



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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool lottery is now open for next year. A link for the lottery is on the school website.

Late buses started the week of September 15th. Late nights are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information about late buses see our [website](#)

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a Glance

Term I Ends (10/31) -- Just a reminder, Term I report card grades will be posted to Aspen for parents to review on Friday, November 7th. 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.

7th Grade Back yard Bash (Rescheduled)(11/5) @ 2PM -- 7th Graders! Wednesday, November 5th, all 7th graders are invited to stay afterschool for a soccer shoot out challenge, Gaga Ball, Yard games, Ellie's Treat Ice Cream Truck and the chance to enter the Annual 7th Grade Corn Hole Tournament. Pick up must be arranged by 3:30. So start thinking about partners and team names, or sign up solo and we can match you with a teammate! A google sign up form for the corn hole tournament will be emailed to all 7th graders. No sign up or cost is needed to participate in the event. (Sponsored by PTO)

Project 351 -- Congratulations to Elisa Trebicka for being selected as the Project 351 Ambassador for Norwell Middle School! This is an incredible honor, and we are all incredibly proud of her. One student is chosen from each school district in Massachusetts to participate in this prestigious program. Your selection reflects your outstanding qualities and potential to make a positive impact on your community.

Elisa Trebicka -- It is a honor to have been selected as an ambassador for Project 351. I am very excited to be part of this program and represent our school. I can't wait to learn more on how I can help the community. Thank you so much

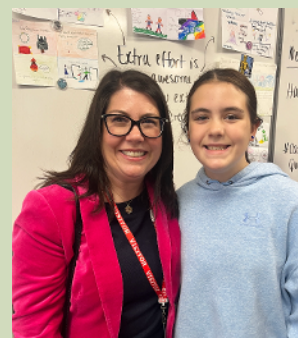


Norwell Middle Student Inspires Renowned Author, Kwame Alexander

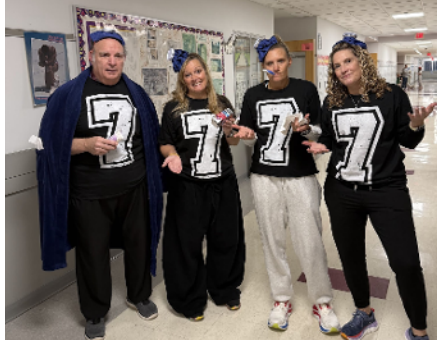
Norwell Middle School student, GiGi Hutchison, (Genevieve Hutchison) moved award-winning author Kwame Alexander to action with her thoughtful note. Thanks to her initiative, students and staff had the chance to meet Mr. Alexander virtually and hear about his upcoming sequel to The Crossover.

Principal Mr. Dupille shared, "It was exciting to see him speak to our students. He brought such energy and enthusiasm when talking about the characters in The Crossover and teasing ideas for the sequel's title."

It was an inspiring 20-minute session filled with creativity, passion, and joy. The experience was especially meaningful as the entire sixth grade is currently reading The Crossover. (See page 3)



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Costume Day



The image is a collage of two photographs from a school event. The top photograph shows a group of six young girls standing in a hallway. They are all wearing black t-shirts with the words 'DJ CREW' and a musical note graphic. They are also wearing colorful tutus in shades of pink, orange, yellow, green, blue, and pink. The bottom photograph shows a single girl standing in a hallway, wearing a blue and white checkered dress with white lace trim and red bows. She is also wearing red shoes. In the bottom right corner of the collage, there is a small graphic of a green four-leaf clover with the text 'Lucky 4 Me!' and a pair of glasses.



PTO

The NMS Turkey Trot is rapidly approaching! November 23rd @ 9:00am.

The First 300 runners/walkers will also receive a SWAG BAG from our sponsors, DON'T WAIT!!

