N 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
HOLOCAUST SPEAKER
BOO BASH
KINDNESS CORNER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Late buses run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information about late buses see our website.

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a Glance

Holocaust Survivior, Jack Trompetter, to Speak to 8th Grade (10/19) -- We are truly fortunate to once again have Jack Trompetter come to NMS to share his story of having been a hidden child during the Holocaust with our 8th grade students. The event will take place on Thursday, November 19, in the cafe, from 12:30-1:45.

Get Ready for Our 6th Grade Hale Field Trip! (6/22) -- Our students are gearing up for an exciting day of outdoor learning, team building, and adventure at Hale Education! Students will participate in hands-on leadership challenges, collaborative problem-solving activities, and outdoor exploration designed to build confidence and strengthen peer connections. It promises to be an unforgettable day of learning beyond the classroom wall—please ensure your child dresses in comfortable outdoor layers and wears sturdy walking shoes!

Costume Day! (10/30) -- No tricks, just treats for a good cause!

On Friday, October 30th, NMS students are invited to wear their favorite Halloween costumes to school! To support our community, we kindly ask students wearing a costume to bring a $1 donation for our local food pantry. We Thank our families in advance for their support and generosity!

7th Grade Cornhole Tournament Recap!

Our 7th graders brought incredible energy, team spirit, and friendly competition to the 7th Grade Cornhole Tournament! Students paired up, tossed bags, and cheered each other on through an afternoon of engaging fun for the entire grade. It was a fantastic event filled with great sportsmanship and school spirit—thank you to everyone who participated and helped make it such a memorable day! And, thanks to the PTO for facilitating the event!

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Boo Bash / Haunted Hallows (10/30)

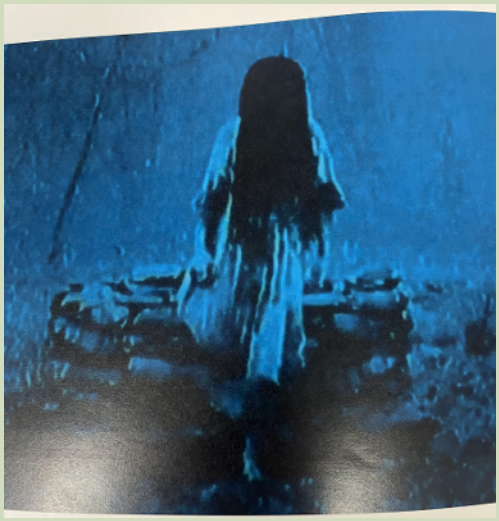
Join us on Friday, October 30, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM for an unforgettable Halloween event featuring both the Haunted Hallows experience and the Boo Bash dance!

One ticket grants admission to the entire evening.

When arriving, students can choose between two entrances:

• Haunted Entrance: Walk through the Haunted Hallows if you dare! Experience scenes from a zombie apocalypse, a haunted carnival, and The Ring. Beware of undead souls, feeding zombies, and Samara!

• Direct Entrance: For those who prefer to bypass the haunted scenes, a separate direct entrance will bring you straight into the dance.



Once inside, enjoy the Boo Bash with music, decorations and Halloween spirit! School-appropriate costumes are welcome.

It takes a village to put together such an exhilarating evening, and we look forward to a phenomenal night!

CALENDAR

October

20 School Council Mtg @2PM

22 Hale Field Trip (6th Grade)

26 School Committee Mtg @7PM

27 Congress of Councils @7PM

28 DC Parent Mtg @ 6PM (NMS)

30 Costume Day

30 Boo Bash / Haunted Hallows @ 6:30PM

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

L.I.T. (Love.Inclusion.Trust.) Corner

He who does good to others makes the biggest gift to himself. - Seneca

Thank you to the following students who were recognized in the LIT form:

Ann Bonzagni: Waited and held the door for staff in the morning.

Madie O'Keefe: Helped a classmate by showing support, understanding and good listening skills.

Hunter Hibbard, Michael Spriano and Jared Curtis: Stayed after lunch to make sure their table was clean even after other students had left the table.

Colton Holmes: Colton helped a classmate in need without hesitation. Someone needed help attaching a pin to their sweatshirt, and Colton lent a helping hand right away :)

Patrick Garofalo: Is the first to volunteer to clean his table every day and is always polite to the cafeteria staff.

Click HERE complete the LIT Recongition form

The second time's a charm!

