A Message from our Principal..

Dear Northside Families,

It is so hard to imagine that we are near the end of the 2016-2017 school year. What a year it has been! We have been witness to the dedication and perseverance of our students in their academics which has resulted in many new and fulfilling achievements. All of the achievements gained this year could not have been possible without the support they receive from all members of the school community. I would like to personally thank the teachers, educational assistants, and all support staff who work tirelessly to make learning at our school possible. Thank you also to all our parents and guardians who support our students in so many ways. Whether you attend meetings and/or school functions, help and encourage with homework, provide a morning wake-up and breakfast, or serve as a daily taxi service, we know that your efforts and support have contributed to their school success.

I would like to extend a very special thank you to Mrs. Ganga and Mrs. Sampugnaro for their tireless efforts as our PTA Co-Presidents. I have been told by countless district staff members that our PTA is the best in Levittown. I could not agree more, and appreciate the tremendous amount of time and dedication the entire PTA has given to our school. Thank you for the continued excellence known as the “Northside PTA”!

As we draw the curtains on another school year at Northside School, let us not forget that learning is an every moment of the day experience. School may be over on June 23rd but each of us, young and old, continue to learn on a daily basis. I wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday. I wish you and your children time together to be creative and have fun!

It is my hope that everyone can take some time this summer to relax, rejuvenate, and reflect on our many achievements over the course of the year. I look forward to seeing you in September; and wish our graduating students and families the best of luck as they begin their new journey into middle school!

Regards,

Frank Mortillaro, Principal
A message from the PTA

Co Presidents…

Hello Families,

The end of the school year is finally here and as always, it is an exciting and busy time at Northside. Before we start our Summer, we would like to take a moment to thank all of the families that have helped us make this year a successful one. It is with your help and support that we have been able to provide some really great programs for the children.

We recently celebrated Staff Appreciation Day. Committee Chairs, Carrie O’Connor and Jean Wyckoff, as well as the many hands that helped, made the day a wonderful celebration for our teachers and staff. We are truly fortunate to have such an amazing faculty at Northside. They deserve all the accolades we can bestow upon them!

Spring Boutique was a great success! The children really enjoyed shopping with us. Thank you again to Dawn Watson and Debbie Hassard and the countless volunteers for making it such a wonderful event for our students!

Box tops have been counted. Congratulations to the winners of an ice cream party courtesy of Northside PTA. Thank you to everyone who took the time to clip their box tops and send them in. We’ll be starting again in September so keep clipping!

Our new slate was installed on June 8th at our annual Installation Dinner. We had an opportunity to celebrate and say thank you to outgoing Co-President Jen Sampugnaro and welcome the new Executive Committee. The new committee will begin their positions July 1st.

We wish you all a fun and relaxing summer vacation. Congratulations to the Class of 2017! Best of luck in middle school! As always, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, email the co-presidents at northsidepta11756@gmail.com.

Best Regards,

Jen Sampugnaro & Mari Ganga
2016-2017 PTA Co Presidents
Tips for staying cool this Summer:

- Be aware of the heat. Pay attention to it and modify your activities appropriately.

- Pay attention to your hydration status, and be sure to drink plenty of fluids.

- Try to stay in relatively cool areas, even when outside. Many public places such as libraries, shopping malls and movie theaters are air conditioned.

- Avoid hot enclosed places, such as cars. Never leave children unattended in a car parked in the sun.

- Use a fan, if available.

- Stay on the lowest floor of your building.

- Eat well-balanced, light and regular meals.

- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight and light-colored clothing.

- Cover windows that receive a significant amount of sun with drapes or shades to help keep your house cool.

- Weather stripping and proper insulation will keep cool air inside your home.

- Cool beverages are good for cooling down the body.

8 Signs of Heat Overexposure:

- Heavy sweating. But if heat stroke sets in, the body can no longer compensate, and stops sweating.

- Pale skin.

- Muscle cramps.

- Feeling tired and weak.

- Altered mental status. (confusion or disorientation)

- Headache.

- Becoming semi-conscious, or passing out.

- Nausea or vomiting.

6 First Steps to Take After Recognizing Heat-Induced Illness:

- Call 911

- Get the person out of the sun and into a cool area.

- Apply water to help the person cool off.

- Apply ice to the neck or armpits, where large blood vessels are close to the surface.

- Remove any heavy clothing.

