



## **National Junior Honor Society Returns to MMS**

We are proud to announce that 31 seventh and eighth grade students will be inducted into the Memorial Middle School National Junior Honor Society on May 8, 2023. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is based on the NJHS Core Values of **outstanding scholarship** (3.7 cumulative average or above), **service, leadership, character, and citizenship**. The inductees demonstrated these ideals through an application process. National Junior Honor Society was created to recognize and encourage academic achievement while also developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy.

*Congratulations to the following students:*

### Seventh Graders

Colin English	Jacob Hester	Levi Levangie	Evan Resnick
Nelleh Huxtable	Scarlett Arevalo	Finn Walsh	Joshua Gatto
Patrick Lancaster	Meghan Chiba	Mason DelGallo	
Salvator Guardino	Bridgett Stamatouras	Jason Nguyen	

### Eighth Graders

Libby Harper	Lilyan Nunes	Jackson Nunes	Calista-Nizhoni Wyman
Pixiana Dyer	Meghan Duran	Jacob Parks	Skylar Munzert
Bruno Andrews-Mundo	Audie Bernard	Sophia Hagerty	
Nathaniel Tiani	Rachel Timins	Sam Szabo	
Ava Beaumier	Grace Kiley	Georgia White	



## **RMK's Advocacy In Action**

Memorial Middle School and Raising Multicultural Kids' Advocacy in Action (AIA) program provides a platform to develop youth voices by fostering an understanding of identity development and the value of community. Students in AIA have gained a greater understanding of the self and others while learning to appreciate the diversity in their community and beyond. The students at AIA had been working diligently on the topic of identity, particularly as it pertains to their past, present, and future self. Students examine biological, cultural, role, and perceived factors that influence their understanding of self and how these aspects shape both behavior and lived experiences.

Students created a Mandala Art Project encompassing their past, present, and future identities in symbols, while also exploring Indian culture. The students researched, printed, and drew symbols of their choice to illustrate the evolution of their identity. With the knowledge obtained about identity, the students prepared to interview two adults for inspiration. The first adult was Kelly Lamb, co-founder of Raising Multicultural Kids (RMK), a white,

affluent, middle-aged woman who grew up in public housing and has a diverse family structure. The second adult was Boston College Professor of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Angela Clark, a black, affluent, middle-aged woman who grew up in a middle-class household. The students prepared thoughtful questions and practiced with a mock Q&A with MMS Social Worker, Ms. MacDonald, and Social Work intern, Ms. Pearl. The practice helped students learn to ask deep, respectful, and appropriate personal questions about another person. At the meeting with Kelly and Angela, the students asked each woman questions about their past, present, and future, with the goals of understanding how identities change overtime, the influence/limitations a person has on shaping their identity, and the power of self-compassion. Students left the meeting empowered with a deeper understanding of how identities change overtime, how lived experiences shape our present and future self, and some ideas as to what fosters resilience. The presenters and guests in attendance were very impressed with the student's engagement and powerful questions. AIA students are now preparing for end-of-year student-led event to foster community and respect for differences.

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## **MMS/SSEC Unified Basketball**

In partnership with South Shore Educational Collaborative, Memorial Middle School is proud to announce its inaugural **Unified Basketball Team**. Special Olympics Unified Sports combines people with and without intellectual disabilities on sports teams for training and competition. *Extreme fun is had by all!*



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## **Art Contest - The Tiny Home Project**

Mrs. Cicalese recently assigned seventh and eighth grade students the **Tiny Home Project**: design a home that would be part of a block of houses, and convince a panel of judges that their home is the best on the block. Students had the choice to work individually or in groups. After building their tiny homes from supplied materials, they wrote detailed descriptions of the homes' features, hoping to persuade the judges (MMS teachers and staff) to choose their creation as a home they would want to move into. Thank you to the PTO for funding the prizes for this art contest. *And the winning homes were....*



