

North Syracuse Central School
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Hello North Syracuse Central School District Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Staff!

This morning we received some incredible news from Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon. At a press conference held at Cicero-North Syracuse High School, Mr. McMahon announced additional funding for critical mental health resources for school districts in Central New York. We know that the pandemic has taken a toll on all of us and are excited about the possibilities the funding will bring. We will be sending additional details about this in the near future.

In my [letter to families](#) earlier this week, I sent a reminder about contacting the NSCSD directly to report positive cases of COVID-19 over Spring Recess. There are also some important reminders about traveling over the break. Whatever you do over the break, even if it is just staying home, please stay safe and healthy.

We will publish an abbreviated version of our newsletter next week. Please feel free to share our subscription information with family and friends and encourage them to share in the good news by [filling out a simple online form](#).

Sincerely,
Daniel D. Bowles, Superintendent of Schools

**NSCSD March 26 Shining Stars: Lakeshore Road
Elementary School Second Grade Student Paul Lucason
and his Classmates**



This week's Shining Star may be the District's youngest nominee but his positive influence is tremendous. Paul Lucason is a second grade student in Meghan Krupa's class at Lakeshore Road Elementary School. When learning that Paul had been nominated for Shining Star recognition, his teacher, Meghan Krupa, admits that she actually teared up. She said, "Paul is one of the most hard-working, happiest and modest students I've ever had. His love of learning inspires his peers on a daily basis."

Paul's mom, Theresa Lucason, is grateful that her son has maintained his positivity and 'can-do' attitude throughout the pandemic. She said, "Paul has always been a caring kid and a hard-working student, however this year, he has truly gone above and beyond our expectations. We all knew things were going to be different this year but he has not once complained about any of the changes. He wakes up on virtual days, eats breakfast, and is ready to do schoolwork. On in-school days, he puts on his mask and helps his younger sister Emily get on the bus without hesitation."

[Click here to read more about Paul and his positive attitude.](#)

Many thanks to everyone who submitted nominations for shining stars! We're excited to have received so many entries and are working to put together the stories we have already gotten. We will no longer be accepting nominations for the 2020-2021 school year but will continue this popular feature next school year. Keep checking this newsletter for your nomination!

Roxboro Road Middle School Students are STEM Stars



Two teams of students from **Roxboro Road Middle School** participated in the 41st Annual Central New York Science and Engineering Fair (CNYSEF) at the Museum of Science and Technology on Sunday, March 21. The CNYSEF is an annual student science and engineering project fair open to students in grades 4-12. Students can work individually or with a partner to design, execute and present their science projects for a chance at dozens of merit awards, prizes, scholarships, and qualifying status for the International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF). Both teams from Roxboro Road Middle School received awards for their work this year! Fifth grade students **Emily Truong** and **Ava Ricci** won the grade-level Honors Award and sixth grade students **Ethan Brown** and **Liam Sprague** won a Lockheed Martin Award. Congratulations to all the RRMS STEM stars and many thanks to **Colleen O'Connor, RRMS teacher**, for working with her students on the project and sharing the good news! [Click here to view the event recording on Facebook.](#)

Wellness Wednesdays - Mental Health Resources

Feeling stressed by the COVID-19 pandemic? You are not alone. Call the NY Project Hope Emotional Support Helpline 7 days a week, 8am-10pm at 1-844-863-9314 or visit <https://nyprojecthope.org>.

Visit the North Syracuse Central School District's website and click on the [Mental Health Resources](#) button for more information. It's OKAY to Ask for Help - Text "Got5" to 741-741 - a free, 24/7 confidential text line.

When NSCSD school buildings had to close their doors to students and staff in the Spring of 2020, the District started "Wellness Wednesdays" as a way of pulling families together in spite of COVID-19. As the 2020-2021 school year progresses, we need to connect now, more than ever, so we've gotten the "Wellness Wednesdays" band back together. The Wellness Wednesdays website will be our way of sharing resources, information and importantly YOUR thoughts, photos and artwork.

[Visit the Wellness Wednesdays Website](#)

Register Your Child Now for Kindergarten



Each spring, elementary schools in the North Syracuse Central School District begin registering kindergarten students for the following school year. In order to adhere to COVID-19 protocol, schools will be accepting electronic registrations as well as scheduling in-person registration appointments. Elementary school staff are in the process of mailing letters to families that will be registering known new students. In order for your child to enter school next fall, he or she must be five (5) years old on or before December 1, 2021.

If your child is eligible and you would like to register him/her for kindergarten, please contact your child's home school for information.