Simple steps for your child's School Portrait Retake

If you are dissatisfied with a student's portrait and would like another try, you have the opportunity for a retake on:

Monday, 11/2/26

- **Please return the undamaged prints to the photographer at Retake Day.**
- If you have any specific instructions for the photographer, please jot a note and attach it to the outside of the package, so it can be easily seen.
- Please return only the individual portraits you have received.
- Retake packages will be distributed at the school approximately 3-5 weeks following Retake Day. If your school receives class photos, those are usually distributed at this time.

We are here for ***you***.

Email us at lifeguards@coffeepond.com or call (508) 907-6633 ext. 0

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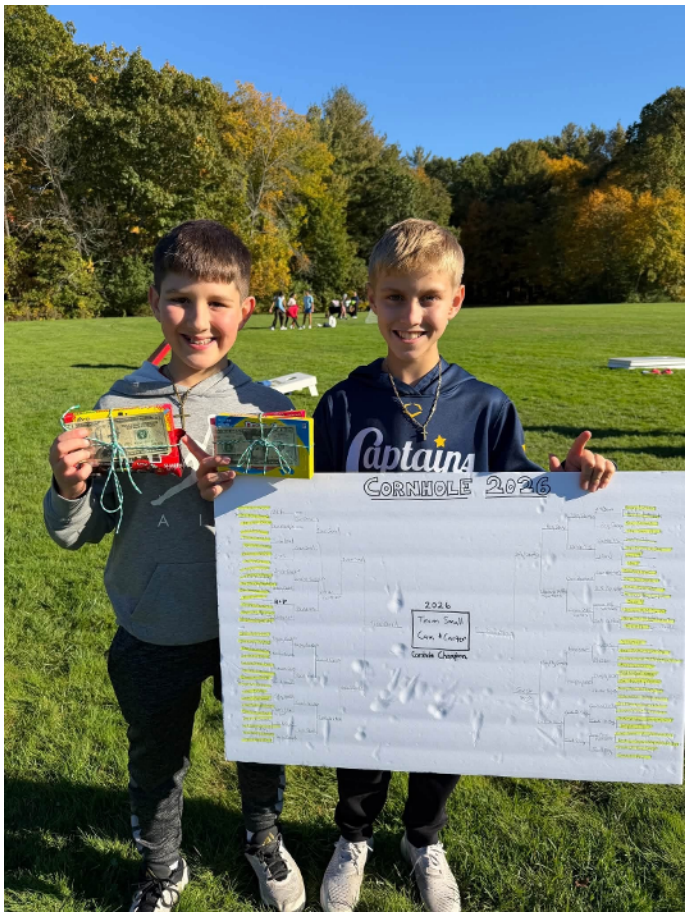
Bridgewater State University Honor Band (10/8)

Congratulations to our students on their successful participation at the BSU honor band.

7th Grade:
Emmeline Hughan-Trumpet
Ben Zaval- French Horn

8th Grade:
Mia Abou-Rjeily-Trombone
Ashley Bears- Clarinet
Caleigh Coogan- Flute
Bridget Donelan- Clarinet
Rory Hinchey- Clarinet
Bella Nguyen- Oboe
Natasha Parekh- Alto Sax
Emma Phan- Trumpet
Elyse Thorton- Flute
Cece Wisdom- Trumpet
Cole Wolbach- Trumpet
Elle Ugarte- Baritone

7th Grade Cornhole Tournament



Boo Bash

NMS
BOO BASH
10/30
6:30 - 8:00
$10
SCHOOL APPROPRIATE COSTUMES ALLOWED
NO MASKS. NO FAKE WEAPONS.
HOSTED BY STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Grade 8-Washington D.C. Reminder

If your child will be receiving medication on the D.C. trip, please review the email sent by Ms. Petrell as it has several important details. Also, remember to send in medication orders from your child's doctor BEFORE the Parent D.C. Night on 10/28.

Grade 7-Physicals and Immunizations

If you haven't already done so, please send in your child's most recent physical and immunizations (this was most likely done last school or over the summer. Don't wait for the next appointment ▮▮) . Most physicals have immunizations listed right in the same document. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Life Threatening Allergies-Self Carry Orders

Students who carry their own epi pens in their bag for life threatening allergies are still required to have a doctor signed, Allergy Action Plan on file in the health office. Please send in these action plans as soon as possible, ESPECIALLY if your child is going to Washington D.C.! Thank you for helping us keep your kids safe ♥

Illness

Please help keep our school communities as healthy as possible by following these recommendations if your child is not feeling well. These are also outlined in the school handbook.

