

SHARKS NEVER SLEEP

An overview of ALL of the activities and initiatives
at Monomoy Regional Middle School

BEST SCHOOL EVER

No act of kindness,
no matter how small
ever goes unnoticed.



**Creating a Culture of Kindness
Each and Everyday
Starting the School Year**



Kindness Week





**The Water
Project**
TheWaterProject.org

In June 2019, Monomoy Regional Middle School students raised \$12,943.00 to build a rainwater catchment system in Kenya. Please see the links below to see the progress and the difference our students made for our friends in Africa!

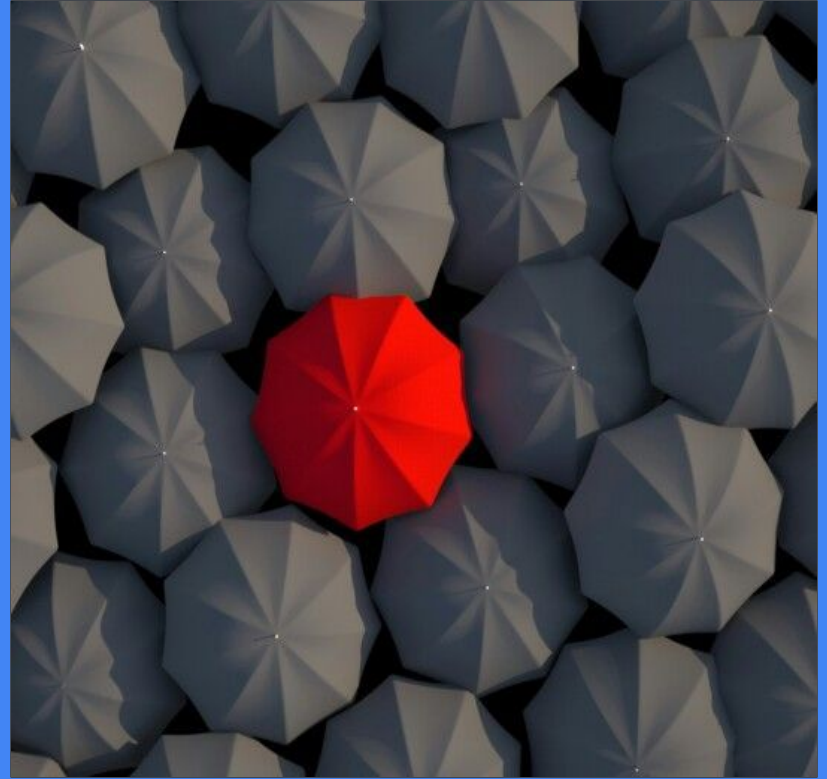
St. Theresa's Bumini High School

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UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES



SEMINARS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING
EACH AND EVERY DAY

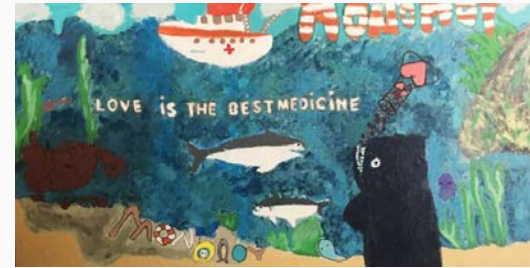


Seminars provide unique opportunities for both faculty and students to pursue topics typically not included in a middle school curricula.

Project-based and community service learning is pursued through the arts, history, and sciences.

Seminars also offer students small group sessions in which the emphasis is on the improvement of academic skills.