[Allen Road Elementary](#) 315/218-2300

[KWS Bear Road Elementary](#) 315/218-2400

[Cicero Elementary](#) 315/218-2500

[Lakeshore Road Elementary](#) 315/218-2600

[Roxboro Road Elementary](#) 315/218-2700

[Smith Road Elementary](#) 315/218-2800

[If you are unsure of your child's home school, a listing of schools by street address is available online at by clicking here.](#)

The following items are needed for registration: Parent identification, proof of birth, verification of your child's immunization record, proof of residency and custody papers, if applicable. Please note, the following documents are acceptable as proof of residency: mortgage statement, lease agreement, purchase offer and/or utility bill. A driver's license is NOT acceptable as proof of residency.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten and North Syracuse Early Education Program Registration Options

The North Syracuse Central School District is currently accepting registrations for its [North Syracuse Early Education Program](#) (at Main Street) for the summer of 2021 and 2021-2022 school year. Registration for the state-funded [Universal Pre-Kindergarten \(UPK\)](#) program will begin in May.

Roxboro Road Middle School Students and Staff Support St. Baldrick's



As part of their Kindness Month Campaign, students and staff at **Roxboro Road Middle School** used their final school day of the month to celebrate with a shave! Throughout the month, Team RRMS raised money for St. Baldrick's and the fight against pediatric cancer. More than \$2,000 was raised and the students and staff marked the accomplishment by shaving their heads in front of the school's morning announcement cameras. RRMS participants and top fundraisers included:

1. Ian Muller (\$882.10)
2. Ben Watkins (\$512.26)
3. Jayden Leihs (\$141.98)
4. Donovan Manley
5. Mike Thompson
6. Pete Cole

Pictured above from left to right in the "Before" photo: Pete Cole, Donovan Manley, Ben Watkins, Ian Mueller, Jayden Leihs, Mike Thompson and Melissa Potratz. Great job Team RRMS and thank you to Melissa Potratz for sharing the news!

Mark Your Calendar for May 18 School Budget Vote and Board of Education Member Election



Your  **Vote Matters**

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
6:00 AM - 9:00 PM
www.nscsd.org/budget

Looking for Athletic News? Subscribe Now!

Did you know that the North Syracuse Central School District's Athletics Department has a weekly email newsletter? If you'd like to subscribe to the newsletter, [click here to fill out the necessary form.](#)

Transportation Changes?



As the NSCSD increases to a five or four day class schedule on April 12, 2021, and April 19, 2021, we anticipate that there may be some transportation changes needed. If you have not already updated your transportation needs, please complete a Change of Transportation Form and return it to the Transportation Department no later than April 2, 2021.

[Click here to download a Transportation Form](#), or get one online at www.nscsd.org under Transportation. If your Transportation arrangements will remain the same, no action is needed. If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Department directly at 315-218-2107.

**THIS WILL
BE OUR
YEAR**

AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL

CNS HIGH SCHOOL 2021

SAVE THE DATE!

