



NORRIS TIGER TALK

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... a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.

Washington Irving



Principal Collins shows what a great sport he is by sitting in the dunk tank at the Apple Pie Festival (in a tie, no less)!

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Apple Pie Festival a Delicious Success!

Our Apple Pie Festival was an amazing example of what can happen when a community comes together for a common cause.

Thank you to all of the volunteers, local businesses, surrounding community businesses, and parents, guardians and friends for supporting this annual tradition. Your time and donations are greatly appreciated.

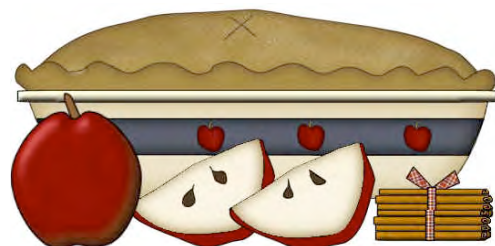
We had several teachers donate their time to be auctioned off, which was a special treat. Thank you to everyone who participated in the auction and congratulations to the winners of the Silent Auction, the Chance Auction and the Grand Raffle.

Principal Collins even got in on the action by getting in the dunk tank, and the line to dunk him

was so long that he graciously agreed to stay in much longer than anticipated.

Twenty-seven bushels of apples were donated this year and we sold many delicious pies. The grand total raised for this years Apple Pie Festival is \$10,500.00.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!





Library Zone

Ideas for Fantastic Holiday Reading

Need a last minute gift? Considering a trip to a library over vacation? Series books are great book choices because they can “hook” a reader and make them eager for the next book! Here are some of the most popular series books at the Norris School Library:

Gr. K-2 - *If You Give* series by Laura Numeroff and Felicia Bond. The newest titles in this series include *If You Give a Cat a Cupcake* and *If You Give a Dog a Donut*. Kids love these endearing and engaging books!

Gr. K-2 - *Knuffle Bunny* series by Mo Willems. An exciting picture book trilogy about Trixie and her stuffed animal - Knuffle Bunny. We watch Trixie grow from a baby who must have Knuffle Bunny at her side at all times to a big girl who passes her treasured bunny on to another baby. The illustrations feature Willem’s trademark artwork – cartoon characters layered over black and white photographs.



Gr. 1-6 *Lemonade Crime* – by Jacqueline Davis – Book two of the Lemonade War is out!

Gr. 3-6 The *Harry Potter* series – by J. K. Rowling - It’s still one of Norris student (and staff) favorites.

Gr 5-6 *The Maze Runner Trilogy* – by James Dashner. A fast moving series with lots of twists and turns about a strong male character – Thomas – who must make his way to safety in a post-apocalyptic world.

Gr 6 and up – *The Hunger Games Trilogy* – by Suzanne Collins. A very thought-provoking and rich series in which the main character, Katniss, volunteers to take her sister’s place in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on national TV.



Norris PTO News

The PTO is excited about the coming new year, as we have some events in the planning stages that are both family-oriented and fun.

This year, our school has been invited to participate in the Easthampton Bearfest 2012, and we’ll be kicking that off in February. We also have some other events planned in addition to our Spring Scholastic Book Fair.

We are recruiting for a new board as this is our last year. If you are interested in being on the board, please let us know. We highly recommend that you come to the meetings to find out how things are run and if you have questions please feel free to ask. The board positions are a two-year position and can be very rewarding!

Calling all Florence Savings Bank account holders: please go to their home page and vote for William E Norris PTO for the non-profit organization to be entered into their \$50,000 grant giveaway. For more info go to florencesavings.com

Our next meeting is on January 10, 2012 at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there and we wish everyone a happy and healthy winter vacation.





Art Update

We recently held an art contest for K-6 kids. Their challenge was to create a piece of art that promotes recycling at our school. Originality and creativity were encouraged! Here are the winners:

K - Kassandra; 1 - Justin; 2 - Katelyn; 3 - Cailtyn; 4 - Kasandra ; 5 - Jack; 6 - Charlotte.

All of the entries are on display in the school. Each of the winners received a t-shirt with their entry printed on it. Kasandra W. won the grand prize- an ipod shuffle!

The winners of the Grade 6 Southampton Lion's Club International Peace Poster Contest held this Fall are: 1st Place: Elizabeth; 2nd Place: Charlotte; 3rd Place: Barrett. The winners will receive a certificate and



Garden Notes



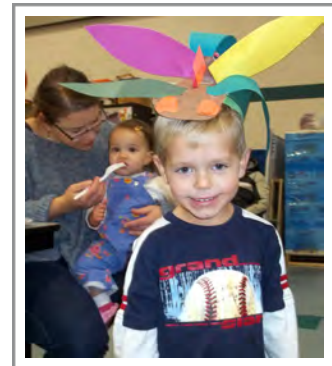
The raised beds for the new Norris school garden are built and just waiting for soil, seeds, and sun!

In the next few months, we will be asking for donations of gardening tools, gloves, vegetable seeds, etc., so please keep us in mind as you plan for your own gardens.

Preschool Pie Day

Preschool celebrated another successful pie day on November 23rd! Children made cream pies, turkey hats, and painted tablecloths for the event.

Parents and extended family also brought delicious pies to share. A fun time was definitely had by all!



Dates to Remember

- Jan. 3 School resumes after holiday break
- Jan. 5 Wellness Committee 8:00 am
- Jan. 10 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- Jan. 15 No School - MLK Day
- Jan. 23 School Council Meeting 4 pm
- Jan. 25 School Committee Meeting 6 pm

Help Wanted

Lunch room monitor

Monday - Friday
11:30 - 1:30

Call Norris School office for more information (527-0811). Call the HRHS Superintendent's office for an application (527-7200).





First year band students show off their emerging skills at the Winter Band Concert.

DECORATE YOUR HEAD DAY !!!



On December 22, 2011, Norris School students will don their antlers, wear their favorite hats, paint their heads and spike their hair....all for a great cause.

The 5th/6th grade Community Service Club is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Southampton Senior Center. The Seniors lost their furniture during the recent renovations to the town hall. While the furniture was in storage, it became covered in mold.



The Community Service club is hoping to "Turn Mold into Gold" by sponsoring this Decorate you Head Day. If students would like to participate, they can come to school on the 22nd with a creatively decorated head and a donation of a dollar or more. All "decorating" must be done at home, before your child arrives at school.

Please consider participating in this fun event for this worthy cause!

If you have any questions you can contact Sunday Burke or Mikki Carmichael at 527-0811.