ART ATTACK SEMINARS



Social Science Seminars



Sumner and Armstrong

Ancient India

Ancient China

The Founding Fathers Featuring Hamilton

History of the Holocaust

How Hunger Hurts

Media Literacy

Movies You Wouldn't Watch

Poverty and Human Rights

Wednesday Wars



STEM Seminars

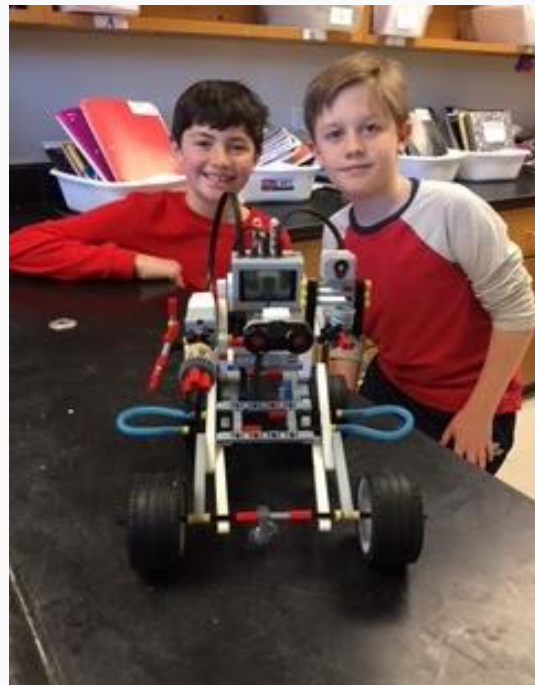


In filmmaking, students learn to plan, shoot and edit short films.

In makerspace, students work in teams to solve real world problems through design. From marketing to making, our students serve the school and community.

Robotics Team

The Monomoy Robotics Team will compete in the First LEGO League Competition this year. They will build robots to compete against the clock and other teams in the CityShaper Challenge. Some team members have been learning to program for 3 years!



EVENING OF INSPIRATION

This event is an opportunity for students who would like additional assistance with their academics. Facilitated by teachers in all subject areas, the students are invited to stay after school, on a Friday, a week before grades close. At the end of the school day, students are welcomed with ice cream sundaes and outdoor, energetic team building activities. At 4:00, students enter the cafeteria and find that all the materials necessary to complete their assignments have been provided. Teachers are there to help and support them in completing missing assignments. At 6:00, everyone takes a break to enjoy a spaghetti supper, followed by finishing as much work as possible. Students who complete work are able to go to the auditorium, where Pixar Short Films are playing.



EVENING OF EXCELLENCE

The event celebrates the exceptional performance of our students over the course of the school year. Students who distinguish themselves during the school year receive recognition in acknowledgement of their hard work and achievement.



Geography Fair

Each year, grade 6 geography students research a country in the world and hold a public exhibition to demonstrate what they have learned. Students learn about the country's physical geography, economy, and culture and invite community members for an evening of geography complete with models, music, dress, and of course, food.



Field Day



Now more than a decade old, “Soul” Source Aquifer is a science writers’ retreat traditionally held the first weekend in June. Students in Grades 5, 6, and 7 apply to attend the program by submitting an 800 word essay. The topic is “a time I felt at home in nature”. Once students are accepted into the program, they may attend, for their remaining years as middle school students, simply by submitting three pieces of writing produced during the retreat. Hallmarks of the program include presentations by Audubon scientists, hikes through Nickerson State Park, visits to the Crosby mansion and the Whydah Museum, and a Dolphin Fleet whale watch. The essence of the retreat is to develop an understanding of and appreciation for our Chatham Waterways.



“SOUL” SOURCE AQUIFER A SCIENCE WRITING RETREAT



MEGALODONS SUPER SHARKS!

SUPER SHARK SUMMITS

Each week, students from the community service leadership groups: Animal Rights Club, Best Buddies, The Monomoy Citizen, National Junior Honor Society, Shark Tank Enterprises, and Student Council, meet to socialize, collaborate, and develop leadership abilities through team building and problem solving activities, as well as special presentations. These positive role models play an important role in inviting all students to engage in community service learning projects and building a positive a school culture.



