



ORCA NEWS

Anchored in Excellence

November Family Newsletter

We're so happy to share the November edition of our Family Newsletter! This month is full of exciting learning, special events, & wonderful moments happening throughout our school community.

We want to take a moment to thank you for continuing to support your child's learning. Your involvement and encouragement make such a positive difference every single day!

This Month's Fun Happenings

Native American Heritage Month

Daylight Savings Time - Sunday 11/2

Fall Fundraiser and Recycling Drive Begins - 11/3

Thanksgiving - 11/27

Westly's Mile - Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays (8-8:30 AM)

NOVEMBER
11/7 - Pastries with the Principal (8-8:45 AM)
11/11 - SAC/PTA Meeting (5:30 PM)
11/19 - Turkey Parade (Kindergarten)
11/19 - Teach-In
11/20 - Progress Reports go home
11/21 - Turkey Trot
11/24-11/28 - Thanksgiving Break

Upcoming Events
12/1 - Fall Picture Retakes
12/17 - 2nd Grade Ballet Field Trip
12/22 - 1/6 - Winter Break





★ Pastries with the Principal! 🍩

Parents, we'd love for you to join us for a morning of connection and conversation at MetroWest Elementary!

 Friday, November 7

 8:00–8:45 a.m.

 Media Center

Enjoy delicious pastries while hearing school updates, learning about our progress, and finding out ways to get involved with our school. It's a great opportunity to meet our principal and connect with other MetroWest families! ❤️

Please register by scanning the QR code below. We can't wait to see you there!



Upcoming Testing Dates



12/2 - 1st & 2nd Grades Math FAST PM2

12/3 - Kindergarten Math FAST

12/4 - 3rd - 5th Grades Math FAST PM2

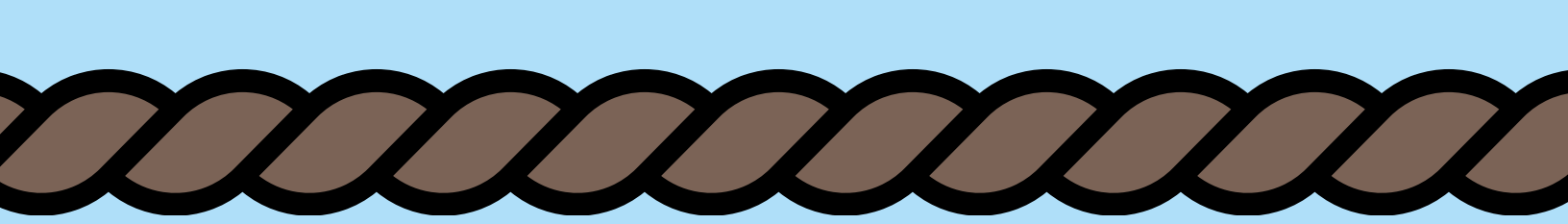
12/9 - 3rd - 5th Grades ELA FAST PM2

12/11 - 1st & 2nd Grades ELA FAST PM2

Thanksgiving Break

11/24 - 11/28

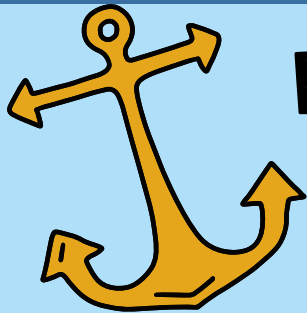




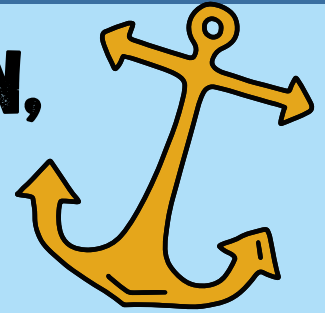
Join our School Advisory Committee (SAC)

The School Advisory committee (SAC) is a school-based group intended to represent the school, the community, and those persons closest to the students. The group shares responsibility for guiding the school toward continuous improvement.

Join us Tuesday, November 11th, 5:30 PM, in the MetroWest Media Center for our monthly Family Night. During our SAC and PTA Meeting we will be holding SAC elections, ratifying our bylaws, discussing FAST score reports, and all the wonderful supplemental technology programs our students have access to both in and out of school.



**WHEN FAMILIES JOIN IN,
WE ALL SHINE**



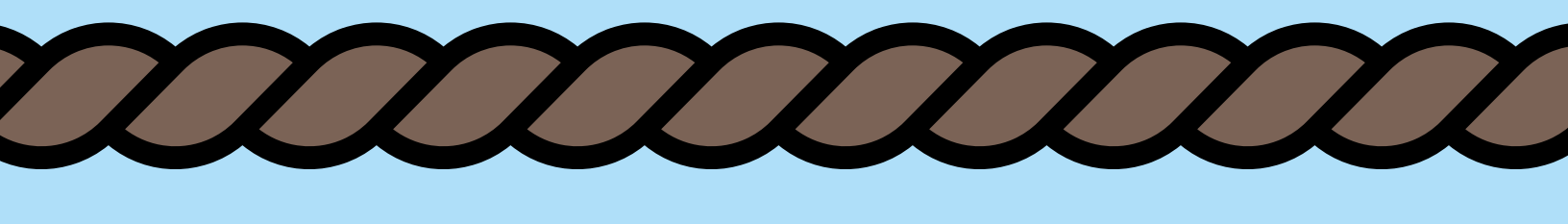
Volunteering through the Additions program helps us create amazing learning experiences and strong support for our students and staff.

