



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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WEEK AT A GLANCE

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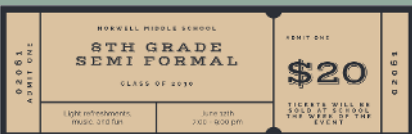
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Discovery Program at South Shore Tech

Come join us at South Shore Tech this summer to experience hands-on technical training in our Summer Discovery Programs!

Registration is now open:

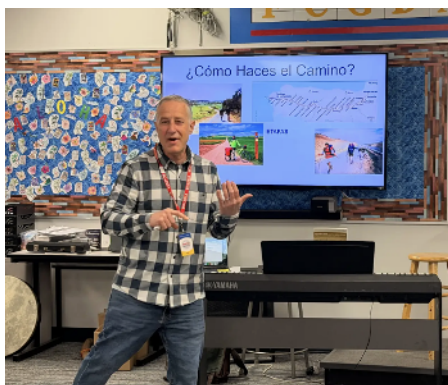
[Registration](#)



TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a Glance

Camino de Santiago (4/17) -- Mr. Scott Gravina, spoke to all 8th grade Spanish students about his experience walking the Camino de Santiago, a 500-mile pilgrimage across northern Spain. Our students have been studying this historic journey, and hearing firsthand about his experience greatly enriched their understanding and brings meaningful cultural depth to this unit.



The Outsiders -- Some of our 8th grade students visited the Boston Theatre District on Sunday (4/12) to see The Outsiders, bringing their ELA studies to life. The trip connected directly to the unit they completed after reading the novel in class. Students were able to see the characters and themes they discussed portrayed on stage. It was a meaningful experience that deepened their understanding and appreciation of the story.



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Updates

Playbook Day of Action (4/16) -- Students took part in activities and discussions aimed at helping them navigate challenging issues. The Playbook Initiative promotes more inclusive communities by addressing hate speech, discrimination, and bias, bringing students together for workshops focused on race, ethnicity, gender, religion, culture, disability, and orientation. These workshops are designed to empower young people to create communities where everyone feels welcomed and valued. Special thanks to Mrs. Marani, Mrs. Borchert, and Mr. Brust for their support in facilitating this event.



NMS Pep Rally (4/17) -- The pep rally was filled with excitement as students and staff entered the gym in anticipation of the highly anticipated student-faculty basketball game. After the faculty's win last year, the stakes were high, with students eager for redemption and staff determined to defend their title. This time, the students came out on top with a decisive 42-24 victory.



Virtual Author Visit (6th Grade) (4/14) -- Final Virtual Author Visit was hosted by Kwame Alexander (author of *The Crossover*).

Author Study with Kwame Alexander is an interactive, virtual author visit series that brings Kwame Alexander and other notable authors into classrooms. The Author Studies supports literacy learning goals. Most important, it celebrates the power of words and individual



expression. Research shows that interaction with authors boosts students' motivation to read and write on their own. And agentive reading and writing leads to higher literacy achievement across subject areas.