- Immerse the body in cool water, either at a swimming pool or in a bathtub.
As we come to the end of the year, just a few reminders. Please make sure that you have returned your instruments to Mrs. Castillo. Anyone that has not handed in their instrumental registration form for September, (current grades 2-4) please see Mrs. Castillo with those forms. (they are past due)

Mrs. Castillo and Mrs. McClancy would like to recognize the 17 instrumental and 9 vocal students that participated in the NYSSMA Musical Festival held at Jonas Salk Middle School on May 23rd and 24th. They received outstanding and excellent scores on their adjudicated performances. Congratulations to all of the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders that performed in the Spring Concert that took place on 5/31.

The Kindergarten did an outstanding job at their Kapers performance on June 9th where they dazzled the audience with their sparkling personalities and their awesome voices. We wrap up the musical year with saying good bye to our 5th grade friends with a "Clap Out" before they “Move Up” to Wisdom Lane on June 15th as they sing The school song "Let's Give a Cheer written by Mrs. Castillo and their 5th grade song, "Don't Stop Believin".....always remember that we won't stop believing in you.

Northside ROCKS!
Good luck to the Class of 2017! Have a musical summer!!!

Regards,
Mrs. McClancy and Mrs. Castillo

Northside Parents Music Club

We’ve had a fun year this year! The Spring Concert was wonderful and all of the children did an amazing job! With Levittown School District playing host to NYSSMA this year, we were happy to decorate the Salk lunchroom for the adjudicators to enjoy their meals between seeing students.

We were also busy planning the NYSSMA breakfast for the children who were attendees this year. All of the children enjoyed a bagel breakfast and received their NYSSMA medals and certificates.

Sadly, it rained on our parade and we weren’t able to march in the Memorial Day parade but there’s always next year!

Thank you to all of our members and volunteers who helped to make the year a success! We look forward to putting some new ideas in place next year. Keep an eye out in September for a membership application and join us to make the music program a continued success!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or would just like to share some ideas on ways to improve the music club, please feel free to contact us at northsidemusic11756@gmail.com.

Have a great summer!

“If music be the food of love, play on..”

William Shakespeare

Co Presidents
Krista Hill & Mari Ganga
Northside Students Prepare For Annual Spring Concert

Northside students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades prepared for their annual Spring Concert on May 31st. The children are participating in their last few rehearsals. Fifth graders practiced with much care knowing it was their last concert at Northside School. The youngsters take pride in being part of the Band, Orchestra and Choruses with Mrs. Castillo and Mrs. McClancy. Pictured are Fifth grade students at their last cello and string bass lesson before the concert: (L to R) Rosalie Giraldo Espinosa, Nicholas Petrelli, Alison Martinez, Amanda Vota and Noelle Melfi.

Northside Students - Tops in Music

During the May 3rd Board of Education meeting, Northside School students Izabella Alix, Cian Gormley, Noreen Hafez, Alison LaTorre, Aaria Mody, Carly Perez, Jaxon Sotomayor, Alice Suh and Amanda Vota were recognized for their participation in the Nassau Music Educators Association All-County music festival. In addition, Jaxon was recognized as a selectee in the Long Island String Festival Association. The District congratulates the students on this musical accomplishment.
Congratulations to our winners! The top 3 classes to win an ice cream party were Mrs Merkle’s class, Miss Tintle’s class and Mrs Conrad’s class!

The Northside PTA would like to thank Mrs. Jennifer Sampugnaro for all of her hard work and dedication as Co-President for the last two years! She has taken on so much responsibility for the sake of our children and we are eternally grateful! We’re so happy that she will continue to work hard within the Northside Community! Thank you for all you do!

The Northside PTA would like to congratulate the Class of 2017 and wish them luck as they head into Middle School! You will be missed!

Contact us at: northsidepta11756@gmail.com
We asked our 5th Graders what they would miss most about Northside. Here’s what they said...