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Veronica Carney & Ren Layne Co-Leads

CALENDAR

October

31 Halloween

31 Term I ends

November

5 Backyard Bash (7th grade)

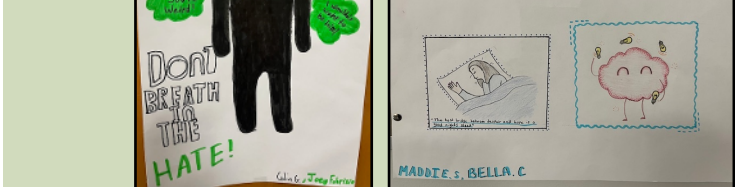
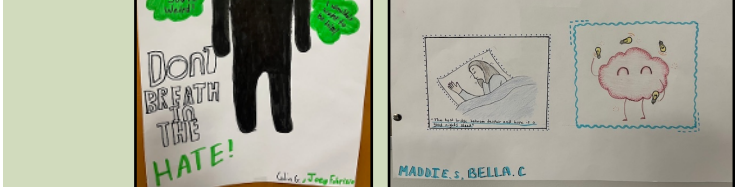
5 8th Grade DC Parent Mtg

7 Report Cards Issued

11 No School (Veterans Day)

12-14 DC Trip (8th Grade)

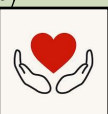
“Identify your problems but give your power and energy to solutions.”



Check out these thoughtful posters created in Mr. Trenger's Health Class.

Thank you to Donald Charlebois for helping a student in a wheelchair, thank you to Cooper Deneen for being kind and inclusive to classmates and a shout out to Owen Dewberry from his teacher: "He has been attending Best Buddies and has been a prime example of the type of "buddy" we love to have. He is patient, kind and engaging with the students who may struggle socially, and truly makes them feel welcome and a part of the gang!

NMS Acts of Kindness



NMS Student Inspires an Author

Subject: Could you write a sequel to Crossover????

Dear Mr. Kwame Alexander,

Hi, I'm Genevieve Hutchison. I have read and enjoyed all of your books! But my favorite books are *Rebound* and *The Crossover*. I have enjoyed them so much that I have been wondering what happens to Josh and JB for such a long time. Well the reason why I'm even asking this question is because I'm in 6th grade and my teacher Mrs. Marani told us that we were gonna read the *Crossover*. I have read that book so many times I forget how many times I've read it. Btw we're on the third quarter, if you're wondering. Everyone in the grade has been enjoying it! Getting back on topic the reason why I'm emailing you is because I have been wondering where and who Josh and JB end up with and what happens with JB's interest in basketball after Chuck Bell dies. I've also been enjoying the author visits that you have been doing online. Me and my whole 6th grade peers just went on the zoom call on Tuesday with you and Erin Entrada Kelly! They are so interesting! Btw I really like the red Hollywood glasses that you have! I really hope you read this Mr. Kwame Alexander! You're definitely someone that I look up to! PLEASE MAKE A SEQUEL TO THE CROSSOVER!!!!!! This is Genevieve Hutchison from Norwell Middle School in Massachusetts. Btw your books are so inspiring and I hope I could be as great as you one day. I also know it could take you a year to come out with this book but I hope you make it. Have a great rest of the day. Whoever is reading this and this isn't Mr. Kwame Alexander could you please make sure that this gets to him? Don't forget you're the best!



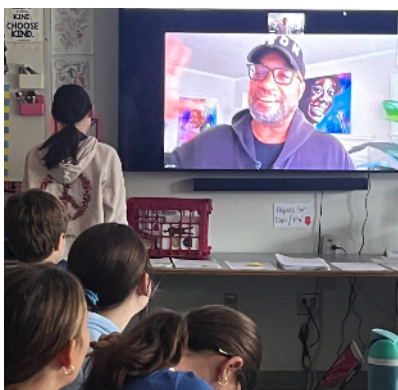
Sincerely,

Your best Genevieve Hutchison

Kwame Alexander tells the class, "Yes, I am writing a sequel to the Crossover."

