



# MINUTE

## *A MINUTE TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING @ NMS*

**"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."**

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[Yearbook Meeting Dates](#)

### # TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

#### Week at a glance

- **Course selection forms (3/14)** Due today 3/21 (emailed home to 5th, 6th, and 7th grade parents on 3/14)
- **March Madness (3/24)** -- will be running the 3v3 tournament the week of March 24-28. Each grade will have a tournament after school on Tuesday 3/25 (8th grade), Wednesday 3/26 (7th) or Thursday 3/27 (6th), it should run from 2:00- 3:30PM (depending on how many teams sign up).
- The top three to four 8th-grade teams will make up the student team for our Faculty/Student Basketball game, taking place during the pep rally on Friday, March 28. Will the Student team rise to the challenge and defeat the returning champions, the "Faculty All-Star Team," on the 28th?
- **Term 3 Ends (3/28)** -- Just a reminder, Term III report card grades will be posted to Aspen for parents to review on Friday, April 4th. Parents and students should review the report card together to discuss the student's progress. Grades are a reflection of student achievement in content knowledge and skill development as measured by work accuracy, quality, and timely completion. No matter the grade for the term, students should be reflecting on their strengths and areas for growth.



Spotlighters present

The production of

Disney  
**FROZEN JR.**

Show dates

April 4, 2025 7:00 PM

April 5, 2025 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Norwell High School Auditorium

18 South Street, Norwell MA 02061

## # TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night

We met with our incoming 6th grade parents on Wednesday to share information about the middle school's culture and offerings. The evening was a great opportunity for parents to learn more about the middle school curriculum, courses, and discuss events, clubs and activities at NMS. At the end of the presentation, parents toured the building with an 8th grade tour guide.



### Incoming 6th Grade Night



### Updates

**PTO** --There is a plan in the works to do a 2nd parent social to coincide with the GLOW DANCE on April 11th...stay tuned!

The PTO is made up of Parent Volunteers LIKE YOU!

Together, let's make the NMS experience the best it can be!!

**T**he next PTO meeting is on Friday, April 3rd at 9:15AM.

### CALENDAR

March

25 B-ball 3v3 8th grade

26 B-ball 3v3 7th grade

27 B-ball 3v3 6th grade

27 Playbook Initiative (@Codman Academy)

28 Quarter 3 Ends

28 March Madness Pep Rally

April

4 Term III Report Cards Posted

4 Frozen Jr. @ 7PM

5 Frozen Jr. @ 2 + 7PM

*"Identify your problems but give your power and energy to solutions."*

### KINDNESS CORNER

**"We all have hearts... If you have a heart, love somebody. If you have enough heart, love everybody."**- Stevie Wonder

**Evelyn Miller** has several shout outs from classmates for holding the door for them - thanks Evelyn! Thank you to **Tyler Kelly** for helping clean up a mess in the cafeteria that wasn't his & thanks **Bella Charlebois** for helping a friend in need. Also, shout outs to **Teah Bain** and **Brennan Carney** for being nice when other people were laughing (2 different situations that they each received a student shout out for). Also, thank you to all of the 8th grade volunteers at the 5th grade parent night: **Elise Lombardi, Parker Young, Piper Gagnon, Ella Charest, Mia Gabanelle, Georgia Schaubert, Nola Carney, Kalen LeBlanc, Brielle Lestage, Marin O'Donnell**

