# September Weekly Vinal Voice

Week of Monday, September 16 - Friday, September 20, 2024.

## Principal's Update

**Open House**

It was great seeing so many families at Open House last week. Thank you for coming out! We are incredibly lucky to have such strong home/school partnerships! Thank you for your support!

**Business View Article**

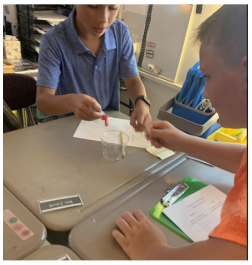
Norwell Public Schools were featured in the Business View magazine as a Top School District. The article can be found HERE and on our website if you are interested in learning more.

**Electronic Devices**

Please see our school policy on smart devices below:

*Using personal electronic devices including smartphones and smartwatches is not permissible during the school day (including bus rides to and from school). If brought to school, all personal electronic devices including smartphones and smartwatches must be turned off and kept inside their backpack. The school will not be responsible in the event that the device is lost, stolen, or damaged while on school property. Unauthorized student use of electronic devices during the school day will result in the device being confiscated. The device will be returned to the student and/or the parent after a conference with an administrator. In the event that a parent deems it necessary to contact their child during the school day, they may do so by contacting the main office directly.*

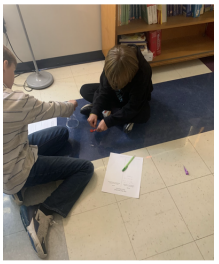
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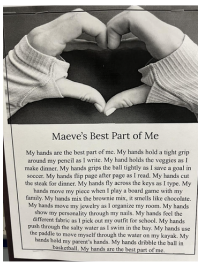
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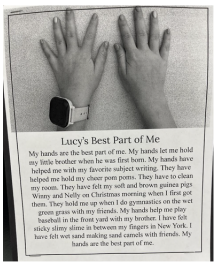
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"Best Part About Me"



New Communication Board Installed on the Playground




"Best Part About Me"

## Meet Mrs. Ruggles



**Hello! My name is Nicole Ruggles and I am so honored and excited to join the Vinal School community. I have been in Avon Public Schools for the past 8 years as a School Adjustment Counselor, 504 Coordinator and Team Chair. I have also worked in Taunton and Winchester Public Schools. I love spending quality time with my family, especially with my 16 month old daughter. We created a lot of core memories while traveling to Bermuda and Martha's Vineyard this summer. One of them was her beginning to walk! I'm also a big foodie and enjoy cooking and dining out. I genuinely look forward to meeting and supporting all Vinal students and families. My hope is for all our students to feel safe, valued and celebrated as they continue to develop and grow into who they are supposed to be. Please contact me at nicole.ruggles@norwellschools.org with any questions.**

## Breakfast & Lunch Menus

September Menus

### Upcoming Dates

9/23: 5th Grade Instrument Rental Night
9/26: Norwell CARES Day
10/2: Elementary Early Release, 12:20
10/2: PTO Stay & Play
10/6: Mom's PTO Kickball Game
10/7: Blue Shirt Day
10/9: District-Wide PTO Meeting

10/10: Wear Orange for World Inclusion Day
10/11: Grade 5 Field Trip

## Updates from Nurse Kristen

If your child should become sick with the flu or COVID, please visit the link below for the latest guidelines on returning to school

MA COVID/FLU guidelines

Additionally, please always reach out with any questions or concerns.

## Vinal PTO Corner




The role of the Vinal PTO is to support and enhance the educational experience of all of our students, and to strengthen the sense of community among all members of our school. We invite you to join us in all of our upcoming activities!

A few upcoming dates and reminders

- **Sunday, Sept 29** -Vinal vs. Cole Moms Kickball - LIMITED spots remain for players, but all are welcome to come cheer on the Vinal Moms! Bring signs, dress in blue and get ready for a good time! This is a fun community event and a great way to meet other local families!
- **Wednesday, Oct 2** - Early release day and our first **Stay & Play** of the year will be from 12:30 - 3pm. Plan to come to the Vinal playground to enjoy a school-wide celebration with an inflatable, pizza, and more! This is NOT a drop off event, and kids must be registered in advance.
- **Wednesday, Oct 16** - Be a part of shaping our children's educational experience! Attend the Vinal School PTO meeting - 7 pm via Zoom!
- **Oct 23- Oct 25** - During Parent Conferences, we will be hosting the **Annual Book Fair!** This year we are thrilled to share that we are partnering with Buttonwood Books to facilitate the fair. We'll also need lots of volunteers so keep an eye out for the signup genius.

If you haven't already, please join our **Facebook Group** and Instagram. Our website is up to date too! Check it out vinalpto.com! If you are interested in getting more involved, we'd love to have you! Please email us at vinalpto@gmail.com.




## Community Information




For the first time ever, the four parent-led organizations at Norwell High School (NHS PTO, Norwell Arts, Norwell Boosters, and the Norwell Education Foundation) have collaborated for what will be the social event of the year. To be held under the big tent in the parking lot at Tinker's on Saturday, October 5th from 3 PM to 7 Pm, the first-ever Flannel Fest will feature live music, food trucks and 50/50 raffle. And, of course, lots of flannel! Tickets are $25 per person for this 21+ event. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the start of Fall, all while supporting the NHS community. Click HERE to purchase your tickets!

**SAVE THE DATE!**
**CLIPPER FUN NIGHT @ VINAL**

Saturday, Oct. 19
6pm - 8pm
Drop off event for 4th & 5th Graders
Hosted by the NHS Boosters



Pizza, Snacks, Drinks
Dodgeball & Crafts
$25 Per Student
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE
**VENMO: @NHS-Boosters**



# Your Year of Adventure

- ✓ Hike to the highest point in your town.
- ✓ Learn a new outdoor skill.
- ✓ Take on challenges with confidence.

Each day as a Girl Scout brings thrills and out-of-this-world experiences. Don't miss your chance to make new friends and be part of a journey you'll never forget! Find your squad and get ready for amazing adventures.

## Be a Girl Scout

**Scan code or visit gsema.org/trygirlscouts**

Start your Girl Scout journey at a FREE Try-It Event in Norwell!

**Monday, Sept. 23, 2024**
**6 - 7 PM**
**Norwell Public Library**
**64 South St.**
**Norwell, MA 02061**

Join us for a fun evening where you can learn all about Girl Scouts and make new friends! Bring your grown-up(s) along.

*Please RSVP and let us know you are coming by scanning the QR code.*

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