Fever (>100.0° Fahrenheit or higher):

- Fever-free for 24 hours **without** fever-reducing medication, and feeling up to the whole school day.

Strep throat:

- Must be fever-free for 24 hrs **without** the use of fever-reducing medications, in addition to having 24 hours of antibiotics.

Flu-like symptoms:

- They must be fever-free for 24 hours **without** fever-reducing medication and feel well enough to attend school.

Vomiting/persistent diarrhea:

- Should be **24 hours free of** vomiting and diarrhea, able to tolerate a regular diet again, and have the energy to be present for the school day.

Thank you for helping keep our school community healthy this cold and flu season.

Injuries

If your child sustains an injury that requires physical accommodations or modifications at school, please provide a formal note from their medical provider detailing any specific activity restrictions.

Having clear, direct instructions from your student's doctor allows our staff to keep them safe and ensure they receive the most appropriate care and support throughout the school day.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our school community healthy and safe! ♥

Life Threatening Allergies

I have a number of students listed as having a life threatening allergy with no allergy action plan on file. Even if your child is a self carry, we still require an allergy action plan signed by your child's provider with a notation that says the student is able to "self carry/self administer". You can either email me at jillian.young@norwellschools.org or have the doctor fax it to 781-659-8822.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter!

Lice

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you that we have had a few cases of lice at Vinal School. Please check your student's hair often for signs of lice, and remind them not to share personal belongings such as hats, hoodies, or hair accessories.

As a reminder, we do not require students to be sent home, but we will always call home to inform you if we notice signs. We do our best to respect the privacy of all students involved.

Please keep in mind that lice do not discriminate—it can happen to anyone, and it is not an indication of personal cleanliness. Lice cannot fly or hop, and they die within 24 hours without a host. It is important to let friends/teammates know if they share anything to further prevent spreading or contracting it again soon after getting rid of it.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Turkey Trot

Dear NMS Staff & Teachers-

We are excited to announce the opening of Registration for the 6th Annual NMS Turkey Trot!

The race will be on Sunday, November 22nd. Kid's Races (10 & under) will begin at 9:00 AM and the Turkey Trot (roughly 3 miles- flat) will begin at 9:30 AM.

This is the primary fundraiser that the PTO does each school year to raise money to fulfill grants, field trip buses, and other needs that directly benefit our students.

The PTO would love your support!

Even if running or walking is not your thing, we would love for teachers to encourage their students to sign up and be part of the fun!

Last year the race had 550 participants and we're hoping to surpass that this year!

We want our NMS staff (and all NPS staff) to be there on race day so much that we've lowered the registration fee to just $15 for all Norwell Public School Staff!

When registering, NPS staff may use the code: NPSTEACHER to access their discount.

Teachers & Grade Levels-

If you would like to start a TEAM for your class or grade level, make sure you use the drop-down menu to start a team and then let your students know the name!

⭐ **There are team prizes awarded on race day for the most group members on a team.** ⭐