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NMS Acts of Kindness

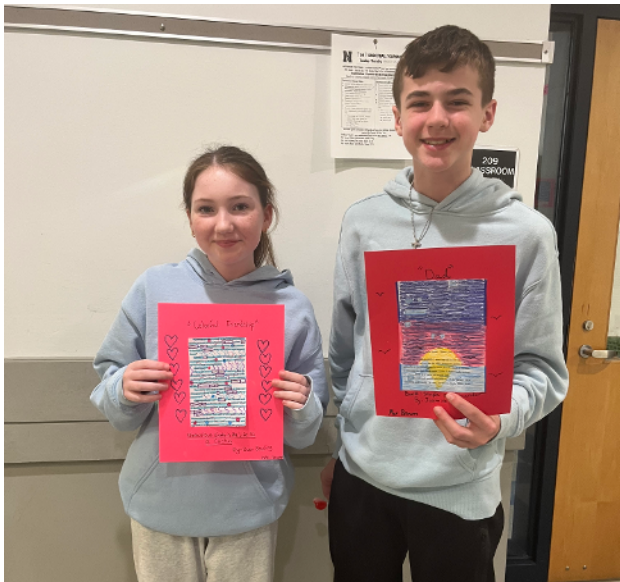
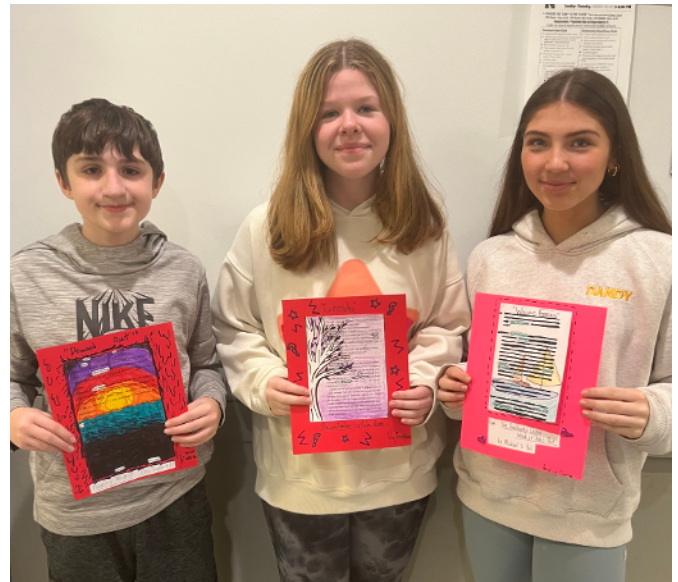


