



Norwell Middle School

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Hello Students and Families,

Thank you all for a successful first day!

First, the drop off could not have gone better this morning. Students arrived in a steady stream between 7:10 - 7:20 and were essentially all in the building by 7:22 (according to my watch) and that is a great way to begin. I have attached the drop off map as a reference for those that may need it.

Second, we held our class assemblies this morning and there were three themes that emerged in each grade.

Grade 8: Leadership, Independence & Get Ready to Shine

Grade 7: Growth, Knowledge & Camaraderie

Grade 6: Welcome, Learning & Growth

We started each assembly discussing our school motto "Be kind. Work hard. Help others." and watched a clip of the song "This is Me" from the Greatest Showman. Students then were given a small piece of paper to write down two characteristics that described who they were. Each grade came up with some unique and strong characteristics and we look forward to seeing those shine throughout the year. Below is the link to today's slide show:

[NMS Welcome Students](#)

We were also able to review the school-wide expectations around behavior in the lunchroom, on the bus, in classes, as well as the importance of arriving to school on time and being present every day that they are able to. We will continue to review these policies with students and I have attached a copy of our Handbook Highlights as a quick reference. Today's main goal was to focus on all of the things they are doing right and the structures we have in place to help students be their best selves every day. We ended with a slide titled "Carpe Diem" and I was pleasantly surprised by the number of students who were familiar with that phrase.

We hope that today felt good and that students know we're here for them throughout the year to ensure their success.

Thank you,

Ellen Murray