Even if you've volunteered before, a new Additions application is required each school year.

Scan the QR code to get started.



Thank you for helping us stay Anchored in Excellence!



CALLING ALL PARENTS

**MetroWest Elementary
NEEDS YOU**

or other members of the community
to come into our classrooms to read to students,
talk about careers, or share an educational
experience for our annual

TEACH-IN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

Presenters can come in for 30 minutes or all day
(9 AM- 1 PM). If you are interested or
know someone who is,
please contact your child's teacher.

JOIN OUR TEACH-IN TODAY!

All presenters
must be
ADDITIONS
approved.

Whatever your
skills, whatever
your topic, there is
a classroom of
students waiting to
hear from you!





Our Teach-In Day is coming soon! We hope you can join us on Wednesday, November 19!

This special event is a wonderful opportunity for parents, family members, and community partners to visit classrooms and share their time, talents, and experiences with our students.

You might choose to:

-  Read a story to a class
-  Share about your career
-  Lead an engaging activity or mini-lesson

Presenters may visit for one 30-minute session or spend time in multiple classrooms throughout the day.

🌟 All presenters must be ADDitions approved.

If you're interested or know someone in the community who would love to participate, please contact your child's teacher to be added to our list of Teach-In presenters.

We're looking forward to another inspiring day of learning and connection as we welcome our families and community into our classrooms! ❤️

TOP AR CLASSES (9/18/25-10/31/25)

Congratulations to our top AR classes! We're so proud of all the progress our students are making! Remember to keep reading at least 20 minutes every day, and encourage our 2nd - 5th graders to take their AR tests regularly. Reading daily and testing helps build stronger comprehension, vocabulary, and a lifelong love of reading.

2ND GRADE

1 SELL - 26.2 PTS.

2 ABUD - 20.8 PTS.

3 BLOOMFIELD 4.3 PTS.

4TH GRADE

1 ARADO - 24.3 PTS.

2 BHUIYA - 18 PTS.

3 PACHECO - 9.9 PTS.

3RD GRADE

1 KELLER - 189.2 PTS.

2 SIMPSON - 83.3 PTS.

3 DINEEN - 66.9 PTS.

5TH GRADE

1 DELIMA - 292.2 PTS.

2 DOS SANTOS - 133.5 PTS.

3 SMITH REED - 107 PTS.



MetroWest Elementary School's fundraiser starts today, and we need your help.
Our goal is to raise \$5,000.00 for important items and services that would help
our school be the best it can be!

It's as simple as 1, 2, 3!

Register TONIGHT at www.ShopFund.com

Make sure you use Group Code: 7V7P4

Share custom support links with family & friends via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Email, Text and
more.

Student Goal: Minimum of 5 Online Supporters.

REGISTER-SHARE-WIN: Sharing gets you coins for chances to win over 1,000 prizes.

Fundraiser Links:

[How To Videos - \(https://vimeo.com/showcase/8752340\)](https://vimeo.com/showcase/8752340)

[Kick-Off Videos - \(https://vimeo.com/showcase/11797564\)](https://vimeo.com/showcase/11797564)

[Parent Letter - \(https://grpsvcs.link/FxiYNo\)](https://grpsvcs.link/FxiYNo)

[Prize Program - \(https://grpsvcs.link/R9FYZa\)](https://grpsvcs.link/R9FYZa)

On behalf of the PTA and the staff at MetroWest Elementary School, thank you for doing
your part to make our fundraiser a success.



This Fall, Let's Clean Up and Give Back!

As the leaves change, let's create change too!

Our students are learning how small actions can make a big difference—through our Recycling for Charity drive.

We're collecting: Clothes, Shoes Small appliances, Books
Gently used Board Games
Gently used Kitchenware
Gently used Bedding/Linen
Gently used Toys

We're asking students to bring donated items in trash bags (preferably 13 gal).

The class with the most trash bags will receive a Pizza Party!

Every donation helps both the planet and those in need.

Did You Know? Your recyclables help fund motivational incentive for our students and staff?

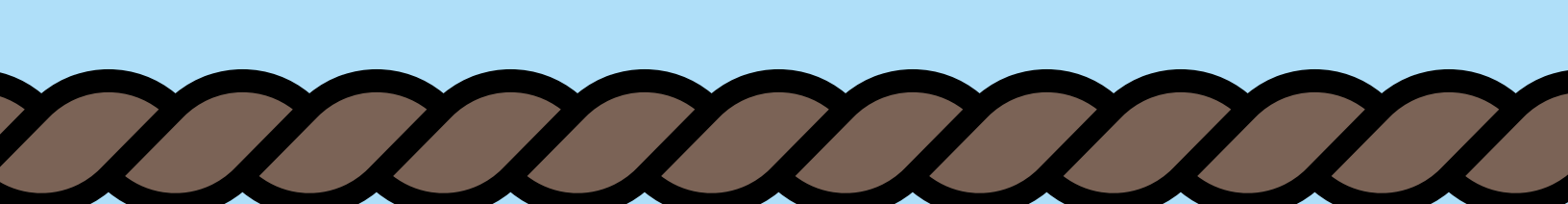
That's real impact from everyday items!