CALENDAR

April

28 Fastbridge

May

4 Teacher Appreciation Week

5 Fastbridge

13 Science MCAS

14 Science MCAS

14 Spring Band and Chorus Concert

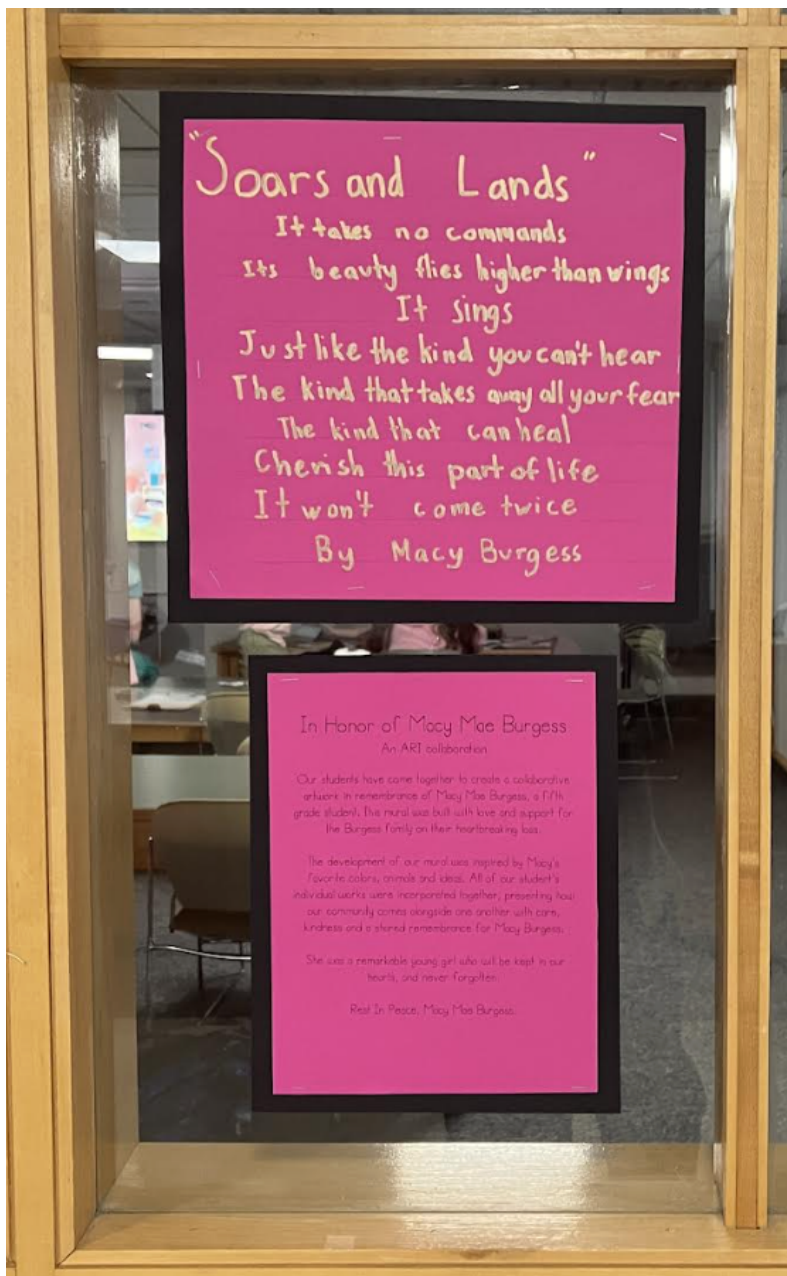


Love. Inclusion. Trust. = L.I.T. Corner

"Diversity is having a seat at the table. Inclusion is having a voice and belonging is having that voice be heard." - Liz Fosslien

Thank you to Gavin Vanderveldt who helped clean up in the cafeteria after breakfast! Emily Brown got a kind shout out: "Emily is always there for me and has been so nice to me! She includes me, she is kind, she is generous; I'm so grateful to have her! And I think we all should be!" Arabella Schinkowitch also got a kindness shout: "Arabella is always there for anyone! She has been through rough times but she pushes through and she always pushes through the pain and when she hurts her ankle a lot! She is a brave kind girl and she is the best and I'm so glad to have her as my friend! Colin Glynn also got a thank you from a staff member who noticed him helping out around school: "They helped pick up gum wrappers around the school and helped classmates with work they were having a hard time with"

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TO FILL OUT THE NMS
ACTS OF KINDNESS FORM:
[NMS ACTS OF KINDNESS](#)