From Michelle Jewell, Assistant to Kwame Alexander

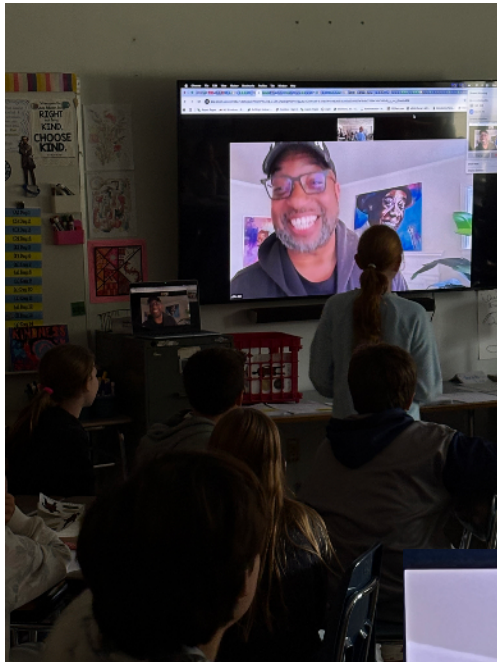
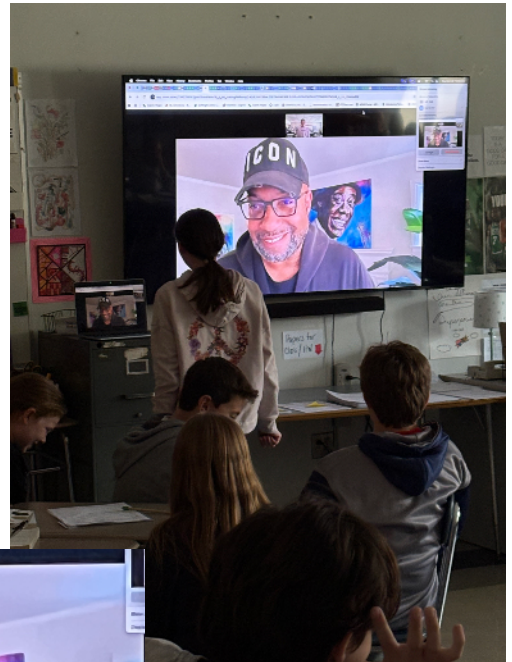
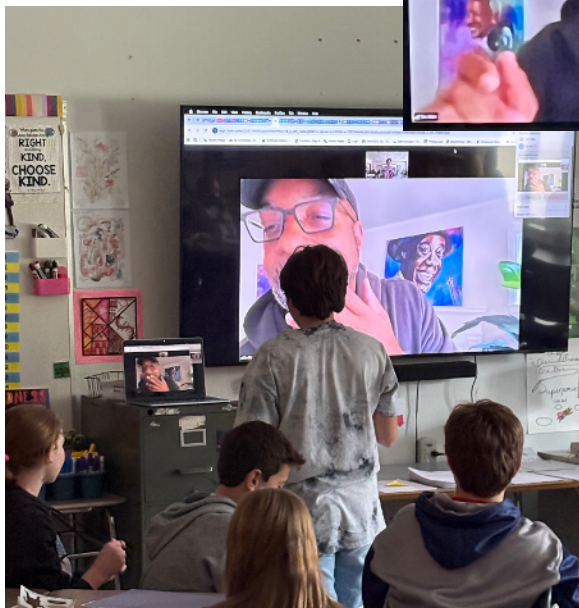
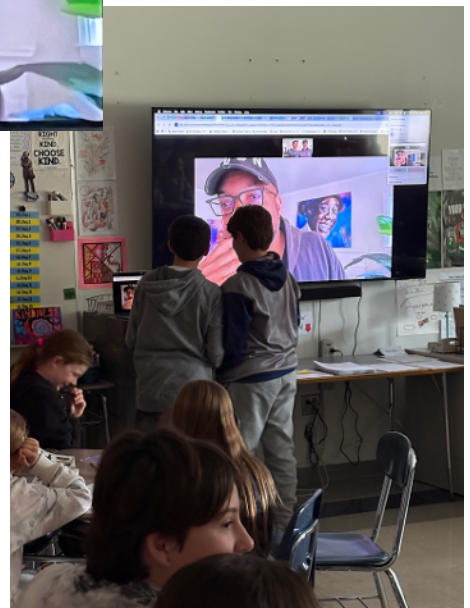
We received a really lovely email from Genevieve Hutchinson, a student in Mrs. Marani's 6th grade class, thanking Kwame for writing his books and especially expressing her love for *Rebound* and *The Crossover*.



