Olivia Schoenrock and Aiden Forbes represented NS at a statewide chorus convention and concert. Thank you to Mrs. Moldoff and Ms. Pacuk for working with them and for accompanying them to Concord for the rehearsals and performance.

We thank our talented team of Mrs. Hiort, Mrs. Soucy, Mrs. Connal, Ms. Dunn, and Ms. Pacuk for organizing our annual Talent Show. It was a great night!

Grades 3-5 will be taking our state assessment for several days following vacation. It is a chance for your child to show what he or she knows. And while it is only one data point, it’s a data point that follows them throughout school and will be repeated in other grades. Encouraging your child to do their best, take their time, and think shows helps reinforce the fact these qualities are important. Tests, grades – performance results give children more choices and options during and after their public education careers. It's an opportunity for each child to exercise ownership of their education. Specific dates for each grade are as follows:

Gr 5  5/3, 5/6, 5/8 -9  
Gr. 4  5/8-10  
Gr. 3  5/6-8  

Last date for each is for make ups or finisher uppers.

Tuesday will be our last School Store for this school year. A bittersweet one for me as it’s Trish DelVecchio’s last one as a NS parent. Trish started this store up some years ago. Come help, say thank you. Help to carry this on for our children.

4/16 from 11:00-1:00: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d49a4a92ba5fe3-april](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d49a4a92ba5fe3-april)

Open House is Thursday 6-7 PM – All are welcome – kids too – to visit their own and other classrooms. Come see what our children have been learning about! We’ll also have a used book sale, a book walk, and bookmark projects in the cafeteria. There will also be a scavenger hunt for families and a SPIRIT WEAR SALE!! STILL COLLECTING GENTLY USED BOOKS THIS WEEK!

Friday is Grandparent or Special Friend Day – a reminder that other children should NOT come on this day. Classrooms are crowded, and it is a day for our children and guests to focus attention on each other without the distraction of littler cuties! We could use some help on this day, serving snacks while guests wait, helping direct and escort grandparents….. [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d49a4a92ba5fe3-grandparents](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d49a4a92ba5fe3-grandparents)  Our staff will park at the church to leave spaces for our guests. PTA is sponsoring a shuttle bus to take staff back and forth.

Looking for …… A PTA Treasurer Trainee for next year. Alicia Emerson will continue in this role for another year, and is willing to share her methods and record keeping tricks with someone who is willing to step into this role for their children, our children and our community the next year. She can explain further if that will help you decide. Contact her at: treasurer@northsalempita.org

Saturday, May 5th is our annual Father/Daughter dance. We have some lovely VERY gently used dresses if you would like your girl to look for one - in time for Easter too! Just let me or Mrs. Bedigian know and we’ll be happy to take your child “shopping”.

Power of the Penny – was won by……….GRADE 3! But we all win as we raised enough money for some seating for the pavilion! Thanks to Michelle Cirella and Chris Jones for tracking our donations.

FYI – our own Sue Grubbs, paraprofessional, is running her 3rd Boston Marathon Monday. Her number is 26081.

Because people have asked, NOT because I’m counting……. Grade K's last day is Thursday, June 13th. (No school for them on June 4th due to incoming K day). Grade 1-5’s is June 14th. Dismissal that day is at NOON.
Hope you have a great family week next week. I'll be out of the office too and back on Monday, April 30th along with your children! Am looking forward to resting up for the remainder of this busy, quick year and readying for 19-20!

Janice