



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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HEADLINES

WEEK AT A GLANCE

BACKYARD BASH

UPDATES

KINDNESS CORNER

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 today, 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.

Washington DC Trip (11/12) (8th Grade) -- The upcoming 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. promises to be an exciting and enriching experience for students. This memorable journey will give them the opportunity to explore our nation's capital, visit historic landmarks, and connect classroom learning to real-world history. From walking the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to touring the museums,



students will gain a deeper appreciation for our country's heritage. Beyond the educational value, the trip also encourages independence, teamwork, and positive peer relationships as students share new experiences together. It's sure to be a highlight of their middle school years and a meaningful way to celebrate their growth and achievements before high school.



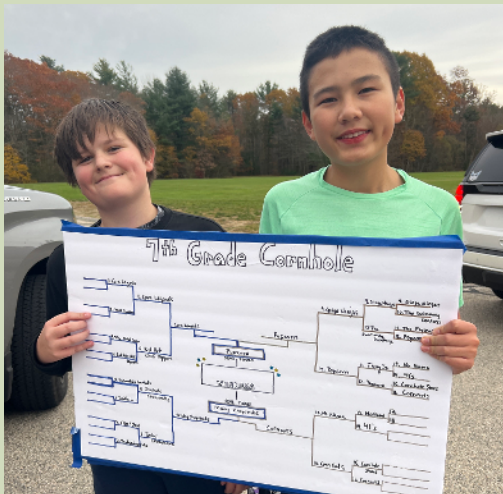
Parent/Teacher Conferences (11/19+11/20)

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7th Grade Backyard Bash

Winners of the 7th Grade Cornhole Tournament were Will Clark and Chael Jones! The 7th grade cornhole tournament was a fun and engaging event that brought out the best in teamwork, sportsmanship, and school spirit. Students played with enthusiasm, focus, cooperation, and friendly competition throughout each match. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and encouragement as players demonstrated both skill and strategy while aiming for the boards. It was wonderful to



see students supporting their peers, celebrating every successful toss, and enjoying a shared sense of community. The tournament not only provided an opportunity for friendly competition but also fostered connections and positivity across the grade.

CALENDAR

November

- 7 Report Cards Issued
- 11 No School (Veterans Day)
- 12-14 DC Trip (8th Grade)
- 17 School Council Mtg @ 2PM
- 19 Virtual Parent/Teacher Conf. 12 - 2:30PM
- 20 Parent/Teacher Conf. (In-person) 12 - 2:30 and 5 - 7PM
- 26 Early Release
- 27 Thanksgiving (No School)
- 28 No School

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

PTO

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

Join us for the Norwell Middle School Turkey Trot fundraiser—a fun, family-friendly race that promotes school spirit, wellness, and community giving! Lace up your running shoes and come participate to support our students while enjoying a festive start to the holiday season!

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

PTO DUES-- We are still around 65% of Student Dues Paid. Dues are suggested at \$50 per student, but any amount helps support school needs. Venmo: @NorwellMSPTO

Credit Card: NorwellMiddleSchoolPTO.org

The next PTO meeting is FRIDAY, December 12th @ 9:15am in the COMMUNITY ROOM and on ZOOM.

Veronica Carney & Ren Layne Co-Leads

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Norwell Turkey Trot 2025

Prizes for Best BOYS & GIRLS and Turkey-Thanking Commem!

Register BEFORE OCTOBER 1st

\$25 \$5 FOR TEE

*Students \$20

Register between Oct 1 - Oct 25th

\$30 \$10 FOR TEE

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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

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Email: nmspto@gmail.com

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

Register here



NorwellTurkeyTrot2025.racewire.com

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Please review the following conference information and procedures for scheduling your appointments:

- “PTC Fast” will be used to facilitate the scheduling process
- Conferences will be available
 - November 19th (12-2:30pm) **(Virtual)** and are 6 minutes in length
 - November 20th (12-2:30pm) **in-person** and (5-7pm) **in-person** and are 6 minutes in length
- We ask parents to not schedule back-to-back appointments as you will not have enough time to travel to your next classroom
- Scheduling will be on a first come first serve basis and tend to fill up quickly
- If you feel that you will need more than 6 minutes, please reach out to the teacher directly to schedule a meeting
- **PTC Fast will be open to select appointments on Monday, November 10th at 7:00pm**
- Appointment scheduling will close on Monday, November 17th
- Once you make your appointments, you will receive a confirmation email
- If no available appointment times are remaining, please email the teacher directly
- We will email the PTCFast Parent link on Monday (11/10) at 7pm
- **Directions for PTCFast -- [PTCFast Directions](#)**

Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions.