**The Megalodons serve as
School Ambassadors.**

**They help visitors to MRMS,
during school events, assist
new students in transitioning
to school, and schedule “High
Five Fridays” periodically to
heighten school spirit!**



The Megalodons address food insecurity on Cape Cod. Using the funds from the Empty Bowls event, the Super Sharks are committed to providing lunch for the homeless once a month.



FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

There are many opportunities for families to become involved at MRMS.

The following are some of our favorite family activities.

Unifying Arts Monthly Movie Night 6:30 – 8:30

community building activity
open to all students



PTO

Beach Bonfire Night

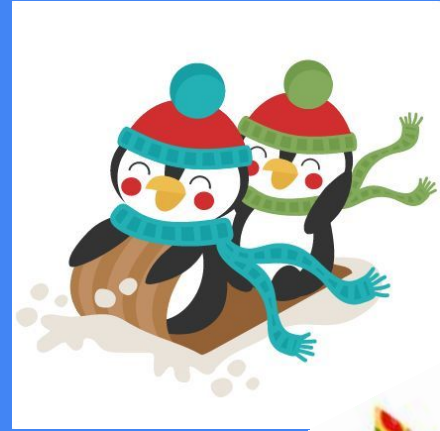


community building activity
open to all students and their families

Sliders and Slices

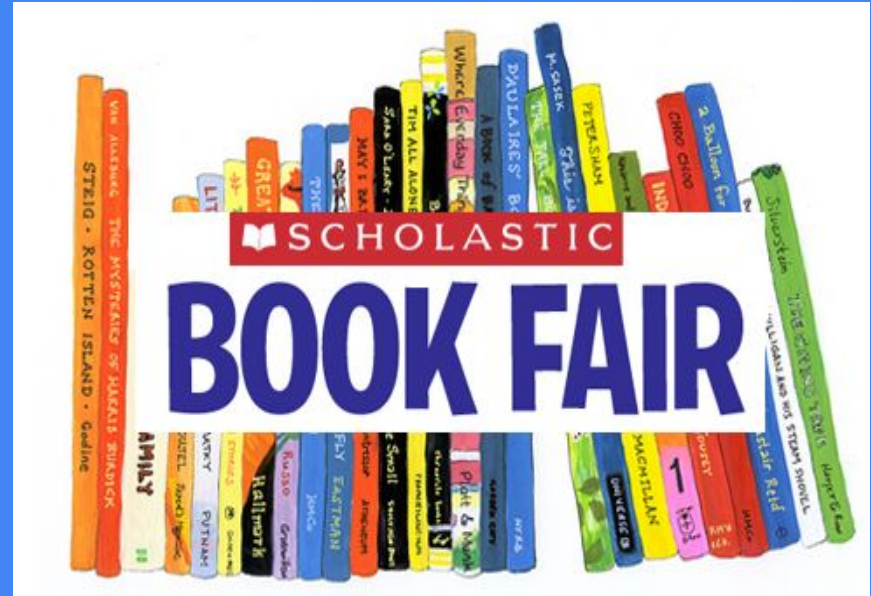
MLK Holiday

community building activity
open to all students and their families



Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair is held twice a year in the MRMS Elizabeth Reynard Library. All proceeds are used to purchase summer reading books for our students. The summer reading program culminates in September, as students engage in afternoon book discussions and activities with faculty, depending upon the book(s) each student has read for the summer reading initiative.



SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS



Grade 5: Truro



Grade 6: *The Finest Hours*



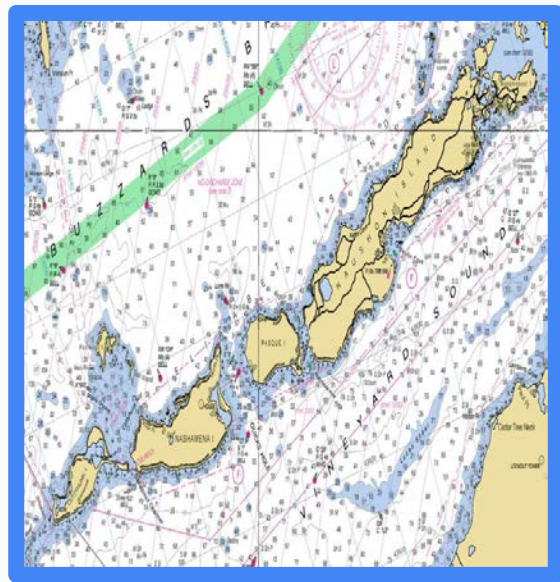
**Lunch with Author
Casey Sherman & Local
Community Heroes!**