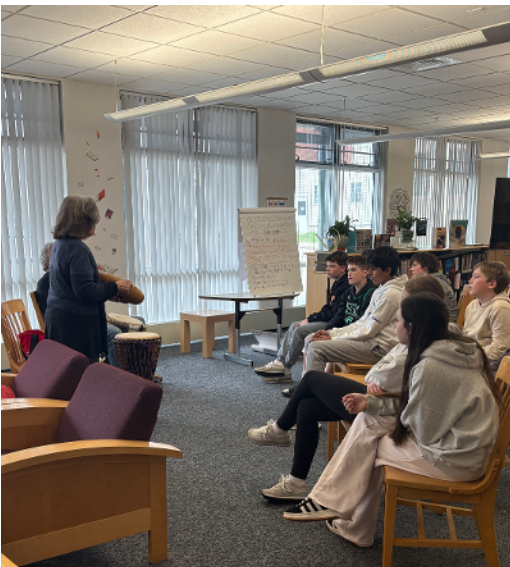




Pep Rally



**Mrs. Gavin's SS class is
introduced to the unit on
Africa through the African
Drums**

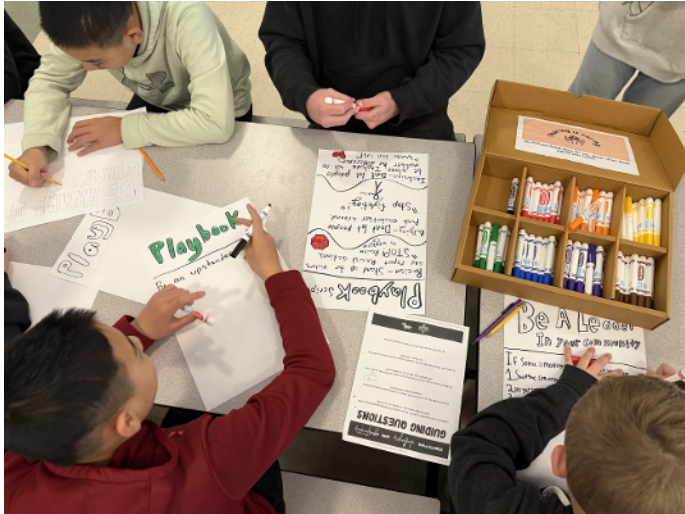
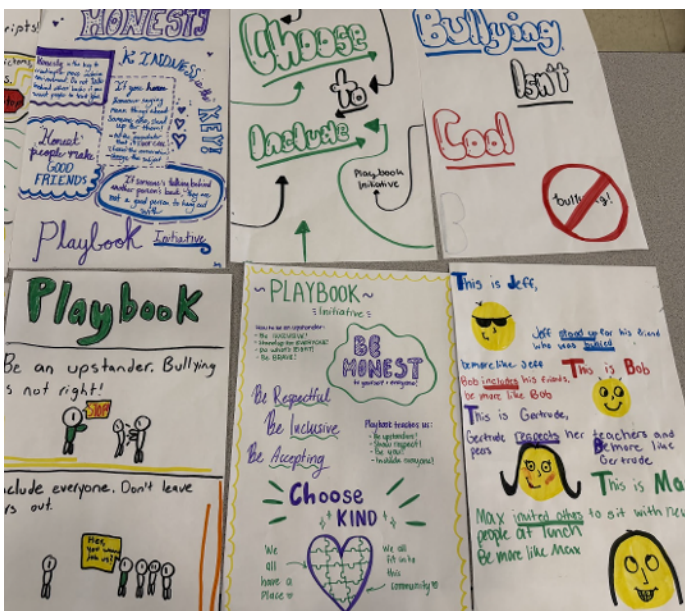


Icebreaker
The Domino Effect

How To Play

1. Each student will receive a "domino"
2. Give One Playbook value to every classmate you randomly see, behind, justice, respect while you stand up the "dominoes" in a formation.
3. Watch and start the chain reaction.

The image shows a classroom setting where a group of students are seated on a raised wooden platform. A large projection screen at the front of the room displays the title 'Icebreaker: The Domino Effect' and the instructions for the game. The instructions are listed in a numbered format. To the right of the text, there is a graphic of a domino with four dots. The students are dressed in casual attire, and the room has a typical classroom layout with desks and a projector screen.



Calling all 8th graders
for the

Yearbook Design Contest!!!

Leave your mark on the 25-26 NMS Yearbook!

We are looking for a bold, original student-designed cover inspired by this year's theme:

✨ **CONNECTED** ✨

What does **CONNECTED** mean to you? Friendship, teamwork, shared moments, community, or the everyday experiences that bring NMS together - whatever it may be, show it through your art.

Your design must include:

- NMS or Norwell Middle School
- 2025-2026

Artwork may be hand drawn or digitally created on a letter sized paper (8.5x11)

All entries are due to Mrs. Higgins by April 15

Need ideas, feedback, or art materials? Stop by Mrs. Finn's room! She'd love to help bring your vision to life.