# POETRY BY SUBTRACTION PROJECT

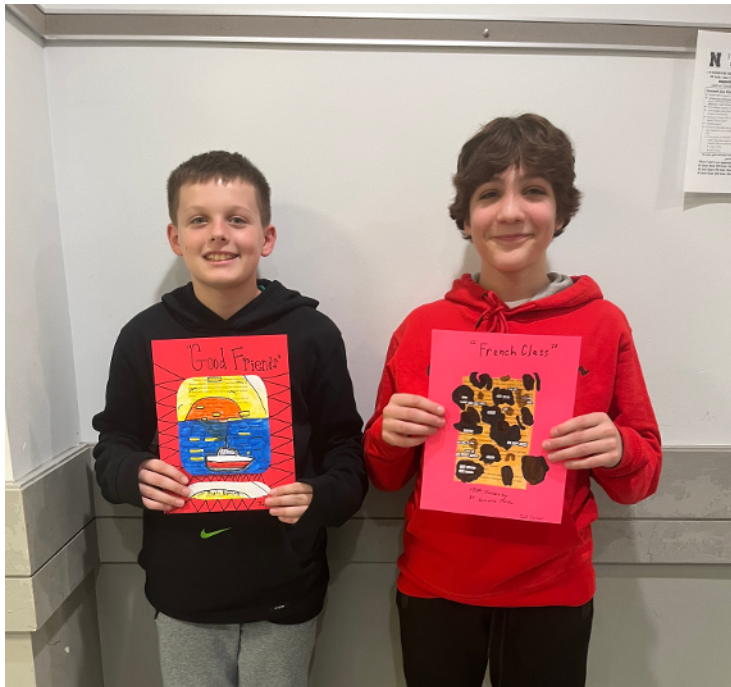
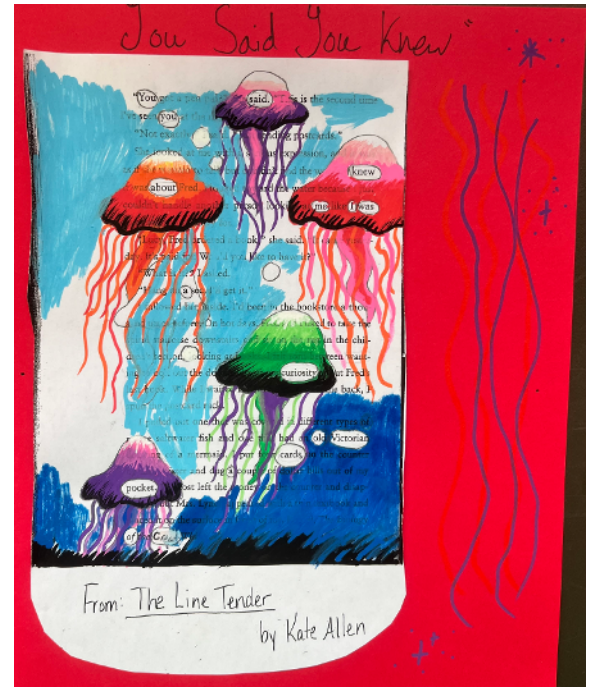
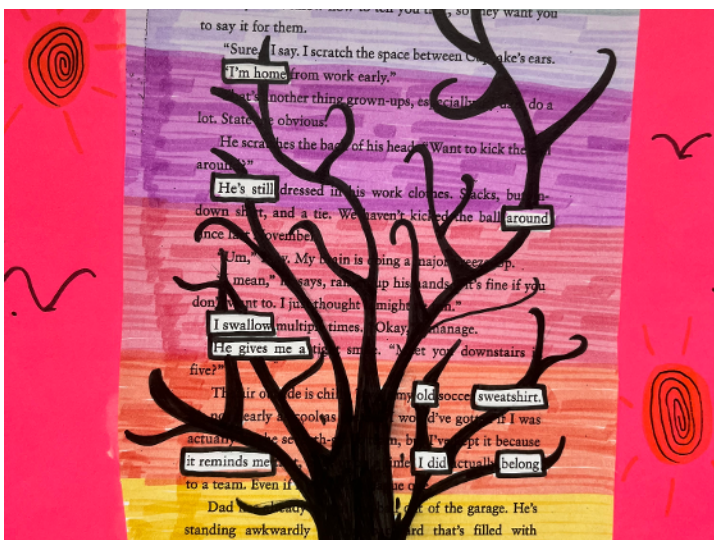
Mrs. Needle and students on the Trailblazer team took pages from well known middle school independent reading novels and using the words on the page and created original poems. This "Poetry By Subtraction" Project was inspired by such great artists and writers as Caleb Whitford, Tristan Tzara, Bryon Gysin, Tom Phillips and Austin Leon. Students had a great time being artistic and creative in ELA! We had 7 winners voted on by the NMS staff.

Congratulations to the first place winners: Timothy Minihane, Maggie Greene, Katie McSweeney, Jackson Polcari, Jack Collum, Lily Pomerleau, and Sabrina Niblack.

Great job to the runners-up: Max Brown, Justice Boone, Lucy Harrison, Amelia Curtis, Robbie White, Anna Hines, Shelby Maguire, Taylor Marsh, and Molly White











# GLOW DANCE

save the date

4/11/2025

\$5/ticket

GLOW BAGS=\$5

6:30-8pm

# COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT OPEN TO ALL!

## CREATING AN INCLUSIVE CULTURE FOR ALL



Learn how **YOU** can foster disability inclusion and belonging within our community. Everyone plays a role and has a responsibility - be part of the solution!