Kwame would like to surprise Genevieve and Mrs. Marani's class with a Zoom call before they finish the book. I believe they are about three-quarters of the way through at present. It would be an amazing opportunity for the students to hear directly from Kwame and demonstrate what can happen when you take a chance and do something that seems like it probably won't yield any results - like **writing to your favorite author**.



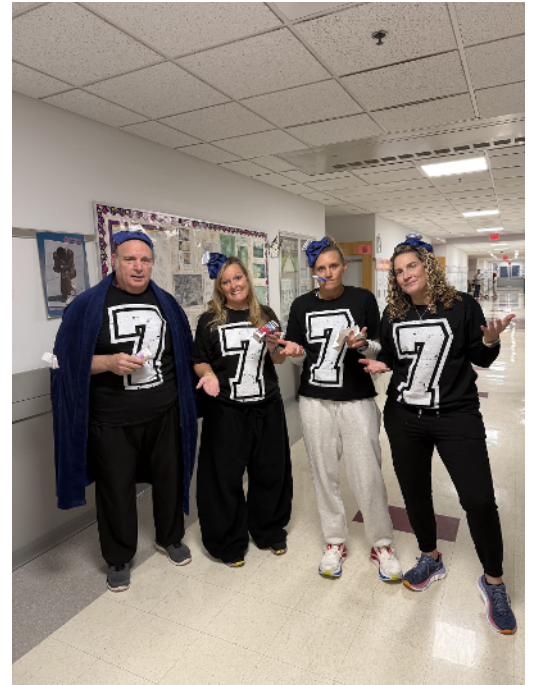
Kwame Alexander



Costume Day



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A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

From: Nurse Young

Injuries:

Please be aware if your child sustains any injury requiring in school accommodations (ie-exemption from PE, use of crutches, use of the elevator, etc) the school requires a letter from your child's doctor identifying the injury, need for accommodations and expected duration for recovery. ALL Concussions require a Concussion Plan as well. Thanks for helping us keep your kids safe



A MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Forgotten items

In order to promote responsibility and to lessen disruptions in the classroom, we ask:

- Please leave it on the table (in the front lobby) with your student's name and grade (we have paper and pencils to help)
- It is the student's responsibility to check the table for the forgotten item.
- If your student does not call home for an item, please do not bring the item to school as they likely do not need it.

Bus Policies

We have received numerous inquiries for bus changes for students. Bus changes are not allowed. If you have any questions regarding this policy please refer to the [Parent Student Handbook](#) page 37 and also within the 2025 - 2026 District Policies page 24 of this handbook. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Student Phone

Just as a n FYI, students have access to a phone (wall phone) just outside the main office. We have directions for them on how to use the phone and reminders to leave a message for their parents. If you are receiving calls from the school without a message, be assured that this is most likely your student. All staff members will leave a message.

Charging student's ipads

The front office has a limited amount of portable chargers that students can borrow throughout the day if their ipads need charging. These charges have been in great demand recently, which is prompting this reminder to charge ipads (especially over the weekend, so they are ready to use in class)

Absence Reporting

Please report absences to the school office (not homeroom teachers) as soon as possible.

You can report absences by:

- Calling the absence line: 781 - 659 - 8814 ext 1206 and leave a message
- Sending an email to the NMS Main office at nms.mainoffice@norwellschools.org

The Investment Club is back! Each week, students compete to see who picks the best performing stock!