**Mrs Cosgrove/Mrs DeLucie’s Class:**

All of my teachers. **Ania M.**

Ms. Ballentyne. **Tara O.**

Field Day. **Gabriella V.**

Mr. Mortillaro. He is the best principal ever. **Samantha R.**

Mrs. Cosgrove. **Ibrahim A.**

My teachers. **Caiden S.**

Mr. Mortillaro. **James G.**

All of my incredibly nice teachers. Especially Mrs Cosgrove. **Jaxon S.**

All my teachers here because I always have them to teach me to pass grades and grow older and learn big stuff for your brain. **Christopher G.**

Mrs Delucie. **Natalie G.**

Mrs Bernhardt. **Emmet G.**

My teacher, Mrs Cosgrove. **Hassan E.**

Not having too much homework. **Dominic M.**

The teachers. **Eddie B.**

Seeing Mrs Balentine. **Carly P.**

Mrs. Fleigner. **Elissa S.**

Mr Vilbig. **Jonathan C.**

My teacher because we did all the field trips and it will be sad when we leave. **Adam C.**

Hanging out with my friends! **Avneek K.**

Mrs. Bernhardt. **Alice S.**

Mrs Bernhardt. **Izabella A.**

**Ms Richiusa’s Class:**

My teacher because she is very funny and nice. She lets us watch lots of movies. And she also lets us have a lot of free time. **Eshal A.**

The teachers, my principal and the lunch aides. **Joey L.**

All the great teachers and staff. I will also miss the memories that were made here! **Ryan W.**

All of my amazing teachers that have helped me reach this accomplishment. **Maria H.**

My teachers and having recess after lunch. **Rafael B.**

How the principal actually interacts with the classes. **Karina K.**

The safe and hard working environment. **Andrew M.**

My teachers and principal. **Jake L.**

Hanging out at the field with my friends after school. **Amanda V.**
Character counts at Northside…

And it starts right at the top! Every day our children are fortunate enough to learn from some really wonderful people! So what better way to say thank you than a great staff appreciation day? Children were encouraged to send in a few words to honor their favorite teachers. They were placed all over the hallways and in the teacher’s lounge. In addition, donations of breakfast and lunch from parents were enjoyed throughout the day. Local businesses and parents provided raffle items for the teachers to win. Everyone really enjoyed the day!
Teacher Appreciation Day  
By Camila B., Sr. Staff Writer

Teacher Appreciation Day is one of the best days. Your teacher would be very happy. It’s when you give presents to him or her it’s gonna be great and a great day for your teacher. If you like your teacher then you can do this and your teacher would love this day so you should do it! Because they do everything for us. I’ll tell you some, 1. they help us learn math, 2. your teacher lets you have fun Friday. They take you to specials like gym, literacy, art, and music. You should treat them nicely!

Book Club  
By Armaan D. and Lucas W., Sr. Staff Writers

Book Club is all about reading a book and discussing the book when you bring it back to class. This club is held for second, third, fourth and fifth grade students. The teachers are Ms. Frenger and Mrs. Dougherty. You get to do fun projects and games in book club. The book we read is “Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Missing Dinosaur Bones.” At the end of Book Club, you have a party too. If you like reading, Book Club is the right club for you. Book Club is the best ever!

Slingo  
By Emily G., Sr. Staff Writer

Slingo was really fun! Some of the prizes included baskets for movie night, candy, summer fun, reading, coffee lovers, baking, chocolate, dogs, gardening, pasta lovers, and many more! Every time you get bingo you get a cool gift card. There is one session. Each class had a category for baskets. The categories were listed on top. I hope you enjoyed Slingo as much as I did!
Jump Rope for Heart
By Michael D., Sr. Staff Writer

Jump Rope for Heart is when you go in gym and jump rope and donate money. It was in the month of March. Then you get prizes based on how much money you raised. If you give $20 you would get a bigger prize. Last year, and years before, they had dogs on keychains that had characters and rubber duckies, which was my favorite. Oh and the dog last year was a pirate dog, which was my favorite dog. This year it was the lion and other animals on keychains. Mrs McNerny and Mr Anglim ran Jump Rope for Heart and will continue years from now because it is their program. Also, it was for a week so that means you have two gym classes that week to do jump rope and then later you get your prize or prizes but the high prizes you get separately. Some of the prizes are a lion on a necklace, jump rope and elephant, jade shoots, jenny kicks, jump t-shirt, playground ball, penguin, moon doggie, zoo sand, air power soccer, and ezy roller. Keychains are able to be collected and basically you can collect anything in the universe. That is what Jump Rope for Heart is all about.

Each child received a caterpillar to observe and chart its growth. The students recorded their observations as the lava became chrysalises. Three weeks later the chrysalises opened to reveal "Painted Lady" butterflies. The youngsters observed their wing colors as the butterflies sipped nectar and began to fly within their net cages.