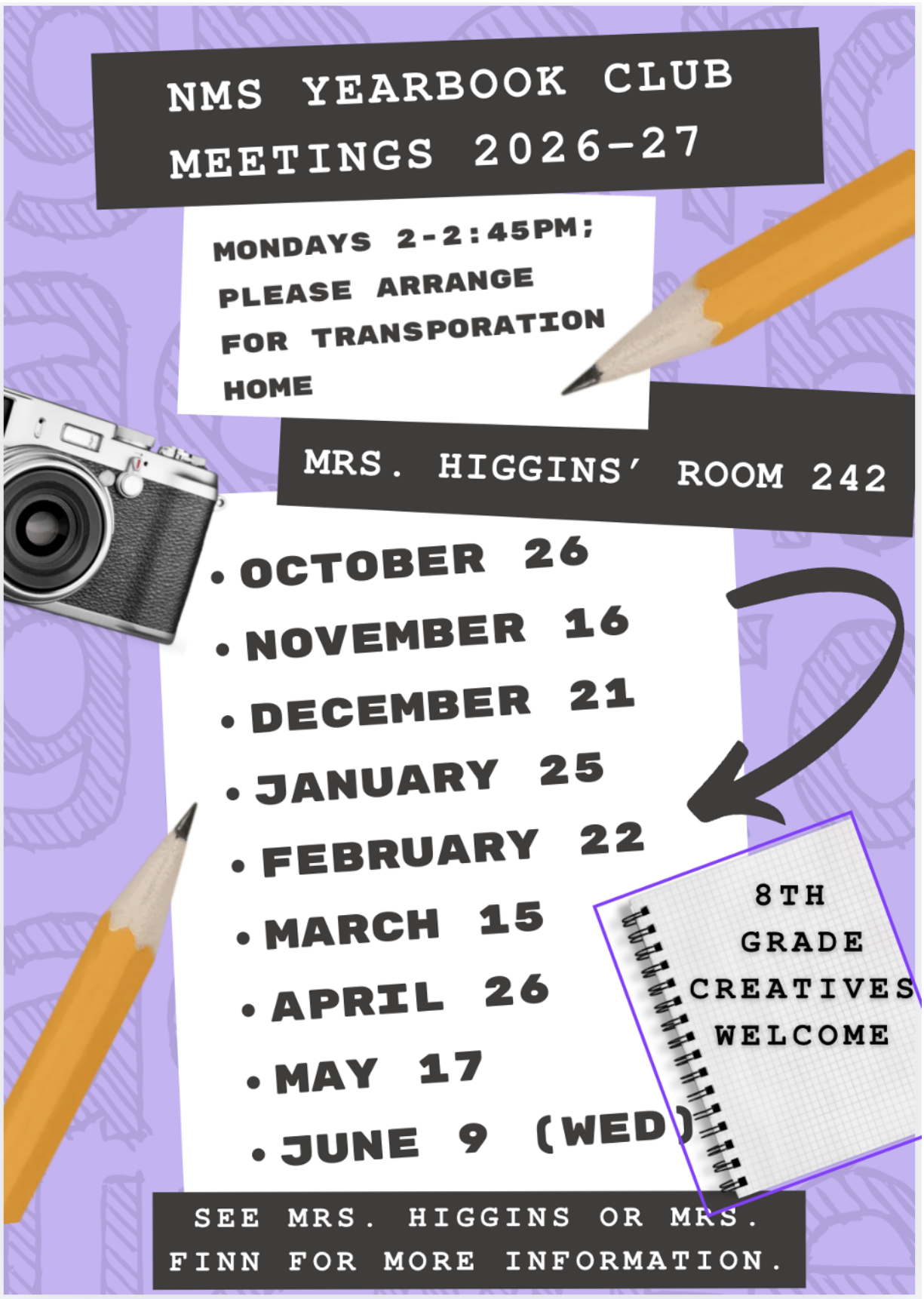
(Students (18 & under) can register for the race at a discount of $25- no code needed).

Please reach out to the PTO with any questions!

Nmspto@gmail.com

2026 — Norwell Turkey Trot & Kids Turkey Chase —

Yearbook


NMS YEARBOOK CLUB MEETINGS 2026-27
MONDAYS 2-2:45PM; PLEASE ARRANGE FOR TRANSPORATION HOME
MRS. HIGGINS' ROOM 242
• OCTOBER 26
• NOVEMBER 16
• DECEMBER 21
• JANUARY 25
• FEBRUARY 22
• MARCH 15
• APRIL 26
• MAY 17
• JUNE 9 (WED)
8TH GRADE CREATIVES WELCOME
SEE MRS. HIGGINS OR MRS. FINN FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

October 24th 11-1

Norwell Fire Headquarters 300 Washington St

Join us for:

- Pizza and snacks
- Auto extrication demonstration
- Face painting and more...

FIRST PARISH CEMETERY *Comes Alive!*

FEATURING GRAVESIDE PORTRAYALS OF FASCINATING PEOPLE FROM NORWELL'S REVOLUTIONARY PAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

1½ Hr. TOURS BEGIN BETWEEN NOON + 1:20 PM

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

NORWELLHISTORICAL SOCIETY.ORG/EVENTS

Meet your new Friends!

Join the Friends of Norwell Public Library for an informational session and meet and greet!
We are looking for new volunteers, new energy, and new leadership!

Wednesday Nov. 4 | 6:30-7:30 PM

at the library

Can't make it but want in? Email us at friendsofnorwellpubliclibrary@gmail.com

Join us on Oct 21st from 2:30-4pm at the Norwell Middle School for a fall lacrosse clinic!

Norwell Girls Youth Lacrosse is running a fall clinic. Sign up link and payment information are below. This is a great opportunity for the girls to practice their skills and get together. All skill levels are welcomed for grades 1-8. Season registration will open soon; this clinic is a great way for girls to try lacrosse before registering. Details are included in the attached flyer.