Investment Club, Fall '25-'26

Date: 10/16/25

Pick of the Week Winner: Sam Puleo



Stock: Praxis Precision Medicines (4.6% gain over 1 week)



SSVT 8th Grade Field Trip



Do you need some organization
for Term 2?
We have a limited supply of Student
Agendas left over for this year.
If you would like one, please stop
by the office to pick one up.
They will be passed out on a
First Come First serve basis.

2025-2026
School Planner

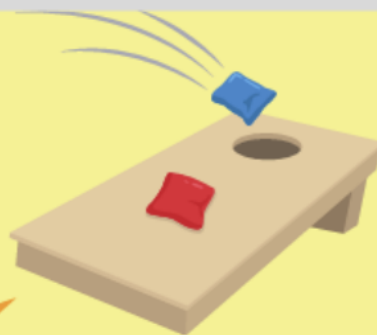


PTO SPONSERED

7TH GRADE EVENT !

POSTPONED!!!!

Backyard Bash @ NMS



NEW DATE!!

Wednesday

NOV. 5th

2:00 - 3:30PM

Quick Guide for Parents

2025-2026 School Year



NMS faculty came together to create a resource for parents/guardians to support their students at home. We have highlighted suggestions below that align with the tools for success that we share with students in classrooms and throughout the school.

Suggestions for Supporting Your Student With Their Homework

- Support your student in finding a distraction-free location in the house to complete their homework
- Ensure your student has checked their [Schoolology](#) pages, agenda or homework list. If they do not use an agenda or homework list, have a discussion to determine if it would be beneficial
- Monitor tech while your student is completing homework to ensure they are working rather than distracted
- Encourage your student to check their [email](#) daily
- Encourage your student to start with their easiest homework assignment to help them find a groove and then move to the harder work
- Check your students' backpack for loose papers and encourage organization of materials
- Support your student with studying. Ask your student how they study and monitor if their strategies are working. Consider quizzing your student to help them prepare for assessments
- Check [Schoolology](#) together on weekends for any missing assignments and to review teacher comments
- Check in and help your student with long term assignments, when necessary

If Your Student is Absent

Check in with your student to make sure they are completing and submitting all of their missed assignments. Students may need your help in planning when to make up missed assessments, including staying after school with their teachers. Follow up with your student to make sure they completed their assessments.

- Ensure your student checks [Schoolology](#) and [email](#). Have your student complete what they can when able
- If absent, have your student reach out to their teachers via email ([staff directory](#)) or check in with each teacher the next day (Flex Time is a good time to do this)
- Help your student organize and complete missing work. Consider creating a list of missing assignments with check boxes to mark when completed
- Sit next to your student while they complete their work, if needed
- Follow up with your student a few days after the absence(s) to make sure they are submitting all their missing work, checking in with teachers and staying for late night, ([Late night schedule](#)) if needed. Check [Schoolology](#) with your student to make sure it reflects the submitted assignments.

Important Topics to Consider Discussing with Your Student

- Kindness
- Characteristics of healthy friendships
- The importance of attendance
- Respect towards adults and peers
- How to handle peer conflicts
- Ways to deal with stress and/or anxiety
- Acceptance of peers who are different
- Plagiarism
- Screen/technology addiction
- How to communicate with adults, say excuse me and make eye contact
- Social media - the benefits and downfalls
- Personal responsibility with behavior and academics along with consequences
- Grades are a reflection of student learning and not the purpose of learning