*Presented by*

**LISA DRENNAN**

Founder of MERGE  
Inclusion Consulting

[www.mergeconsulting.org](http://www.mergeconsulting.org)

 **HOSTED BY NORWELL  
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

*Thank You To Our Co-Sponsors*



**RSVP TO THIS FREE EVENT**



[bit.ly/InclusionNorwell](https://bit.ly/InclusionNorwell)

Contact Julie Quill with questions or to request accommodations: [bit.ly/InfoNorwell](https://bit.ly/InfoNorwell)  
CART Services Available



**APRIL 28, 2025  
6:00-8:00 PM**

**Norwell Middle School  
328 Main Street  
Norwell, MA**

Perfect for those in recreation, education, enrichment programs, first responders, coaching, or community leadership. Attendees will gain concrete strategies to welcome, engage, and support individuals with disabilities in their personal and professional lives, ensuring meaningful participation **FOR ALL** in programs, businesses, and community offerings.



# LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

MARCH  
EDITION

WHAT'S  
NEW?

Books Are  
Flying  
"Off the  
Shelf"

Thanks to your support, students are reading now more than ever! Checkouts are nearing **2000** books, and that does not even include ebooks! With every check out, we are building a culture of reading here at NMS!

## DATABASES VS GOOGLE

Sixth graders will continue to hone their database research skills in their library Off the Shelf 6B class. This will help them to realize that there are better and more reliable sources than just typing their question into the Google search bar or using AI.





# NEW BOOKS!!!

The library collection is growing. We have added 40 new HI-LOW books. These books are intended to be high interest books for students who may struggle with reading. Also, they can be used as "fast" reads for students who like to go through books quickly. Either way, we are thankful to the district grant that has brought these books into our library.



Want new titles to  
accompany your  
curriculum?  
Just let Andrea  
know!



## MUSIC Spotlight Titles

- **XOXO** by Axie Oh-  
Jenny falls in love  
with the lead singer  
of popular band.
- **Playing Through The  
Turnaround** by  
Mylisa Larsen--  
Students hatch a  
plan to save their  
beloved Jazz  
teacher's job.



A special edition of our [Norwell Schools Library Link](#) is available. NPS libraries circulate thousands of books and top the charts of database use, according to the Massachusetts Library System. See headlines below:

# Norwell Schools: Library Link

Special Edition: Statistics on Our School Libraries

Database Use: Norwell is at the Top, according to MLS

Databases: Only Available with Licensed Library Teachers on Staff

Highlights of Elementary School Library Programs

Library Grant Supports High-Interest, Lower-Reading-Level Learners



REMEMBER  
THIS YEAR  
**FOREVER**  
WITH A  
**YEARBOOK**



***BUY ONLINE***





## After School Activities



### **CHESS CLUB**

FREE and OPEN to all students  
Thursdays in Room #208

New to the game or closing in on Grand Master status?  
All are welcome to join the chess club for fun,  
to learn how to play or gain new strategies.

Light hearted game play is the norm and so is the constant banter of the group.  
From time to time, so legend says, a Backgammon board is broken out for a  
change of pace.



### STUDENT GOVERNMENT DATES TO KNOW!!!!



**SCHOOL WIDE GLOW DANCE**  
APRIL 11th 6:30-8:00

**8th GRADE SEMI-FORMAL**  
JUNE 6th 7:00-9:00

### *Homework Club*

*Homework Club was created as an opportunity for students of all grades to work in a QUIET SPACE and receive support/guidance as needed. It is expected that you bring something to work on. It is required that you sign up daily by using a QR Code located at the main office and the library. Space is now limited to 15 students per day.*

NORWELL BOOSTERS PRESENTS

# Paint the Town Fundraiser

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**The N is back!**  
**\$50 donation for a Norwell N on your**  
**driveway or location of your choice.**  
**Painting begins early May. Get your**  
**N before the paint runs out.**



## **Paint the Town "N"**

Have your Clipper Pride on display or show support for your graduating 5th, 8th or 12th grader with a Norwell "N" painted on your driveway. Book now...

 Norwell Boosters /





# NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL READING CHALLENGE

We are excited to tell you about a school-wide Reading Challenge. Throughout the 2024-25 school year, we are encouraging our students to read **more!**

To help them on their way, we are devoting Friday Flextime to independent reading. **They** choose the books or magazines that they want to read.