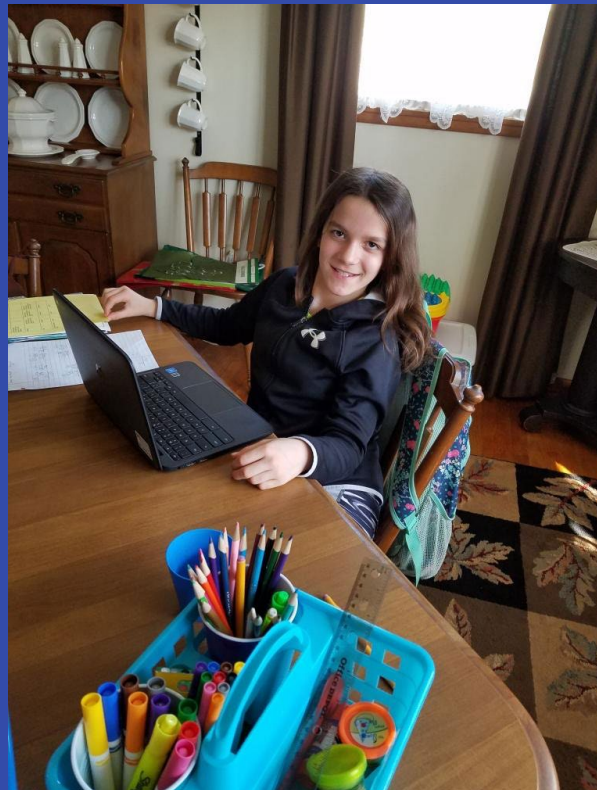
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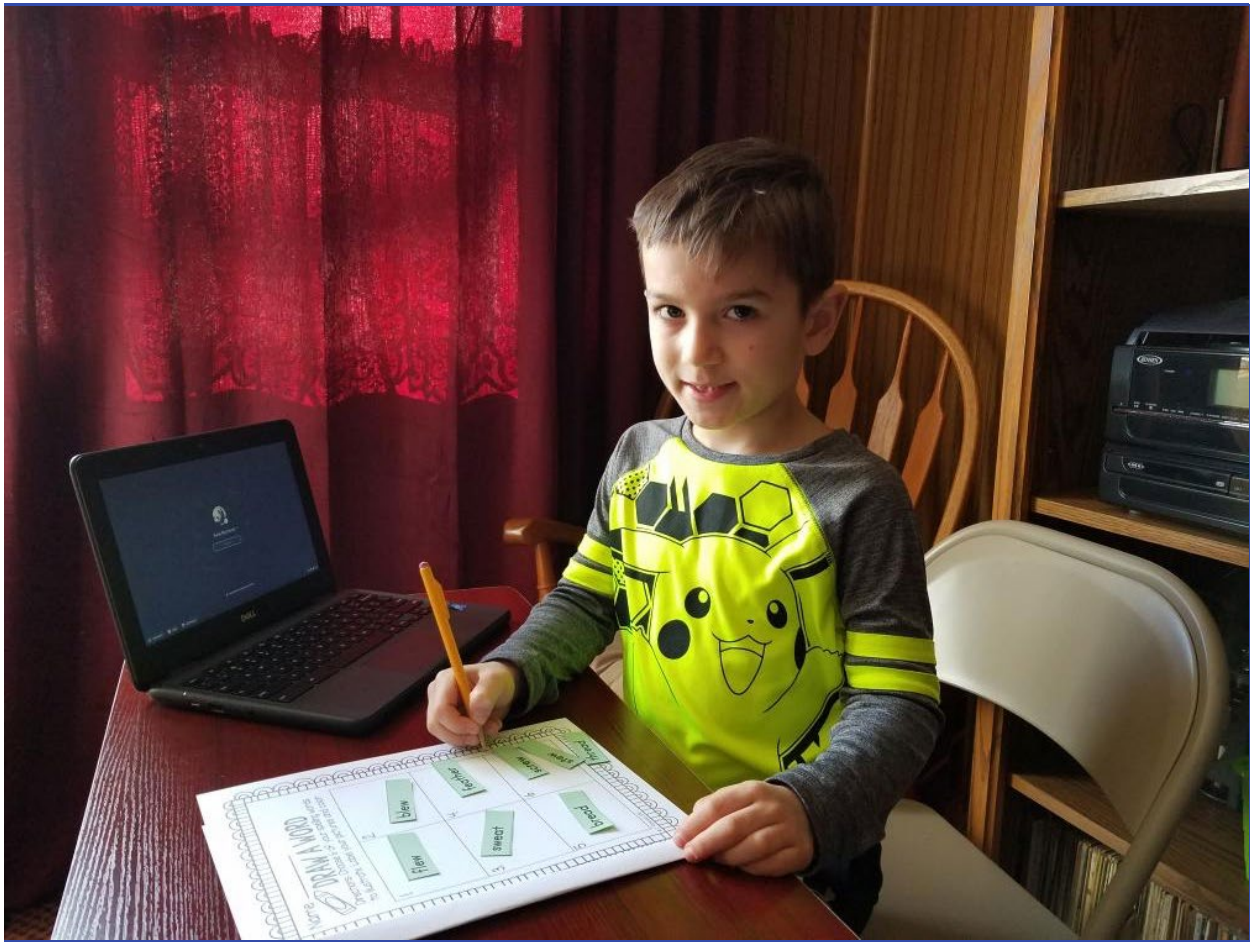
Send Us Your Photos!

Because this school year has been so different, it has been challenging to get new photos for our District website at www.nscsd.org and other publications. So...we need your help! We would love to share your photos of at home school environments. If you're willing to share, please send your high quality images using the link below. We'll be using your photos in this newsletter and other publications throughout the school year. Additionally, high resolution, horizontal photos will be considered for the District website. If you'd like to share pictures, [please click](#)

[here to upload them to our communication office staff.](#)

Pictured below: Noelle Raymond, a teacher and parent in the NSCSD shared photos of her three children, Briar, Kane and Sloane, working on lessons from home. Briar (top left photo) is working remotely on an assignment for Mrs. Kadlecik's social studies class at Gillette Road Middle School. Sloane (top right photo) is working on a lesson remotely for Mrs. Root's 4th grade class and Kane (pictured bottom) is working hard on a Word Sort Activity during his remote day for Mrs. Preville's first grade class.





Submit Your Photos Now!

Important Upcoming Dates

March 29 - April 2
Spring Recess - No School for Students/Staff



Remember to Vote!
May 18, 2021

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- [Online Calendar](#)
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