Grade 7: *Beyond the Bright Sea*

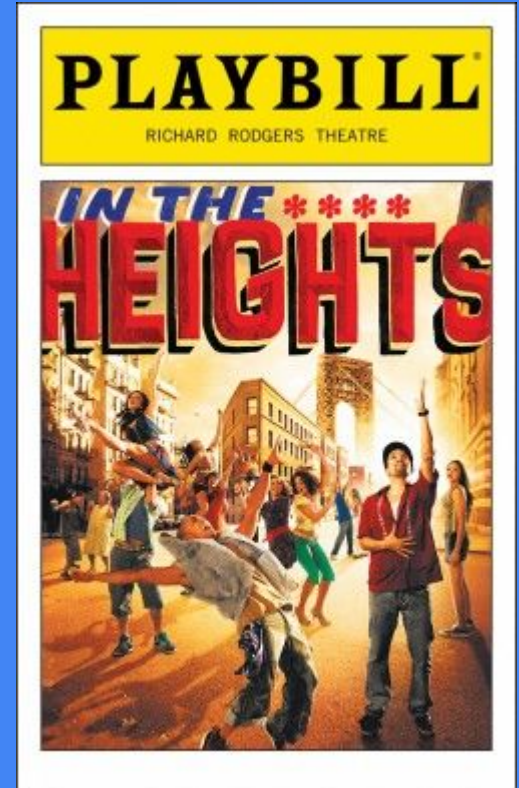
This amazing adventure provides the culminating activity, after reading local author Lauren Wolk's book, *Beyond the Bright Sea*.

On June 4th and 5th the students will be travelling along the Elizabeth Islands and make a stop on Cuttyhunk where they will engage in activities with the island's school teacher and her two students.



Wheelock Theatre

educational and community building activity
professional development opportunity
open to all students and staff



THE ARTS



BAND

Every year we have a **GREAT** time when the Monomoy High School Band kids (our former Band members) come and mentor our **BAND KIDS**. Fun and Pride!!

The Band is always about sounding great and having fun doing it. You learn how to use a “cool tool” to play music and entertain the world! **BAND** is the biggest group you can be a part of for your whole Monomoy career.



CHORUS



The fifth, sixth and seventh grade general chorus is a “come one come all” experience designed to get you singing. We perform two concerts each year and participate in Junior Southeast District Auditions (Grade 7) and the Junior All Cape and Islands Workshop (Grades 5, 6, and 7).

Southeast Junior District



The Junior Southeast District Festival represents the highest honor possible for seventh and eighth grade choral students in the State of Massachusetts. Students perform a solo audition in this highly competitive event and, if successful, are awarded a place in either the Mixed or Honors Chorus. They perform along with the top band and orchestra musicians in Massachusetts at a Festival in March. Students work hard on their auditions and, every year, Monomoy Regional Middle School students have won places in the Festival! Any seventh grader may try out for the chance to audition.

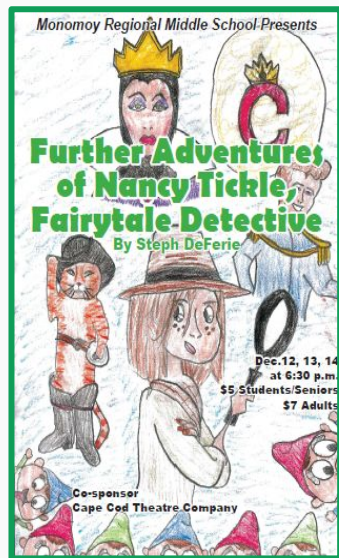
Theatre of Social Issues



Theatre of Social Issues is a recent offering for MRMS seventh grade students. Using techniques and forms from Playback Theatre and Theatre of the Oppressed, we embark on a journey of team building, warm-ups, characterization and narratives. We then examine our individual abilities to effectuate positive change in our community and create scenes depicting the social issues present in our school community.

