

FRC Connections

Monthly News, Information
and Events of the Nyack
Middle School and Family
Resource Center

THE NYACK MIDDLE SCHOOL FRC WANTS TO HELP YOU HELP YOUR CHILDREN SUCCEED

Call Wanda Octaviano, your FRC Coordinator, for parenting support, community resources, school information, translation services, school supplies & more!



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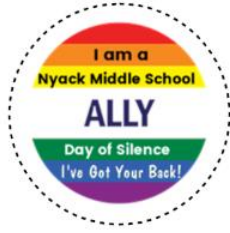
YOUR FRC IN ACTION!

Springtime signals a time of renewal and review as we start planning for the summer while looking back at the events that defined the school year. Here are some of the more recent events and programs that marked your FRC's continued commitment to Nyack Middle School students and families.

Girls Circle (6 & 7th grades), Boys Council (6th grade) and the Positive Action Club (8th grade) wound down recently with lunchtime celebrations after more than 10 weeks of fun, friendship and activities. Over 30 students participated!

DAY OF SILENCE:

On Friday, April 12th, the FRC worked with the Dignity For All Alliance/GSA Club to coordinate Nyack



Middle School's very first, **Day of Silence**, a nationwide school-led day of unity and awareness which promotes the importance of being an ally in schools and supporting our LGBTQ peers.

Many students chose to wear black. Some students were silent for a time during homeroom. Students and staff were seen throughout the day wearing "I'm a NMS Ally" stickers. Students were also invited to sign a pledge of support and/or add their name to our "Day of Silence: We've Got Your Back!" banner. Special thanks to Jeanine Rufo!

FRC PROGRAMS/SERVICES

DONATION STATION

Help families anonymously with specific items in times of need or crisis. Call the FRC to be added to our email list, or to make a specific request for your family.

SPONSOR A STUDENT

Sponsor a student and cover the cost of PTA or school-sponsored, fee-based events, trips or activities for the year.

BOOK BAG BUDDIES

When you shop for supplies this fall, shop for TWO! Put together a new book bag full of school supplies and drop it off at NMS the first week of school.

STUDENT DROP-IN

Students who need a break, a light snack, school supplies or who just want to talk are welcome to stop by the FRC office during their lunch periods.

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

Summer Camp presentations during last month's PTA Meeting and Principals' Breakfast provided parents with camp resources and tips for choosing the right program for your child. Call your FRC for flyers, brochures, applications and more!

COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

United Way has developed a community resource guide with information on community programs that provide assistance and educational financial information for Rockland County residents. Call your FRC today for a copy!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- May 1-3 – NYS Math Tests
- May 7 – BOE Meeting, NHS, 7:30pm
- May 9 – NMS PTA Meeting, 7pm
- May 12 – HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
- May 13 – Honors Assemblies: Grade 6 at 9am; Grade 7 at 1pm, Grade 8 at 7pm
- May 21 – BOE Meeting, NHS, 7:30pm
- May 24 – School Closed
- May 27 – School Closed – Memorial Day
- May 30 – Fifth Grade Parent Orientation, 7pm (6pm for Spanish and Creole Speakers)
- June 11 – BRIDGES Program for incoming Fifth Graders at NMS

DID YOU KNOW?

- Valley Cottage Library Teen Programs**
- Anime Club** – Weds, 5/1, 7pm
- Video Game Tournament** Mon, 5/6, 6pm
- Volunteer for Teen Story Time**, 5/16, 6pm.
- Harry Potter Book Club: Goblet of Fire**, Thurs, 5/16, 7:15pm
- Battle of the Books Mtg**, Mon, 5/20, 7pm
- Call or Register Online:** 845-268-7700
<http://www.vclib.org/>

Nyack Center FREE Teen Nights
Every other Fri, 7pm– 11:30pm
A free program run by teens, for teens, ages 13-18. Call Nicole Hines for more information: **845-358-2600**.

BOCES Education Resource Center
Free workforce literacy and training programs for youth and adults. Call 845-348-3500 for more information.

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