

THE NORTH COLEMAN NEWS

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January Students of the Month: CARING

In January, we celebrated CARING. 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. February's character trait will be Honesty.



Standing: Luka Gonzalez (w/Ms. Lane), Luke Hallock, Michaela Friedman, Alexandra Vera, Sophia Rafaniello, Brianna August, Peyton Nichols, Jack Pala, Avery Kinnion, Catherine Callahan - Zaleski
Seated: Addison Allsopp, Greysen Abraham, Lucas Anastasio, Kacy Butts, Hailey Pereira, Greysen Schwartz, Avery Marion
Not Pictured: Preston Robinson, Oliver Urick

Teachers of the Month



The Jr. Leaders wanted to find a way to recognize the hard work and dedication of our teachers. During each Student of the Month assembly, they recognize two All-Star teachers. At the January assembly the students recognized Ms. Laura and Ms. Sleezer.

Ms. Laura joined North Coleman this year as a 1st grade teacher. When presenting Ms. Laura with this



honor, the students shared that she, “makes kids want to come to school”. When not at school you can find Ms. Laura coaching or playing sports (especially basketball and lacrosse), and she is a massive crafter!

Ms. Sleezer is one of our 4th grade teachers, and is in her 6th year as an All-Star. The Jr. Leaders shared that Ms. Sleezer, “makes learning fun”! Ms. Sleezer also makes sure we all have the Dezy Strong spirit. She loves her New York Giants, working out, and spending time at the beach when the weather warms up.

PARP’ING AT NCR

Thank you for all of your support during PARP week. The students and staff had an amazing time enjoying the love of reading. The students read a total of 29,744 MINUTES!! That is incredible. I am one proud principal!

You can find the full slideshow at mccsd.net/northcoleman



P. S. I LOVE YOU

We have had an amazing time celebrating kindness at North Coleman. The teachers set the atmosphere with a beautiful purple display in the front hallway, where students were encouraged to post an affirming message for anyone who may need a kind word. We enjoyed a schoolwide read-aloud of *Each Kindness*, by Jacqueline Woodson, and the students “chalked the walk” with even more inspirational words of caring.

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 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.

I also send short text messages when there is something time sensitive you need to know. I promise I will not spam you with information.

Lastly, I would love to email you the monthly newsletter. Not only will that save a forest, but you'll get to see the beautiful color photos that are included. I can only send home paper copies in black and white. I'll do a trial run with our March edition.

Some Mid-Winter Break Fun

- Middle Country Public Library is hosting a free Read-o-poly Scavenger Hunt. Families can drop-in and enjoy a Monopoly themed adventure.
- Do you remember *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*? Well, The Long Island Children's Museum has a special Eric Carle play and learn exhibit. Children have the opportunity to interact with life-size images from the pages of Mr. Carle's books, and create their own artwork. For more information go to licm.org.
- If you have to head into the office while the kids are on break, and you are scrambling for things for them to do, the Long Island Aquarium is running Winter Fun-cation. For \$50 a day children ages 5 – 11 will get to tour the aquarium, feed the sting ray, hang out with the sea lions, and more. There is also lunch provided for and additional \$10. Find more information longislandaquarium.com.

Brrr!!!



Even though it is January, our students will go outside for recess unless it is raining, snowing, or the wind chill factor is lower than 32 degrees. Please make sure you send your child to school with socks, closed-toe shoes, and jackets. They may even need caps and gloves. Physical activity is an important part of a student's day and helps them maintain their focus in the classroom.

NOTEWORTHY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

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:

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| • February 2 | Ms. Ferrer's Class goes to Caleb Smith |
| • February 5 | Round 2 of Clubs Begin |
| • February 5 - 9 | P. S. I Love You Week |
| • February 9 | VIP Dance |
| • February 13 | PTA Meeting in NCR's Cafeteria |
| • February 19 - 23 | Mid-Winter Break |
| • February 26 | Pride PTSA meeting at NHS |
| • February 27 | Founders' Day Rehearsal (2 nd & 4 th) |
| • February 28 | Founders' Day Rehearsal (1 st & 5 th) |
| • February 29 | Founders' Day Rehearsal (UPK & 3 rd) |
| • March 5 | Founders' Day Rehearsal (2 nd & 4 th) |
| • March 6 | Founders' Day Rehearsal (1 st & 5 th) |
| • March 7 | Founders' Day Rehearsal (UPK & 3 rd) |
| • March 8 | UPK Soccer Shots |
| • March 12 | PTA Meeting in NCR's Cafeteria |
| • March 13 | Founders' Day Rehearsal (1 st & 5 th) |
| • March 14 | Founders' Day Rehearsal (3 rd & UPK) |
| • March 15 | Founders' Day Rehearsal (2 nd & 4 th) |
| • March 19 | Founders' Day Rehearsal (2 nd & 4 th) |
| • March 20 | Founders' Day Rehearsal (1 st & 5 th) |
| • March 21 | Founders' Day Rehearsal (3 rd & UPK) |
| • March 22 | BINGO Night Fundraiser |
| • March 25 | MCCSD Humanities Expo 5:30 @ NHS |
| • March 26 | Founders' Day Rehearsal (2 nd & 4 th) |
| • March 27 | Founders' Day Rehearsal (1 st & 5 th) |
| • March 28 - April 1 | Spring Recess #1 |

"Parents make the difference!"

Every Friday is NCR Spirit Day!! Students should wear their spirit wear or anything red to show their school spirit.