PERFORMING ARTS

WINTER PRODUCTION



Fall rehearsals culminate in a dramatic production with performances before winter break.

SPRING MUSICAL



Rehearsals begin after winter break with performances in the beginning of April.

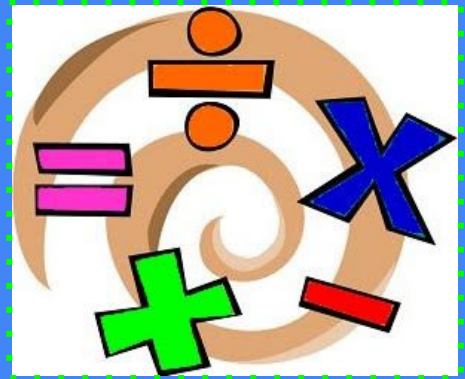
Productions open to all MRMS students. Opportunities for acting, singing, set design and construction, light and sound engineering, stage crew

CLUBS



Before and After School Clubs

FREE math tutoring and extra
help available before and after
school daily in the library.



ANIMAL RIGHTS CLUB



The Animal Rights Club helps to educate our school community about animal rights and welfare issues. The club holds fundraisers and other events to support the protection of animal rights.



ART & CLAY CLUBS



SET DESIGN CLUBS ~ WIZARD OF OZ & LION KING



HUMAN RIGHTS ACADEMY



Our Human Rights Academy is a nonprofit organization. The purpose is to teach youth about human rights, specifically the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and inspire them to become advocates for tolerance and peace. HRA has now grown into a multi-grade movement, including fifth and sixth graders here at MRMS.

HRA hopes to promote teaching human rights education both in the classroom and in nontraditional educational settings. We aim to reach students and faculty from every grade level, with materials provided by the YHRI (Youth for Human Rights International). By teaching human rights throughout the year we hope to spread this message as part of our school identity as global citizens.

Our materials include “The Story of Human Rights Documentary” (timeline) followed by 30 short public service message videos depicting the 30 Articles of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Our human rights videos and curricula will fill our classrooms and halls with the simple messages of what our human rights are.

MRMS YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

Dedicated yearbook students have been meeting every Monday since the Fall to organize and edit pictures, and build yearbook pages to capture the fin-tastic memories from this school year.



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Membership in the National Junior Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a middle school student. No student is inducted simply because of high academic achievement. The NJHS strives to recognize and encourage the total student, one who excels in the areas of scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character, and service.

Members of NJHS meet bi-monthly to plan and provide continued opportunities for our students to participate in community service, leadership and character building activities.

May 2018

18 New members were inducted into the National Junior Honor society



SHARK TANK ENTERPRISES

Open to All Students

VISION

To develop retail and banking skills that can be transferred to employment opportunities within the community.

To assist in fundraising activities for school activities, community service projects, and global citizenship initiatives.

OUTCOMES

Students who undertake the responsibilities of working in either the cafe or the bank will be using “real world” skills with the overarching goal of making and investing money in projects that benefit their school, their community, and their world.