## And we could use your help!

According to [research](#), “effective programs include active parent involvement, partnerships among community institutions, and collaboration among significant adults in students’ lives.” Your help and support at home is a crucial factor in supporting reading development. So how can you help?

### 1. PUT BOOKS IN THEIR HANDS

Get books, magazines, and graphic novels that match your student’s interests. Head to the library. Hit a bookstore. Buy Lacrosse or Fortnite magazines—*whatever they’ll read!*

### 2. ENCOURAGE READING IN FLEX TIME

According to the research, reading is positively correlated with [a strong vocabulary](#), [higher math scores](#), [higher science and history scores](#), [strong writing skills](#), [higher scores on standardized tests](#), [reduced levels of stress](#), [increased empathy](#), [more brain connectivity](#), and [even a longer life!](#) Please encourage your student to read during Flex Friday.

### 3. KEEP IT GOING AT HOME

We know life is busy! We get it! But where could you encourage more reading? Before bed? Before screen time? On a long car ride? Read the same book as your child and watch the movie after finishing the book? Gift a grandparent the same book and do a child-grandparent book-club date? Think creatively to get students engaged with reading more at home!

## Reminders

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#### Absence Reporting

- Please report student absences to the office as soon as possible.
- You can report absences by
  - calling the absence line: 781-659-8814 x1206 and leaving a message.
  - sending an email to the Main Office at [nms.mainoffice@norwellschools.org](mailto:nms.mainoffice@norwellschools.org).

#### Dismissing a Student during the School Day

- Please send a note to the office the morning of the dismissal.
- If there is not a note, parent/guardian will need to enter the building to sign their student out.
- Please provide a written note if somebody other than a parent/guardian is picking up a student during the day for dismissal.

#### Forgotten Items

- When bringing in a forgotten item for a student, please leave it with a label on the "I Forgot It" table by the front lobby.
- It is a student's responsibility to check the table for the forgotten item.
- If a student does not call home for the item, please do not bring the item to school as they likely do not need it.

#### Cell Phones

- Students' cell phones should be off and in their locker or bag during the day.
- Parents / guardians should not text or call their students' cell phone during the school day as it disrupts the class. Messages can be left at the office for students.

Spring 2025 Norwell Recreation Program Guides will be delivered to all resident households and PO Boxes between 3/5/25-3/7/25. Online Registration for Spring 2025 programs begins at 10:00am on Wednesday 3/19/25 for Norwell Residents only! Mail-In, Walk-In and Non-Resident Registration begins on Wednesday 3/26/25 at 10:00 am.

Spring 2025 Program Information will be available to view online at: <https://secure.rec1.com/MA/norwell-ma/catalog> and the Spring 2025 Norwell Recreation Program Guide will be available to view, print or download on 2/24/25 at <https://www.townofnorwell.net/recreation-department>.



**Only a few more  
weeks to enter!!**

Current 5th Graders- 8th Graders May Enter



**NORWELL TURKEY TROT**

**2025**

**T-SHIRT DESIGN**

**OPEN  
NOW!!**

**CONTEST**

Must include:



Norwell Turkey Trot  
&  
2025

Winner  
Receives  
**\$25**  
Gift Card  
Your Choice!

Email questions or entries to:  
NMSPTO@gmail.com

**DEADLINE:  
MARCH 31ST!!**

## HAVE USED OR UNWANTED MARKERS, PENS WOODEN OR MECHANICAL PENCILS?

Last year the Norwell Recycling and Sustainability Committee successfully initiated a project to recycle crayons and continues to collect used or unwanted crayons. We are now adding markers, pens and wooden and mechanical pencils to our collections for recycling. We are working in partnership with Staples, which has recently added them to their list of materials that can be recycled.



Just wanted to update you on the recent collection of writing tools and crayons for recycling...25 pounds kept out of landfills and 9 pounds of pencils, crayons and colored pencils for reuse. Thanks to everyone for their continued efforts.

***The Norwell Sustainability & Recycling Committee***