(781-659-8814) or james.dupille@norwellschools.org

Sincerely,

James Dupille

Principal, Norwell Middle School

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

Investment Club

Investment Club, Fall '25-'26

Date: 10/30/25

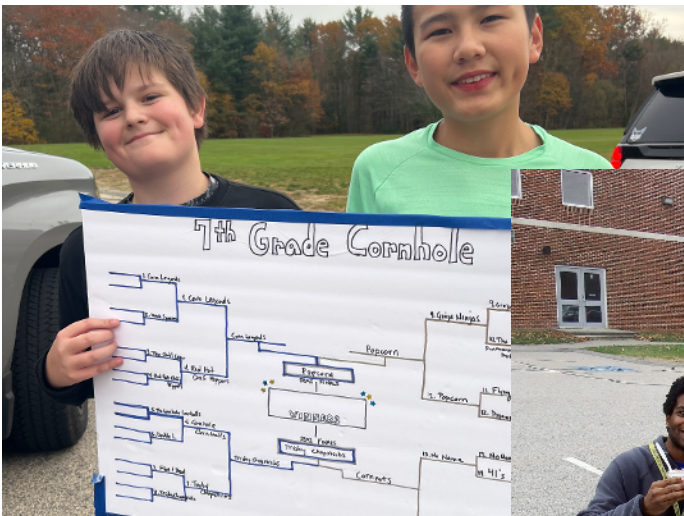
Pick of the Week Winner: Chase Wolbach



Stock: Praxis Precision Medicines (12.4% gain over 1 week)

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Backyard Bash



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Let's invest in the teachers and students that make NMS shine! This November, the [Norwell Education Foundation](#) is launching a fall campaign to fund teacher-written grants that support creativity, opportunity, and excellence for every Norwell student. [Your gift - of any size](#) - makes an immediate difference in our classrooms. The NEF has recently funded multiple grants for Norwell Middle School, including purchasing a new camera for the Yearbook Committee, procuring a Raspberry Shake Seismograph aligning high school physics and middle school earth science standards, and purchasing 15 Oculus Quest 2 VR headsets for enhanced learning environments. The NEF is proud to be part of a community that believes in the power of education. [Every dollar makes a difference](#), so please consider [donating here](#) during this Fall fundraising drive. Together we can inspire learning that lasts a lifetime!



Dear students and families,

We are thrilled to share that Norwell Middle School will continue its partnership with Project 351 and the Boston Celtics Playbook Initiative – this will be our fourth year! The Playbook Initiative is designed to empower students to foster student leadership and build community through meaningful dialogue and interaction. This collaborative program was brought to Norwell Middle School in 2022 by NHS graduate Ben Nguyen. This year, NHS junior Amaya Parmar and sophomore Briana Yee will continue to lead this program alongside other student leaders from NHS. We are so excited to get started!

About the Playbook Initiative

The Playbook Initiative focuses on creating a sense of belonging through workshops that aim to empower students to build communities where everyone feels welcomed and celebrated. Our high school Playbook trainers and middle school students who participated last year highly recommend getting involved in this opportunity. We encourage your child to apply and be part of this impactful experience! To learn more, please check out the [Playbook Initiative Overview Video](#) and [NBA Community Playbook](#).

Application of Interest Details:

- To Apply: Please complete the [Playbook Initiative Application of Interest Form](#)
- Note that space is limited, as workshops aim to include approximately 30 students per session
- *Previous participants must complete the application form to confirm participation in 2025-2026*

Selection Requirements:

- Must be a student in grades 6-8 attending our schools
- Willingness to participate in at least one 90-minute workshop during the school day
- Commitment to embody and promote the values of the Playbook Initiative
- Submission of the application form by Friday, November 14th.