Pictured are third graders from Ms. Bernhardt's class gathered on Northside's lawn where they released the butterflies to begin their life cycle once again. The children integrated Mathematics, Science and Language Arts while completing this project. They enjoyed the fascinating process from beginning to end and were enriched by the experience.

Field Day
By John B., Sr. Staff Writer

Field day is when Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade all go out on the field. There’s obstacle courses, a relay race and cup stacking! Field day is great to play an edit is all run by Mr Anglim and Mrs McNerney.

Northside Students Study the Life Cycle of Butterflies

Students in the Third Grade at Northside School studied the life cycle of the butterfly in their science unit. They learned about metamorphosis during this life-science project.
NASA
By Daniel S., Sr. Staff Writer

NASA is the space program for the United States. President Dwight D. Eisenhower created NASA in 1958. NASA stands for National Aeronautics and Space Administration. One of NASA’s major accomplishments was sending two men, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, to the moon in 1969. NASA does aeronautics research and works on developing space technology. They created a reusable ship that was first launched in 1981, which has flown more than 130 successful missions up until 2011. NASA is developing new capabilities to send humans to an asteroid and Mars. NASA continues to explore the unknown and help humankind.

Amityville Horror
By Karolina M. and Andrew T., Sr Staff Writers

Amityville horror is best known as a haunted place. A mom found herself floating in the air and ooze on the walls. The mom also saw footprints in the snow but no one was out there! The dad put an old lion statue in the attic but then it reappeared in the living room. When they tore down the house only one piece of wood was left. This all may sound fake but Wikipedia claims it’s all true. This story was made into a movie and book to show what happened. This is just one of many haunted places!

Summer at the Beach
By Makailah A., Sr. Staff Writer

Did you ever want to go to the beach, play in the sand and look for seashells? That sounds amazing right? Well, guess what? Summer is coming soon so you better get prepared. There are many beaches in the world to visit over the summer. Not time to waste! So get down to the beach to lay and chill.
World News
cont.

And the Winner Is…
By Samantha R.,
Sr. Staff Writer

There are some major mess ups in the world. Like, the big Oscar mess up! It was one of the most awkward moments in the history of the Oscars, of television, in entertainment, heck, maybe in American history! The actors, Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway were the people who announced the major mess up. The mess up was between the movies “La La Land” and “Moonlight”. “Moonlight” really won the award. Unfortunately, “La La Land” did not! Now someone can related to this big Oscar mess up!

His name is Steve Harvey. In 2015, he made a major mistake at the Miss Universe Pageant! Steve Harvey said Miss Columbia won but the card was wrong! Miss Philippines won instead! On that day, Steve Harvey felt so bad for what happened.

At the Oscars, Jimmy Kimmel (the host) said, “I blame Steve Harvey for this!” now I have to ask you a question. Who were the winners?

Summer Fun
By Isabella A.,
Sr. Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what summer is like all around the world? Summer celebrations have a million year old history. In a lot of cultures, the Solstice is officially the longest season of the year and marks the start of summer. Have you ever wondered which states have the coolest summer? Oregon, North Carolina and Maine. Sweet Summer you’ve arrived in New York! In New York, we see baseball games, go to museums and more because it’s extremely fun. Sometimes some of us go pick strawberries, set up lemonade stands in your neighborhood, go star gazing, walk around the city, catch fireflies, go on vacation and go to festivals. In some countries, they go see the Rocky Mountains in Canada or go see The Great Barrier Reef in Australia, and see the Blue Lagoon in Iceland. So now you have ideas from all around the world about summer fun!
Entertainment

The Crew
By Saim S., Sr. Staff Writer

The crew is an epic car game. There are levels 1-60 and like 300+ missions. It's really fun. There are about 275 cars. There is this thing called PvP Lobby. You do events to get money. It's rated teen but it doesn't look like it is at all. I am level 60 and have the best car. (The Agera R) The driver in the game is called Alex and I will not spoil the rest. Well, I hope you enjoyed this! Bye!

The Messy Baker, iJustine
By Keyla G., Sr. Staff Writer

iJustine is a famous YouTube who bakes for fun and makes a mess. iJustine has a baking legend friend who you may or may not have heard about. Her name is Rosanna Pansino. iJustine was born in Pittsburgh, PA in the year 1984. Justine is 32 years old and has over 3.4 million subscribers. She also has a gaming channel called iJustine Gaming. Okay, enough of that. Now back to baking. Justine is a very funny person who also has a sister named Jenna.