General Tips for Parents of Middle School Students

- Encourage and provide tech free bedrooms for sleeping
- Healthy sleep habits are crucial in middle school
- Now may not be the time to let your student fly on their own
- Help your student solve the problem rather than you solving it for them
- Support your student with time management skills by creating a home calendar or an after school schedule to include homework, sports, family time and studying
- Monitor your students' phone including: social media, texting, search history, photos and videos. Remember you own the device. It can also be a carrot to motivate your student to do what they need to do
- Avoid texting or calling your student while they are at school. We have staff to support your student with whatever they may need so encourage them to seek out the provided support
- Be involved, talk about school
- Monitor the amount of time gaming and on screens
- Read with your student
- Talk about what is going on in classes
- Support your student with a place to have their materials ready for school the next morning, making sure their iPad is charged and they have all the supplies they need
- Avoid vacations during school
- Monitor attendance (you can view your student's attendance in [Aspen](#))
- Use time in the car to connect with your student; ask them to read to you while you drive and/or encourage conversation about school

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



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For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

MAMMA MIA!

NOVEMBER 13TH & 14TH

AT 6:30PM

NOVEMBER 15TH

AT 2PM

NHS AUDITORIUM



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REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!



**Register BEFORE
OCTOBER 1st**

\$25 **\$5 FOR TEE**

**Students \$20*

**Register between
Oct 1 - Oct 25th**

\$30 **\$10 FOR TEE**

**Students \$25*

**Register AFTER
October 25th...**

\$40 **\$15 FOR TEE**

**Students \$30*

Prizes for best
BULE & GOLD
and Turkey/
Thanksgiving
Costumes!

NORWELL TURKEY TROT 5K RUN & WALK

Sunday, November 23rd

9:00AM KIDS RACES & TURKEY CHASE

\$5 TO PRE- REGISTER - \$10 WALK-IN REGISTRATION - TEE \$10

***Meet at the Tennis Court Parking Lot**

9:30AM 5K RUN & WALK

***The 5K Starts and Finishes at LOT A**

Email: nmspto@gmail.com

**Start/Finish @ Norwell High School
18 South Street, Norwell**

**Register
here**



NorwellTurkeyTrot2025.racewire.com

Private School Application Process

Norwell Middle School counselors and staff are happy and willing to assist families and students who wish to submit applications to private school. In order to best assist families and manage the great volume of information that must be shared as part of this process, Norwell Middle School has instituted a standardized process for requesting school records and recommendations. We encourage families to communicate their intention to complete private school applications as early as possible. Please do not wait until the last minute to send out your recommendation requests as they may be submitted after deadlines have passed. We look forward to working with families through this process.

The process is as follows:

1. Families should notify NMS counselors and any teacher who will be asked to complete recommendations of intent to submit private school applications, in writing, as soon as possible or at least three weeks prior to the first deadline.
2. Students should speak to any teacher or send them a personal email prior to the teacher getting a request from the online portal. This gives the teacher an opportunity to speak with the student in an effort to provide a more personalized recommendation.
3. Families should complete and submit the signed Records Release Form to the assigned school counselor at least three school weeks prior to the first deadline.

Click [HERE](#) for access to the release.

1. Students should complete and submit the Private School Student Questionnaire (click [HERE](#) for access to the questionnaire) to their school counselor and all teachers completing recommendations at least three school weeks prior to the first deadline.
2. If you have questions about a recommendation and/or its status, please contact the teacher or private school directly.

Rush: students whose last names begin with A-J

Sailer: students whose last names begin with K-Z

Hey Parents!!!

