

FIELD TRIP



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VERY IMPRESSIVE

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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For their efforts, each class will receive \$250 so that their teachers can purchase equipment and supplies for their classrooms. The Women's Club has contributed \$500 towards this initiative. If you know of anyone who might be interested in helping the cause, send them my way.

USELESS FACT

There is a company that turns dead bodies into an ocean reef.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Yes, Virginia, there will be a holiday party. On Tuesday, December 14, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm, NCM will host a virtual party via Zoom. Be prepared to answer a serious question, laugh at corny jokes and play a game or two. And, adult beverages are not discouraged. The link for the party is <https://miscasc.zoom.us/j/96350219446?pwd=amV5aDFyb3did2pja1Vhdm5kb0ZRUT09>

AMAZON SMILE

I know this message appeared in last month's newsletter, but I do think it is worth repeating. Every time you shop through Amazon, Amazon will make a contribution to Northern Community Mediation at no expense to you under one condition. You have to go to Amazon Smile, and then

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TATA & BEST OF LUCK

Mediator Chuck McKone, who had a way of making clients feel at ease, will be leaving NCM. Chuck and his wife have decided to move to Florida. Hopefully, Chuck will find a mediation center down in Florida.

DONOR CAMPAIGN LETTER

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COVID UPDATE

With the number of COVID cases on the rise, the number of breakthrough cases of those who have been vaccinated and had the booster, the uncertainty of the newest variant and the uncertainty of what the holidays will bring, it is unlikely that face-to-face mediations will return soon.

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