Musicals
By Cameron N., Sr. Staff Writer

A musical is a show with songs and choreographed dances. Every show has a director and a music director. The director casts everyone, chooses who is cut from the show and makes the dances. The music director makes songs sound nice by giving pitches to sing for higher and lower voices. I have been in 9 musicals myself.

Okay, now let's go back on track. Justine loves to bake but things don't always go the way she wants. Like in one of her videos where she made a peppermint plate and mixed up the parchment paper with the wax paper. Then she figured out it wasn't that bad because the plate was starting to fall apart so she thought it was fine because then it wouldn't fall apart. Or in this video when she tried to make a smoothie out of red velvet cake and ended up making another very, very big mess. In my opinion, iJustine is a great YouTuber and you should totally watch her awesome videos!

The place where I do shows is called CAP Wantagh. The best place to see a musical is Broadway in New York. Some musicals I suggest for you to see in the summer are Matilda, School of Rock and Hamilton. My favorite show of the 3 is Hamilton. Hamilton is about the life of the famous Alexander Hamilton through rapping, singing and Lin-Manuel Miranda. (Who is not in Hamilton anymore.) Matilda is better for kids at a young age and School of Rock is better for kids 3rd grade and up. Most shows I do for my age group are kid-friendly, so maybe you can come to my theater and see my shows.

Carousel Camp
By Michael R., Sr. Staff Writer

This camp has a zip-line, dodge ball, volleyball, tetherball and more! You’re going to need a pack of clothes. 2 sets of bathing suits and hope a friend comes. You will have lunch and have 3 or 4 counselors to watch you. This camp has 3 pools. it goes 5 feet deep. This camp has mini golf. Once you’re past 9b you go fishing. Hope you enjoy!
Teen Titans Go  
By Isha H., Sr. Staff Writer

Teen Titans Go is the best show ever created! It brings out the goofball in all of us. The characters Robin, Raven, Starfire, Beast Boy and Cyborg fight crime with their awesome super powers. Technically, Robin does not have super powers, but he does have a really cool staff. Some of the cool villains the Titans fight in Jump city are the Hive, Brother Blood, Killer Moth, and so many more. My favorite characters are Cyborg and Beast Boy. They are best friends. I loved when they sang the pie song. Overall, you should totally watch Teen Titans Go! And remember to sing along when the theme song comes on.

Undertale  
By Joey M. and Ryan M., Sr. Staff Writers

Undertale is a role-playing video game created by American Indie developer and composer, Toby Fox. In the game, players control a human child who has fallen into the Underground, a large region underneath the surface of the Earth, separated by a magic barrier. The player meets various monsters during a quest to return to the surface, mainly through the combat system; the player navigates through mini-bullet attacks by the opponent and can spare monsters instead of attacking and killing them. These choices affect the game, with the dialogue, characters, and story changing based on outcomes. This is not important but there is a skeleton named Sans and he tells great puns. Skeleton puns to be exact. This game is pure genius!

Pokemon Omega Ruby & Alpha Sapphire  
By Nicholas K., Sr. Staff Writer

Pokemon Omega Ruby & Alpha Sapphire is a game by Game Freak. It was released on November 21, 2014. It is a really cool game. It was nominated for best remastered game. it is a game for the Nintendo 3DS. There are 2 main legendaries, Groudon & Kyogre. But before you get excited, Groudon can only be caught in ruby and Kyogre in sapphire. Before you get one of the two, you get Latios in ruby and Latias in sapphire. After that, you go to the Elite 4. Once you beat them you go to sky pillar where you can catch Rayquaza, Dialga and other Pokemon. The 3 starters are Torchic, Mudkip, and Treeko. So these are some facts on Pokemon Omega Ruby & Alpha Sapphire.

Popular MMOs  
By Leo G., Sr. Staff Writer

Popular MMOs is a YouTube channel mostly about Minecraft. Pat (Patrick), the creator of the channel was born in California. He is 28 and was born on November 25, 1998. Popular MMOs is a Minecraft gamer who posts battles, Let’s Plays, and other Minecraft related videos for his loyal fan base. Pat plays with someone named Jen. Pat married her in 2015. Jen’s channel is called Gaming with Jen. Pat created the series called mob battles, mod battles, epic proportions, Minecraft mini games and Minecraft mods vs maps. Pat earned an undergraduate degree in Psychology. His earliest videos featured the game Runescape. He also played Atlantica, Tera, Rift, World of Warcraft and more. Pat surpassed 10 million YouTube subscribers in December, 2016. He is an avid Minecraft gamer like Toby Williams.
Softball
By Maggie S., Sr. Staff Writer

I don’t really know of too many people who play softball so I decided to sit down and do some research! The game of softball is similar to that of baseball but it is played with a larger ball and on a smaller field. Softball was invented in Chicago, Illinois in 1887. The name softball did not become official until 1926. In the beginning there were different names used to describe the sport. Some of these names included “kitten ball, diamond ball, mush ball and pumpkin ball.” Some famous softball players are Jennie Finch, Cat Osterman, and Lisa Fernandez.