Participation in the Playbook Initiative is free of charge. All events will take place as in-school field trips at Norwell Middle School. Information regarding workshop dates/times will be communicated at least two weeks prior to the event. If you have any questions about this program, please email Mrs. Marani or Mrs. Borchert (emails can be found below). Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute to our school community through student leadership and voice.

With gratitude,

Jen Marani
Playbook Lead Educator
jennifer.marani@norwellschools.org

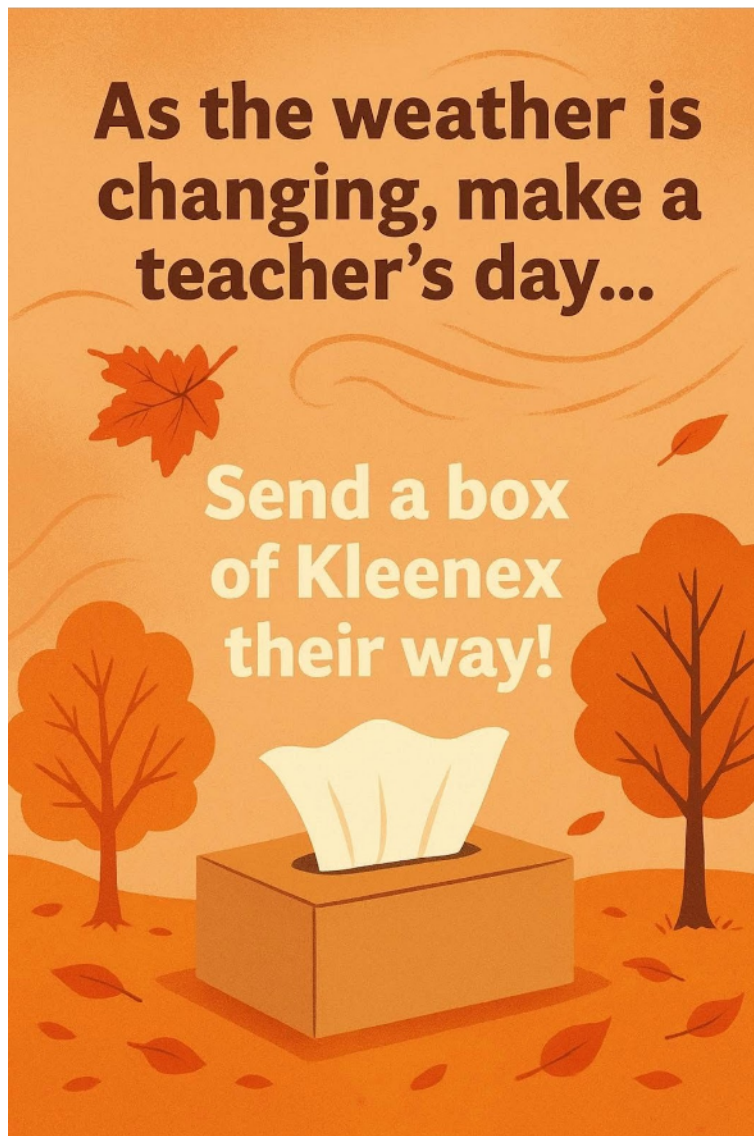
Brittany Borchert
Playbook Lead Educator
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A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

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



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



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 downsides
- 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

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NORWELL SEPAC

Parents' Rights Meeting

In Person or Virtual

Monday, November 17th

7:00-8:30pm

Norwell Middle School Community Room

328 Main Street

Google Meets Link:

<https://meet.google.com/pbb-terx-upn>

For questions, contact:

thenorwellsepac@gmail.com

MAMMA MIA!

NOVEMBER 13TH & 14TH

AT 6:30PM

NOVEMBER 15TH

AT 2PM

NHS AUDITORIUM



RATED PG-13



TICKETS ONLINE AT NORWELLARTS.ORG OR AT THE DOOR

MAMMA MIA! IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT
WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI).