**Your Art. Your Story.
One Cover.**

A Note from the Nurse



Seasonal Allergies: Allergy season is well under way! If your child has seasonal allergies, regular allergy medications including zyrtec, flonase, eye drops, inhalers, etc are helpful to resume as many kids are coming into the health office with symptoms. Daily showers ensuring hair and face are washed help with pollen exposure too 😊

Reminder about Injuries: If your child has an injury that requires an orthopedic device such as crutches, cast, walking boot, splint, sling, etc., a letter from the provider needs to accompany the child when returning to school. The letter should clearly detail all restrictions, accommodations needed for school and identify the date when participation in PE/sports may resume. Providers may fax to us directly as well! Our fax is: 781-659-8822.

Enjoy your April Vacation and Be Well ♥

● \$50 DONATION TO NHS BOOSTERS

Venmo: nhs-boosters

Donate on boosters website

<https://norwellboosters.org/donate/>

PAINT THE TOWN “N”

Painting starts on 4/27

Contact president@norwellboosters.org or
intern@norwellboosters.org





*They survived
high school;
We survived
high school.*

LET'S CELEBRATE BOTH!

SENIOR SIGNS \$25 VENMO @ NHS-BOOSTERS



2026
NORWELL
BOOSTERS
CAR WASH
AND MERCH
SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 9
9AM-1PM

Come support Norwell Baseball and Softball,
as well as Norwell Boosters as a whole



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Norwell 16th Annual

TOWN WIDE CLEAN UP DAY!

SPONSORED BY
Norwell Beautification Committee



Saturday, May 2, 2026

Raindate: Sunday, May 3

Special yellow bags should be filled with the trash you collect on Trash Bash Day or any day in the following week prior to your own trash pickup. Put the bags beside your own trash and recycling bins and the town trash trucks will pick them up. If you have room in your recycling bin, please put Trash Bash recyclables in your own bin. You may also bring the recyclables to the town recycling area on Main Street on Wed. and Thurs., 7:30-1:30.

Yellow bags for the Trash Bash are at Pour, Lucky Finn, Kappy's, Market Basket, Stop and Shop, Devine Feed & Pet, Norwell Package & General Store, Big Y, Shaws (Hanover Store), and Previte's during the week preceding Trash Bash

**On May 2nd, pick up your trash bags, gloves, coffee & donuts
at the old Town Hall at 345 Main St. 9AM - 11AM**

Visit townofnorwell.net
For more information call
781-659-7279

Find us on: **facebook**



THE GREAT 80'S NORWELL PICKLEBALL NIGHT

APRIL 30TH
6-8PM

SAVE YOUR SPOT TODAY

BENEFITS ALL NORWELL PTOS

PICKLES, HANOVER



As a way to express thanks for our town's highway and roads crew through a difficult winter, the NMS PTO would like to deliver 24 goodie bags to our Norwell DPW Staff.....but we need your help!

The below supplies would help to make a goodie bag for each member of the team (Including Dispatchers) and we will combine them with some wonderful cards made by NMS's Best Buddies Club or any cards you make at home.

Please use the following link to sign up: [signupgenius](https://signupgenius.com)



Norwell Youth Football

Are you ready for some football? Registration is now open for Norwell Youth Football, grades 3-8. Visit norwellyouthfootball.com for more information on this fun, team-building game which encourages players of all abilities. Register by June 20 to be included in our drawing for a \$50 Dick's Sporting Goods gift certificate, good for anything in the store. If you have any questions, please contact us at norwellyouthfootball@gmail.com.