Sign up link:Norwell Girls Lacrosse Fall Clinic

Suggested donation of $25 can be made through Venmo:Venmo | Norwell Girls Youth Lacrosse

Norwell Girls Lacrosse

#futurestatechampions

www.norwellgirlslacrosse.com

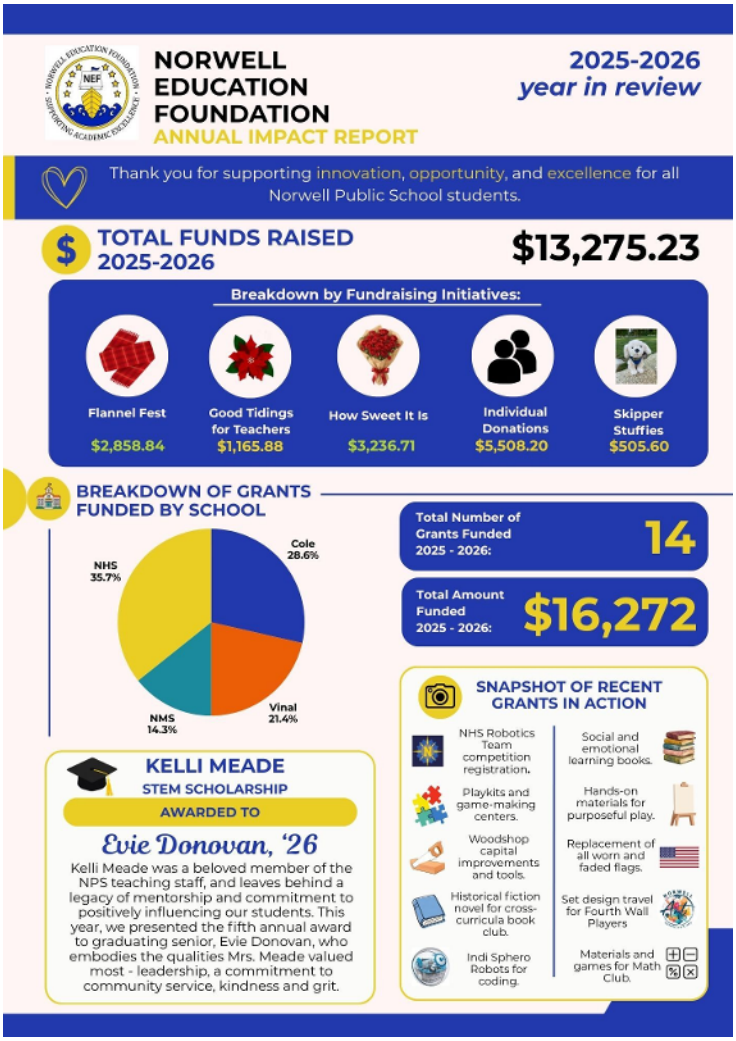
Fund What's Next!

Help support our favorite community members – our students! The Norwell Education Foundation (NEF) is launching its annual Fall Giving Campaign to kick off a year of innovation and impact.

Since 1992, the NEF has collaborated with educators and school administrators in the Norwell School District to facilitate the development and funding of teacher-written grants. We rely solely on the generous support of the community, so please consider donating to help fund grants that provide resources for innovative educational programs, activities and materials.

The Fall Giving Campaign is one of the best ways to support innovation, opportunity, and excellence for all Norwell Public School students – please click on the link below to donate.

https://secure.givelively.org/donate/norwell-education-foundation



NEF

Did you know that in 2018, the Norwell Education Foundation (NEF) funded a STEM grant for NMS to address the computational thinking strand of the Massachusetts Digital Literacy and Computer Science Standards. The grant paid for Indi Sphero robot kits, which inspired curiosity, creativity, and invention through connected play and coding. Because this first set successfully introduced students to the fundamentals of coding, the NEF funded a second grant in 2026 to purchase additional Indi Sphero robot kits. Together, the two grants, eight years apart, show how a pilot program can become part of the schoolwide culture and curriculum. If you want to help Fund What's Next for Norwell Middle School, please consider donating to the NEF during our Fall Giving Campaign this month to kick off a year of innovation and impact. Since 1992, the NEF has collaborated with educators and school administrators in the Norwell School District to facilitate the development and funding of teacher-written grants. We rely solely on the generous support of the community, so please consider donating to help fund these grants that provide resources for innovative educational programs, activities and materials.