

Good News Fridays Edition 24th Secondary

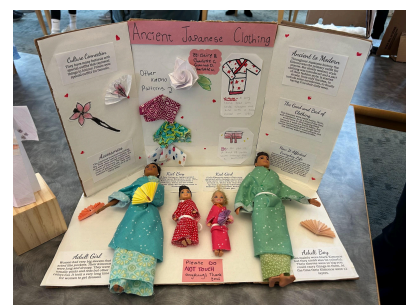
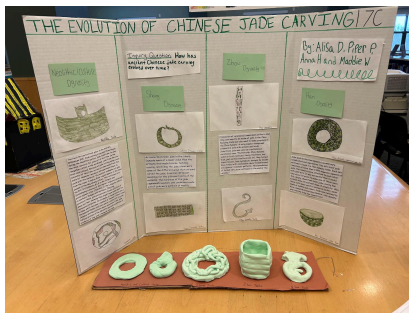
Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School

The Lincoln's 4th Grade and MVMMS Destination Imagination Groups both won FIRST PLACE in the statewide competition this past weekend. They both qualify for Worlds in St. Louis.



Congratulations to the members of our 8th grade class that are working with the High School Drama program, as they head to the Semi-Finals this weekend.

Our 7th Grade Students put on an Ancient World History Museum Exhibit. They were able to showcase their learning to their peers and their parents in the Library.



Melrose High School



Emily Lucien - 2023-2024 MIAA Service Award Winner

Franklin, MA- The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) is excited to announce Emily Lucien of Melrose High School as the winner of the first half of the 2023-2024 MIAA Community Service Challenge! Members of the MIAA Student Advisory Committee reviewed 160 incredible submissions before selecting the winner.

Emily is a senior at Melrose High School and has been organizing the Breast Friends Walk for the last three years. This year the event had 50 sponsors, almost 550 people participated and raised just over \$50,000 dollars. Emily explained, "A large 'why' behind organizing this event is that my own mother passed away from breast cancer in 2019, and while she fought this disease my family experienced an immense amount of support and strength from our community, which made such a terrible time in our lives a little bit easier."

Melrose Principal, Jason Merrill, reflected on the Breast Cancer Friends Walk and stated, "Emily is an incredible individual; an outstanding athlete and accomplished student. She exemplifies leadership and has made a lasting impact on our school community. She took a tragic event in her life and turned it into something really special. Her service has made a financial impact on others who are battling this

disease and even more importantly provided hope and compassion. Her family, friends, teammates, classmates, and school are all very proud of her."

Melrose Athletic Director, Stephen Fogarty, expressed gratitude for Emily's leadership. He explained, "Emily has challenged herself in the classroom and the playing fields. Her athletic accomplishments are almost as great as her academic success. She is a hard-working, well-rounded student athlete that contributes to various leadership positions in clubs and school groups. Emily will be missed next school year, but we will value the time we have with her this spring."

Samantha Lyons ML12 Sportsmanship Award

Senior Samantha Lyons has been selected by the Middlesex League to receive the 2024 Boston Bruins-MIAA Sportsmanship Award. This award is presented annually by the Boston Bruins and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) to one individual from each high school ice hockey league in the state who best exemplifies the highest standards of fair play and sportsmanship. Samantha will be recognized by the MIAA and the Boston Bruins at the TD Garden on March 19th.

To End the Week we have members of our Student Council attending the annual Massachusetts Student Council Retreat, over 50 students competing at the DECA State Career Development Conference through Saturday in Boston.

7 MHS student-athletes are competing at Nationals for Indoor Track & Field this weekend.

Competing in Nike Nationals in NYC:

Sam Madden (high jump)

D'Mitra Mukasa (SMR Relay)

Abby G Taylor (SMR Relay)
Amy Rowe (SMR Relay)
Cadence L'Heureux (SMR Relay)

Competing in Nationals in Boston:

Reilly Powell (running the freshman mile today)
Josh Grant (running the 60m dash Saturday)

Melrose High School Drama



Congrats to MELROSE DRAMA for MOVING ON TO State SEMI-FINALS of The Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild Festival with the cast and crew of *If Fortunes Be Revers'd (What Wouldn't Thou Do?)*... Congratulations to the following for their All Star Company Awards: Stage Manager Landri Elkins for winning TWO stage management awards tonight (making her a 4x METG SM award winner!), Lily Polito for the role of Russ Kor, Lexie Lewis for technical excellence in costumes and stage management, Ally Murphy for technical excellence in dance and movement choreography, Clio Moock, Helen Morash, Lyra Rechea, Kaylee Sanford, Marlowe Price, and Lauren Batchelder for ensemble acting as Varsity Drama! The Production will compete at Brockton High this Saturday at 11:30AM.

Melrose High School Band Receives Donation for Symphony Hall Performance



Pictured above from left to right are Jason Merrill (MHS Principal), Steve Black (Director of Visual and Performing Arts), Tim Corvene (Band Teacher), Zachary Hunnicutt (Junior Band Student), Ava Wenzel (Senior Band Student), Edward F. Doherty Jr. (Stoneham Bank President/CEO), and John Macero (Interim Superintendent)

The Melrose High School Band received a donation from Stoneham Bank as they raise funds for an amazing opportunity to perform on the stage of one of the most world renowned concert venues, Boston's Symphony Hall. Students will partake in a workshop at the end of March with one of Boston's most sought after conductors, Charles Peltz and perform at Symphony Hall on Sunday March 24th at 2:00PM alongside student bands from Illinois and California. The concert is open to the public and tickets may be reserved for free by [clicking here](#). Department information will always be posted on the Visual and Performing Arts Website at <https://tinyurl.com/melrosearts>. The students, staff, and administration at Melrose High School would like to thank Stoneham bank for their generosity in supporting this amazing opportunity.

The Melrose Public Schools Department of Visual and Performing Arts will hold a series of March Spring Concerts:

- Saturday, March 9, 2024 – 7:30pm - Choral Collaboration Concert With Polymnia
- Thursday, March 14, 2024 - 7:00pm - Youth, Middle, and High School Band Night Concert
- Wednesday, March 20, 2024 - 7:00pm - String Fling Concert

All concerts are held in the Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School Auditorium. Additional Information may be found at tinyurl.com/melrosearts

District Wide

The Melrose School Committee is convening monthly office hours for parents, students and members of the community to informally meet and share insights with Committee Members. These drop-in office hours will be open to the public, within the context of the Committee's Outreach function, and are intended to be general feedback sessions (not confidential meetings). At least two Members will attend each session. Office hours are being offered on

both weekend morning and weekday evenings in different modalities—in-person and via Zoom for those who may not be able to meet in-person in Melrose.

The first session was held on Thursday, February 29, 2024, in the evening, and was hosted at the Leading Edge Community Room space, which the Committee greatly appreciates. Upcoming Office Hour opportunities are as follows:

- Saturday, March 16, 2024, 8:00-9:30 am, Caffè Nero (530 Main Street)
- Thursday, April 11, 2024, 7:00-8:30 pm, by Zoom (link will be shared in advance on MPS website and via email)
- Saturday, May 11, 2024, 8:00-9:30 am, La Qchara (506 Franklin Street)

The Committee looks forward to meeting with you and appreciates the collaboration of the community!