<https://docs.google.com/a/monomoy.edu/presentation/d/1Y-sIGzoElt-DgrvRt6hqt4AExK5OVPdjnQJQZBZoDs0/edit?usp=sharing>

STUDENT NEWSPAPER

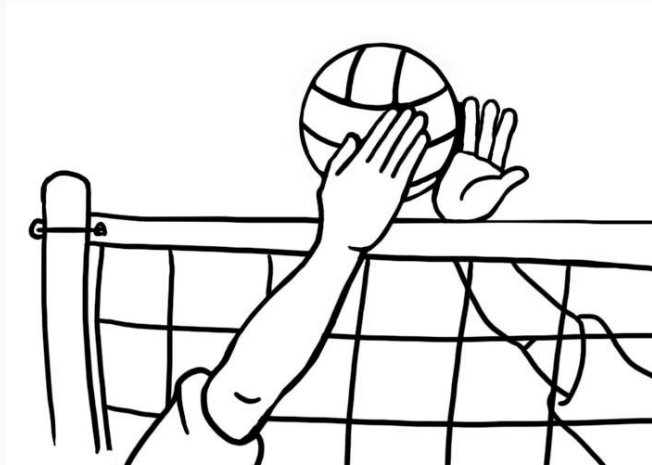
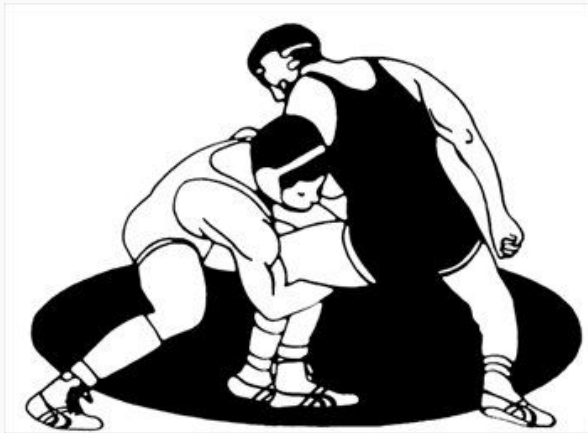
Our student-run newspaper, *The Monomoy Citizen*, meets on Tuesday mornings all year. Students work collaboratively to bring important news and information that reaches their peers, parents, and teachers. Along with gaining insight into what is happening within the school, they often branch out and report on community and even global issues. Reporters/writers also get guidance in how to sharpen their writing, observation, and critical thinking skills.



The window to the world can be covered by a newspaper.

~Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

CLUB SPORTS



SPORTS

Girls & Boys Soccer

Field Hockey

Cross Country

Co-Ed Golf Fall & Spring

Girls & Boys Basketball

Baseball & Softball

Co-Ed Tennis

Track

COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

OCTOBER COAT DRIVE (STUDENT LED)

DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE (CHORUS PROGRAM / DIANA TOSCANO)

JIMMY FUND JANUARY (STUDENT SENATE / KATE LISKA)

EMPTY BOWLS, FULL HEARTS (UNIFYING ARTS / DEB DEQUATTRO)

MARCH OF DIMES (HUMAN RIGHTS ACADEMY / PAM REUSS)

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS (STUDENT COUNCIL/ JAKE SUMNER)

MAY RED NOSE DAY (HUMAN RIGHTS ACADEMY / PAM REUSS)

“FULL HEARTS FILL EMPTY BOWLS” FUNDRAISER

**An Evening of Soup, Art, Music & Hearts
Students, Faculty & Families Unite to Support Monomoy Market
Clay Bowls Handcrafted by Grade 7 Art & Art Attack Students
Sponsored by Unified Arts Department
Supported by
NJHS, Student Council, Human Rights Club & Special Sips**



MONOMOY MARKET

Monomoy Market is a food pantry located at our school and open to any students in need to fight food insecurity in our community.



Monomoy Recycling Crew

Monday – Grade 5 & Speech / OT

Tuesday – Grade 6

Wednesday – Grade 7

Thursday – Unified Arts & Pods

**Friday – Administration, Central Office,
& Business Office**





Special Sips Cafe

Coffee Delivery on Wednesdays & Fridays



A few words of thanks...

To Principal Mark Wilson who always says YES to supporting students and families!

To our amazing faculty and staff who volunteer hundreds of hours and write numerous grants to make MRMS the best middle school EVER!