ALL AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI. WWW.MTISHOWS.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

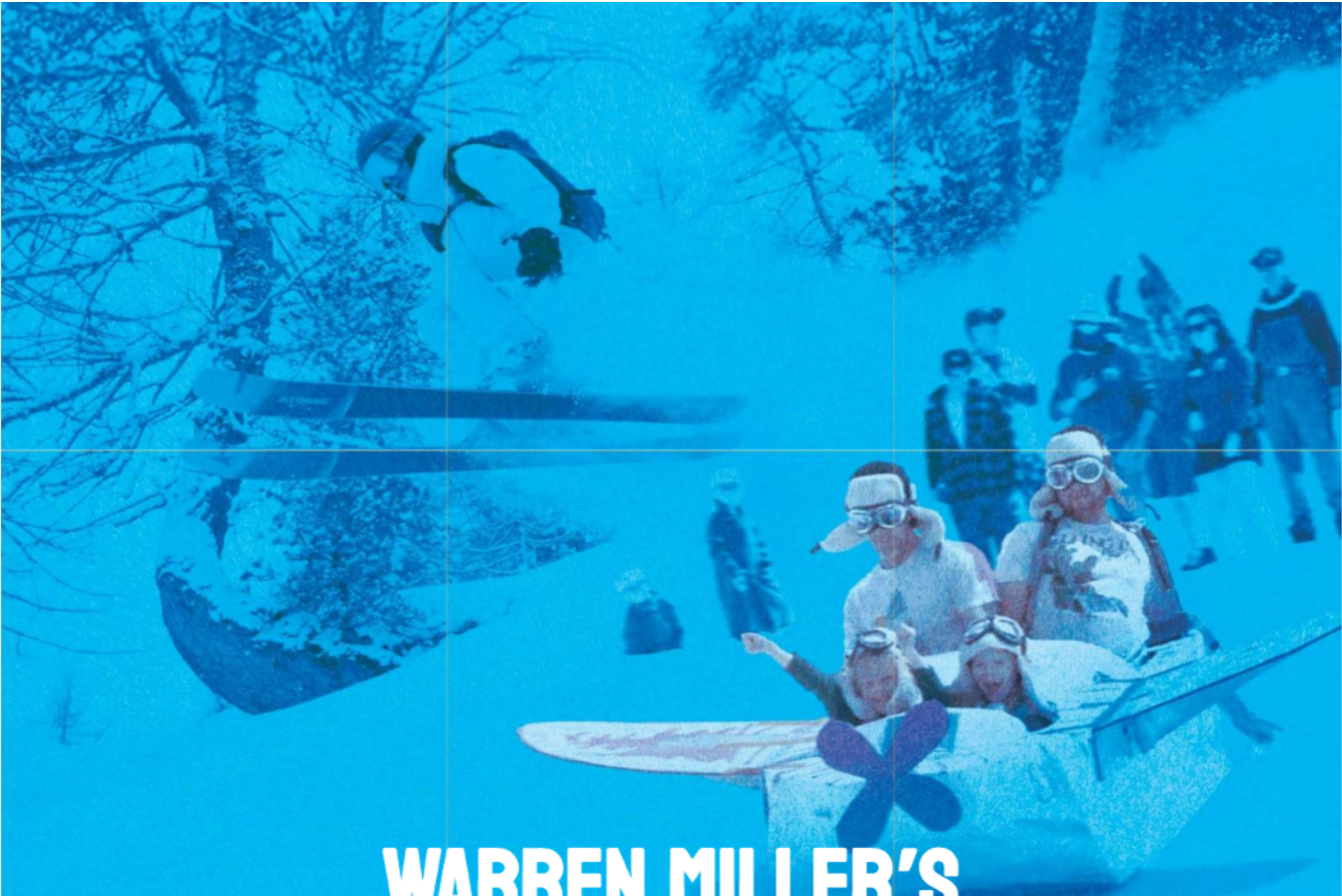
Reading Initiative

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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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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Norwell Council on Aging