Jennie Finch’s jersey number is 27. She started playing softball when she was 5 years old. She was a three-time All-American pitcher and a first baseman. Cat Osterman’s jersey number is 8. She was a four-time All-American, left handed softball pitcher. Lisa Fernandez’s jersey number is 16. She is a right-handed softball pitcher. This is what I found while researching softball.

Derek Jeter
By Shannon M., Sr. Staff Writer

Derek Jeter is a former American Major League Baseball player. He played for the New York Yankees. His position was short stop. He was born June 26, 1974 in Pequannod, New Jersey. He is now 42 years old. He is 6 feet and 3 inches. His wife is Hannah Jeter. They were married last year (2016). His parents are Dorothy Jeter and Sanderson Charles Jeter. Derek Jeter teamed up with Tim Green (former football player) and wrote a book called Baseball Genius. Derek Jeter also wrote these books: The Contract, Jeter Unfiltered, The Life You Imagine, Change Up and Fair Ball. I also read a biography about Derek Jeter. I also still have his jersey from when I was four. Derek Jeter also has a foundation for kids called “Turn 2” that turn young people away from alcohol and drugs. He and his wife are also going to have a baby. That is what I can tell you about Derek Jeter.
Swimming
By Mia M. and Sarah P.,
Guest writers

Swimming is a great sport to participate in. It can make you stronger because you are constantly moving your arms and legs in the water. Organized swimming began in the 1800’s and 1900’s with the creation of different swimming associations. The associations formed clubs that compare against teacher other. Swimming is a sport that you might have seen in the Olympic Games. Some of the strokes and styles that go with swimming include freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. You can choose to swim for fun at a pool or join one of the local swim teams in Levittown. The different town pools offer lessons and clubs for kids to join.

If you compete on a swim team you can win medals and trophies. Swimming is one of the most popular exercise activities in the United States. Everyone should know how to swim and if you don’t, we encourage you to sign up for lessons!

Baseball
By Aiden T. and Tyler K.,
Guest Writers

Baseball is a bat and ball game that is played between two teams with nine players on each team. Teams take turns batting and fielding. Baseball came to be from older bat and ball games that were already played in England in the mid 18th century. In the United States, professional Major League Baseball teams are divided into the National League (NL) and the American League (AL). Each year major league players take part in the well-known Home Run Derby. In 2016, this contest was between eight different batters and held at Petco Park in San Diego, California. The winner of the Home Run Derby was Giancarlo Stanton. During this contest each player has four minutes to hit as many home runs as they possibly can. This is a good event because the majority of the money is donated to a charity, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

Hockey
By Alex L., Guest Writer

Hockey is a very competitive sport for males and females to play. There is checking in this sport and you can slam someone into the side boards. There are a few things I am going to tell you about hockey. You may hear the word icing and not understand its meaning. An icing is when you are on one side of the ice and shoot the puck to the other side. An offside is when the puck crosses the middle line before you do. During a hockey game there can also be numerous penalties.
Hockey cont.

A penalty in hockey is punishment when you do not play by the rules. If a player receives a penalty they have to sit in the penalty box for a set number of minutes. When a penalty takes place the referee will blow their whistle. Players who are extremely talented may have the chance to play in the NHL. This stands for National Hockey League and is a professional league.

Gymnastics
By Olivia G., Guest Writer

Gabrielle Douglas is a famous American gymnast. She became the first African American gymnast to win a gold medal in the 2012 Olympic Games held in London. Her birthday is on December 31, 1995.

She was born in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Her first experience with gymnastics came at the age of 3, when she perfected a straight cartwheel using a technique that she learned from her older sister, Arielle, a former gymnast. Douglas’ head coach is Kittia Carpenter. She helped Douglas train for the Olympic Games. Gabrielle does bar, beam, floor, vault and tumble track. I think that her best skill is the floor because she can do both a back tuck and front tuck. In addition to her gymnastics career Douglas has an autobiography and a television movie about her life.