Flex Friday

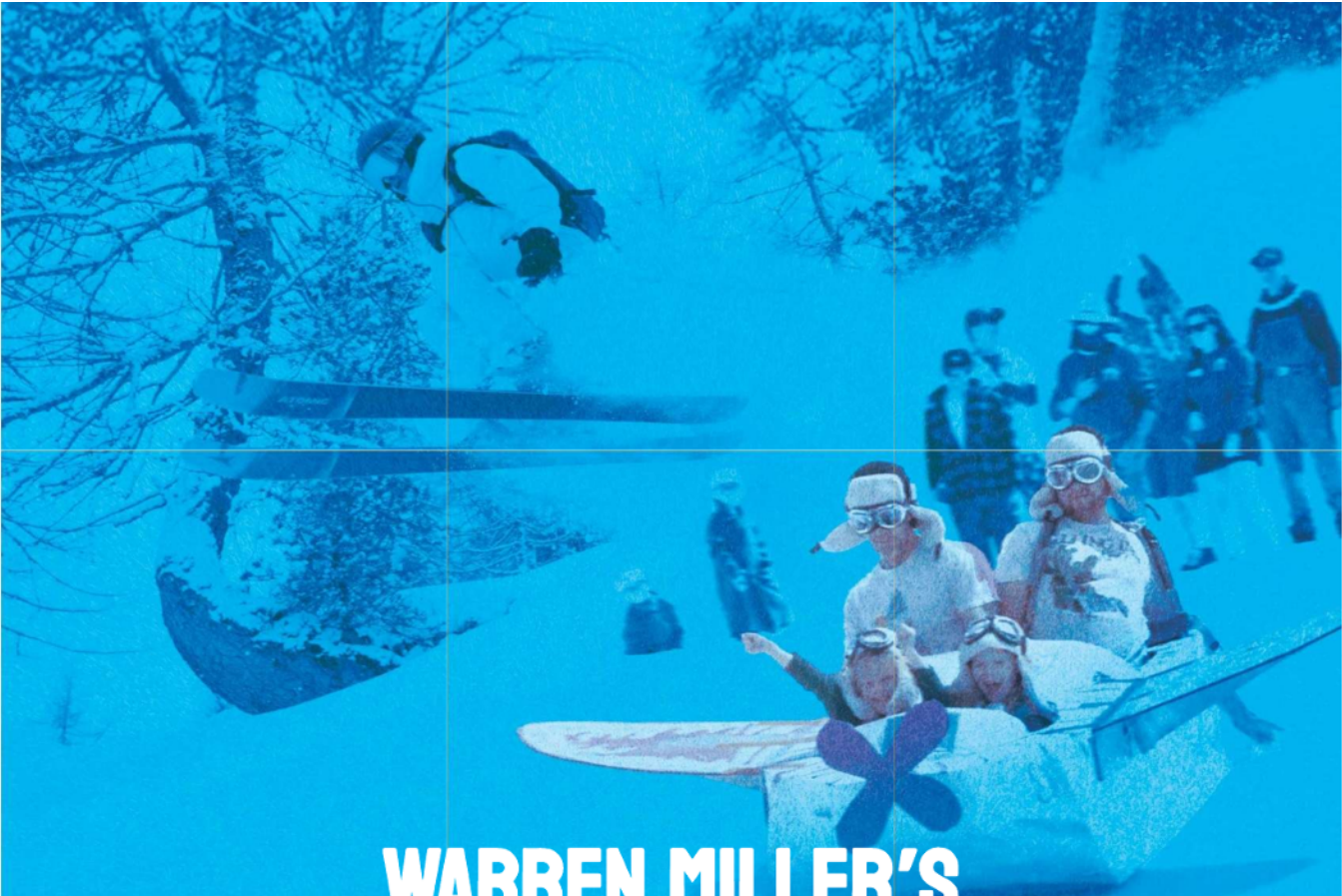
Reading Initiative

Every
Friday

Remind your student to pack a book for Flex Friday. During Flex Block, kids read a book they enjoy.

How else can I help?

1. Bring your student to the local library or go online to help them download high interest books and audiobooks.
2. Keep it going at home. Encourage reading as a daily habit.



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HAVE USED OR UNWANTED MARKERS, PENS

WOODEN OR MECHANICAL PENCILS?

The Norwell Recycling and Sustainability Committee sponsors a project to recycle used or unwanted crayons, markers, pens and wooden, colored and mechanical pencils. We are working in partnership with Staples, as these materials are part of their extensive list of materials that can be dropped off at their stores for recycling.

Collection boxes are located at-

Grace Farrar Cole School

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Norwell Middle School

The Accord School

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Ridge Hill School

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