7<sup>th</sup> Grade – had a tie between:

- *Waterside Blvd* by Ava Riveccio, Nelleh Huxtable, and Bridgett Stamatouras
- *Crystal Pond Community* by Naomi Dolan and Scarlett Arevalo

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – had a single winner:

- *Mansion* by Arianna Goodrich and Georgia White



## **MMS Read-A-Thon Results!**

The PTO's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Read-A-Thon was a smashing success! Students read 243 books over 51,348 minutes, and raised \$2150.00! Top readers and fundraisers and other lucky students won awards and raffles! Here's a quick summary:

*Top Reader in the School won a private sail of Boston Harbor:*

- Luisa Rizzo

*Top Reader in each Grade won a Townie Treats Party Pack for 4:*

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Luisa Rizzo
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Scarlett Arevalo
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Rachel Timins

*Top Reader in each class won an ELA Homework pass:*

- 6th Grade: Julia Effinger, Juliana Ingemi, Luisa Rizzo, Lantz Mackey
- 7th Grade: Scarlett Arevalo, Jacob Hester, Teagan Steinberg, Meghan Chiba
- 8th Grade: Mary Lombardo, Rachel Timins, Monica Minelli, Grace Kiley

*Top Fundraiser in the School won a Sports Museum private tour*

- Nelleh Huxtable

*Top Fundraiser in each grade won an ELA Homework pass:*

- 6th Grade: Jack Flynn
- 7th Grade: Nelleh Huxtable
- 8th Grade: Matthew Donovan

*Battle of the Book Winners:*

- 6th Grade: Abigail Baglione
- 7th Grade: Scarlett Arevalo
- 8th Grade: Riley Munn

*Top Fundraising Raffle:*

- Meghan Chiba, Airpods
- Matthew Donovan, Speaker Mirror
- Ella Montgomery, Echo
- Alyssa Donato, Boombox Speaker

*Top Class Reader Raffle:*

- Mary Lombardo, Patriots Cinemas 4
- Julia Effinger, ICA 2
- Lantz Mackey, Duck Tours 2
- Tegan Steinberg, Plimoth Patuxet

*General gift card raffle:*

- Julia Effinger, Chipotle
- Pixie Dyer, Crumbl
- Nathan O'Hare, Crumbl
- Cayden Love, Sky Zone

*General games, puzzles, and books raffle:*

- Cassady Reilly
- Mary Lombardo
- Evelyn Concannon
- Luisa Rizzo
- Nelleh Huxtable
- Ella Montgomery
- Scarlett Arevalo
- Chance Ervin
- Monica Minelli
- Luisa Rizzo
- Naomi Dolan
- Juliana Ingemi
- Grace Kelly
- Rachel Timins
- Lantz Mackey
- Isabella Walsh
- Juliana Ingemi
- Tegan Steinberg
- Meghan Chiba
- Patience Nielsen

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## **MMS Science Fair!**

Next Wednesday, April 5, 7th grade is hosting the science fair. It will be located in the 7th grade Large Group Room. Families are invited to visit the science fair from 4:30-5:30.

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## **MMS: Reminders & Important Dates**

Mar 31 – Term 3 Ends

Apr 3 – Gr. 8 Parent Night/Course Selection @ HHS 6:30 p.m.

Apr 5 – Gr. 8 ELA MCAS Session 1

Apr 5 – Science Fair 4:30 p.m.

Apr 5-13 – Passover

Apr 6 – Gr. 7 ELA MCAS Session 1

Apr 6 – Grades Posted to Aspen

Apr 7 – No School - Good Friday

Apr 11 – Gr. 6 ELA MCAS Session 1

Apr 12 – Gr. 8 ELA MCAS Session 2

Apr 17-21 – School Vacation

Apr 25 – Gr. 7 ELA MCAS Session 2

Apr 26 – Gr. 6 ELA MCAS Session 2

Apr 26 – School Council Mtg. 6:30 pm