and others, on a consistent basis, which supported their growth as learners and good citizens of North Coleman. March's character trait will be *Perseverance*.



Standing: Chrisley Alexandre, Frank Fardella, Caleb Thomas, Hamza Mohamed, Luke Mitchell, Nicholas Ortiz, Derrick Don, Jace Colasuonno

Seated: Ayaan Montasir, Emmi Rose Medina, Charlotte Echan, Aaliyah Harry, Charlie Ghiraldi

Insert: Colin Coan, Matthew Litkowski

Not Pictured: Cole Abruzzo, Carter Moreo, Jackson Rothar, Joseph Lisanti

## Stay in the Loop

I want to make sure you know about the fun and exciting things your child is enjoying while at school. Did you know there is a digital calendar of events on the NCR website? You can find the calendar by going to [mccsd.net/northcoleman](https://mccsd.net/northcoleman) and clicking on the link that says **CALENDAR** in the upper right corner. You can also find a digital copy of the monthly newsletter on the website.

## **Teachers of the Month**

At this month's Student of the Month assembly, the Jr. Leaders recognized Ms. Volpe and Ms. Patterson as our Teachers of the Month.

Ms. Volpe is one of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers who has spent her career pouring into Middle Country's students and families. It is hard to believe she will be retiring this year. When presented Ms. Volpe with this honor students stated that Ms. Volpe, "makes everyone feel welcome" and "is determined to make us [her students] ready for middle school." Ms. Volpe is also the choreographer for the annual staff Founders' Day routine. When not at school, Ms. Volpe enjoys playing pickleball with her husband, sharing Sunday dinners with her family, and reading the latest book with her book club friends.



Ms. Patterson has been a building-wide substitute for the past 3 years. In addition to stepping in to support classes when another staff member is absent, she also leads the North Coleman Plant Club. Students shared that Ms. Patterson was selected because she "helps make the school beautiful" by using her creativity on projects and bulletin boards around the school, and that she has a "contagious smile that makes you want to smile too." When not at school Ms. Patterson enjoys hiking, gardening, and spending time with her pets, which include dogs, cats, chickens, and a parrot!



## **Middle Country SPARC Winners**



Every year Middle Country Schools recognizes those staff members who consistently go "above and beyond" in the areas of distinguished service, community service, or an act of heroism through the Special Performance Achievement Recognition & Commendation award (SPARC). This year two of our teachers, Ms. Anderson and Ms. McCumber both received this honor.



Ms. Anderson was awarded the distinguished service award for the 40 years of support she has provided both parents and colleagues that extends past the classroom. Ms. McCumber was awarded the Quiet Hero award for her committed to her students' lives in and outside of school. This hero has assisted families with resources to secure basic necessities like housing, spearheaded school fundraisers, and helped organize community service projects.

## **Celebrating Black History Month**

Ms. Fabian's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders learned about prominent people in America's history during February. Each student researched a historical figure and wrote a brief report on what they learned. The students extended their experience by recreating a likeness of the person, including a period correct "costume". When speaking with the students they shared interesting facts about the lives of these great Americans.





## **Color Run**

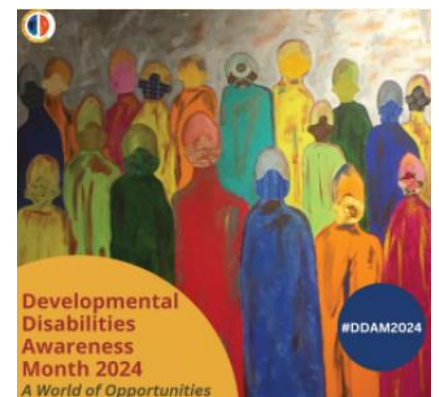
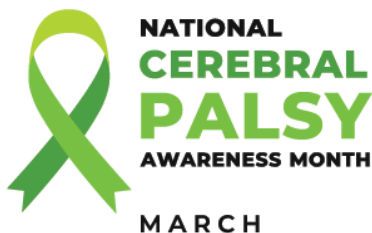


Congratulations All-Stars for raising over \$13,000 in our first ever Color Run fundraiser!!! All of the students pulled together to exceed the \$10,000 goal set by our PTA. A special shout-out goes to our homerooms that raised the most money including

**Ms. Fabian's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at \$2,780**  
**Ms. McCumber's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at \$2,273**  
**Ms. Correira's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at \$1,845**  
**Ms. Newberg's 4<sup>th</sup> graders at \$1,835**  
**Ms. Mammana's 1<sup>st</sup> graders at \$1,170**

The Color Run will be held here on the North Coleman field

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.**



## **NOTEWORTHY DATES FOR MARCH**

It's hard to believe that we are at the halfway point of the school year. As we prepare to welcome in the new month, we are also preparing for the certainty of new learning and growth through the many exciting events that we have planned for the month of February. Please make note of the following dates and times:

- March 4 Too Good for Drugs (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)
- March 5 Founders' Day Rehearsal (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- March 6 Founders' Day Rehearsal (1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)
- March 7 Founders' Day Rehearsal (UPK & 4<sup>th</sup>)
- March 8 UPK Soccer Shots
- March 10 Start of Ramadan
- March 11 Too Good for Drugs (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)
- March 12 PTA Meeting in NCR's Cafeteria
- March 13 Founders' Day Rehearsal (1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)
- March 14 UPK Yoga  
Founders' Day Rehearsal (4<sup>th</sup> & UPK)
- March 15 Founders' Day Rehearsal (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- March 18 – March 24 Neurodiversity Celebration Week
- March 18 Too Good for Drugs (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)
- March 19 Founders' Day Rehearsal (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- March 20 Founders' Day Rehearsal (1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)
- March 21 Founders' Day Rehearsal (4<sup>th</sup> & UPK)
- March 22 BINGO Night Fundraiser
- March 24 Holi
- March 25 Too Good for Drugs (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)  
MCCSD Humanities Expo 5:30 @ NHS
- March 26 Founders' Day Rehearsal (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- March 27 Founders' Day Rehearsal (1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)
- March 28 – April 1 NO SCHOOL: Spring Recess #1
- March 29 Good Friday
- March 31 Easter Sunday
- April 2 Elections  
PTA Meeting in NCR's Cafeteria
- April 8 – April 9 NYS ELA Assessment
- April 9 Founders' Day Dress Rehearsal @ NHS
- April 10 NO SCHOOL: Ed Al-Fitr
- April 11 Spring Pictures  
Founders' Day Show at NHS
- April 15 Too Good for Drugs (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)
- April 17 Cory the Dribbler
- April 22 – April 26 NO SCHOOL: Spring Recess 2
- April 29 Planetarium (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

***“Parents make the difference!”***