Lacrosse
By Riley C., Sr. Staff Writer

Taylor Cummings is a championship female lacrosse player. Lacrosse is a sport that you play by cradling a stick. You can do different tricks such as face dodge, roll dodge and a one handed cradle. One thing that you cannot do in women’s lacrosse is check another player. This is allowed in men’s lacrosse though. Taylor Cummings was a midfielder for the University of Maryland. She won the Tewaaraton Trophy in 2014, 2015 and 2016. Cummings is regarded as the best female lacrosse player in the country. Taylor’s birthday is on June 2, 1994. She is 23 years old and has a sister named Kelsey. Her sister also played for the University of Maryland. I am excited to see what Taylor does next with her career as an athlete!
Ms. Richiusa’s Class: (Cont.)

Our principal, Mr. Mortillaro and all of my teachers!
David J.

All the nice teachers and friends I met here. Valeria D.

All of my great teachers who taught me everything I know now. Matthew P.

The teachers that I had in every grade. Evelyn C.

Every day here. The adventure and everyone who helped me get here. All my teachers. Everyone will be missed. Reynaldo A.

My teachers, and the principal. Most of all I will miss Ms. Richiusa. Alison L.

My teachers and all of my friends I had since 3rd grade and more. Victoria R.

My teachers and my friends. Joey T.

Playing outside for recess, my previous teachers and the principal. Monique C.

The one thing I’ll miss the most is the principal. Christopher G.

All of my teachers and my principal. Noelle M.

All my amazing teachers and the best principal. Melvin C.

Mrs. Clingen’s Class:

Mr. Mortillaro and his kindness. Valentina C.

Field day! Dominic S.

All the fun and exciting field trips. Andrew G.

All of the kind, amazing and character filled staff, teachers, and all people in the school. They helped me know who I am. Courtney C.

The lots of friends made in Northside. Zohaib E.

The nice teachers and how the PTA are very nice. Caitlin S.

Cup stacking in gym and LAP and the staff, and mostly my favorite LAP teacher, Ms. Butler. Gabrielle W.

How nice everyone was. Caden D.

The way that teachers and staff push you to be the best that you can be. Samantha B.

LAMP—especially if we have gym. The time we can gather with friends and play before school starts. David B.

The staff and teachers. Sophia N.

Its dedication to make students succeed. Alexandra M.

All of my friends and the comfort of knowing everyone. Kids, teachers, staff. everyone. Richard H.

Mrs. Wanukovich’s Class:

Mr. Mortillaro and all my teachers over the years. Vasiliki M.

The friendly Mr. Mortillaro, staff, teachers and environment. Aarnav D.

The Principal, Mrs. Wanukovich, Mrs. Kruk and Mrs. Fleigner. Santiago P.

The best teachers ever. Timothy L.

My teachers. They are nice. Alicia A.
Spotlight on..

Class of 2017

Mrs Nizinski’s Class

I liked how the teachers cared about us and the people/staff at Northside. Matthew H.

My teachers because they were all the best and very nice. Kayla K.

My teachers, especially my Kindergarten and 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Crayon, who retired. Allyson M.

The kindness of all the staff members. Emmily M.

Field day and my teachers. Aaria M.

All the nice teachers. Jasper N.

Playing basketball in the gym with all my friends. And friends and staff. Lindsey P.

The caring and friendliness of the staff. Nicholas P.

My 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Nizinski. Michael R.

All the teachers and staff and the sense of family between everyone. I’ll miss Mr. M. and Mrs. Anspach and the perfect balance of fun and work. Armaan S

Quidditch and Donna Papa and Mrs. Nizinski. Nicholas S.

All the teachers including the principal that was nice to me all these years! Angel V.

The pride, work, and experience I’ve been through. Ashton R.

My teachers and the school. Jasmin V.

The best teacher, Mrs. Nizinski Angelina C.

I will miss all my teachers and the principal. Vihaan C.

Not getting to see my favorite teacher, Mrs Nizinski. Dylan C.

All of the holiday parties we have in class! Samantha D.

Talking to Mr. Mortillaro about the Yankees in the morning. Tyler D.

Field Day and Mrs. Nizinski. Jack G.

All the amazing teachers I have had to help me get to Middle School and High School. Rosalie E.

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