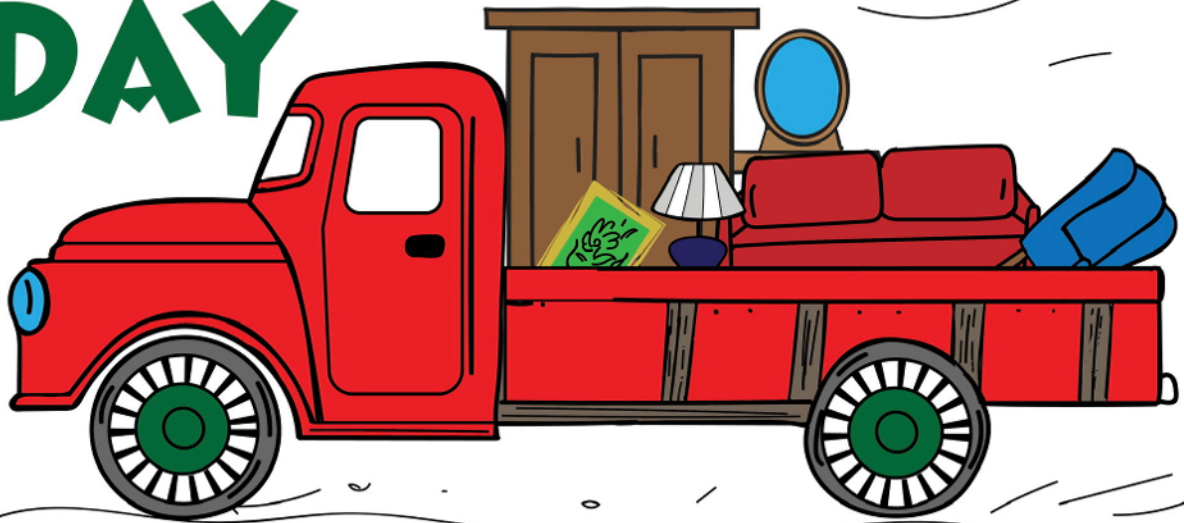


LEAFFIE B. CURTIS MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

The Leaffie B. Curtis Miller Scholarship is given annually to two Norwell High School graduates who are currently attending college. The selections are made on the basis of superior scholarship, co-curricular involvement, and financial need.

The deadline for applications is May 20, 2026. A link to the application can be found [HERE](#) as well as on the Norwell High School Guidance Website.

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL DAY



**SUNDAY,
APRIL 26TH 1-4 PM**

PHOENIX LODGE | HANOVER FOUR CORNERS



**32ND ANNUAL
NORWELL
BOOSTERS
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

TUESDAY MAY 19 2026

LUNCH @ 11 AM

SHOTGUN START 12 NOON

\$225 PER GOLFER

INDIAN POND GOLF CLUB

WWW.NORWELLBOOSTERS.ORG/GOLF-TOURNAMENT/

**NEW! FOR MIIA/BLUE CROSS
SUBSCRIBERS, SPOUSES,
AND DEPENDENTS**

Cancer Navigator

The CancerNavigator service provides tailored education and guidance to cancer patients as they navigate the many decisions that follow a diagnosis.



Support for Cancer Patients:

- ✓ Receive education on cancer screenings for early detection
- ✓ Access tailored information about your diagnosis and treatment options
- ✓ Schedule appointments quickly with the best centers in your area
- ✓ Prepare for your upcoming doctor visits
- ✓ Access transportation support, emotional and mental health support, and other community resources

**"This is an exceptional
and indispensable service
for anyone going through
a cancer diagnosis or
treatment."**

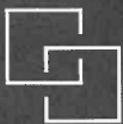
– CancerNavigator Patient

**To reach one of our Oncology
Nurse Navigators today:**



(617) 202-9211

Or visit **www.cancernavigator.com/miia-wellness** to learn more →



CancerNavigator is available at no cost to MIIA/Blue Cross subscribers, spouses, and dependents on an active health plan in the pilot groups*. Participation is voluntary and confidential.

**Pilot groups: Acton-Boxborough RSD, Amherst, Chelmsford, Concord, Concord-Carlisle RSD, Danvers, Dartmouth, Dracut, Ipswich, Mansfield, Newburyport, Norwell, Peabody, Pittsfield, Reading, Rockport, Sandwich, Saugus, Taunton, Tyngsborough, Walpole, Woburn*

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





**Norwell
Youth Cheer**

**Register
Now!**

Mini Clippers: Grades 1-2
Youth Cheer: Grades 3-8

✿ SPIRIT
✿ STRENGTH
✿ TEAMWORK

 www.norwellyouthcheer.com



NORWELL YOUTH CHEER MINI CLIPPERS

Grades 1 - 2
SPIRIT ✿ STRENGTH ✿ TEAMWORK

**Register
Now!**

PRACTICE SCHEDULE:
Mondays, 4:30-6p

- ▶ Aug. 31
- ▶ Sept. 14, 21, 28
- ▶ Oct. 5

GAME:
October (TBD)



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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.