We're collecting items from: November 3-21, 2025

Drop-off location: Inside your child's classroom

Let's teach our kids the power of giving, recycling, and working together.

🍁 Thank you for supporting our fall recycling drive!



METROWEST LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2025 STATS



919 Books Circulated

190 Non-Fiction

26 Biographies

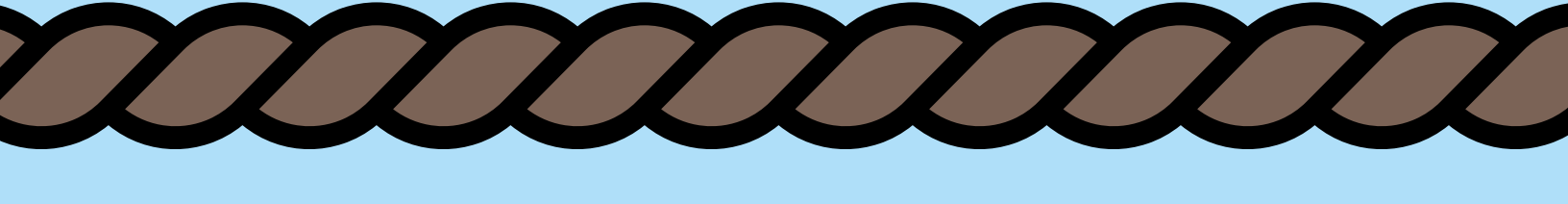


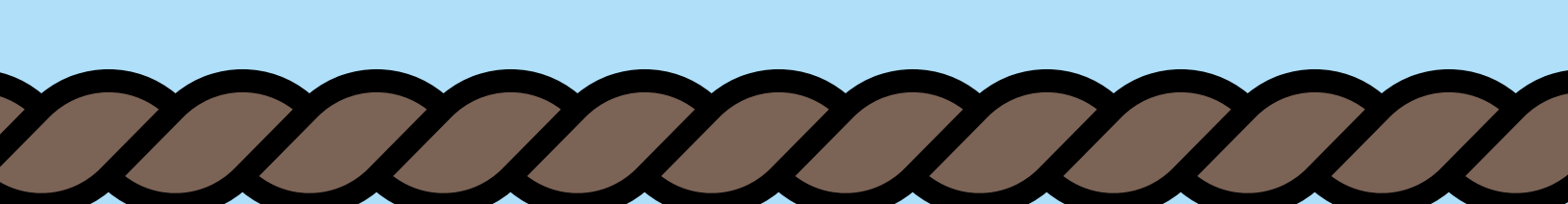
368 Picture Books

266 Chapter Books



69 Graphic Novels





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OCTOBER 2025 STATS



78 Class Visits

624.6 AR Points Earned

20,140 Beanstack Minutes Logged



529 Beanstack Badges Earned

Keep Reading 20 Minutes a Day
Take Your AR Tests
And Log your Minutes in Beanstack



READ, TEST, and LOG!
The more you do, the higher you'll
soar as a reader!



**SATURDAY
FEB. 7, 2026**

**REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN!**



Scan the
QR Code
to register.

<https://bit.ly/Fdn4OCPSschoolspritrun>



FOUNDATION
FOR ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Join Team MetroWest for the
5th Annual School Spirit Run
at Sea World, Saturday, February 7th.

We look forward to showing off our school orca pod pride!
When registering don't forget to select our school team.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Orlando/SchoolSpiritFunRunKidsRun>

Anchored in Excellence Powered by YOU!

Parents, we need YOU on board!

Our amazing PTA helps bring so many special moments to life for our students!

From family events & teacher appreciation to classroom resources and school-wide celebrations. Joining the PTA is one of the easiest and most powerful ways you can support your child's education and be part of the team that keeps our school community strong, connected, and thriving.

Sign up today and help us stay Anchored in Excellence all year long!

Together, we can make waves of positive impact!

<https://metrowestpta.givebacks.com/shop>

PTA
everychild. everyvoice.
**YOU
BELONG
IN PTA**
Our PTA...



JOIN US TODAY!



Spirit Day Fridays!

Don't forget to get this year's MetroWest shirt!

Every Friday is Spirit Day and we love seeing all our Orcas showing school pride in their MetroWest shirts!

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THE POWER OF 20 MINUTES A DAY!

Did you know that just 20 minutes of reading a day can make a huge difference in your child's success?

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and scores in
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and scores in
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and scores in
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987

RESILENCY SKILL OF THE MONTH

Gratitude

Being thankful and sharing appreciation with others.



School Cash

Paying for school items just got easier!
Scan the QR Code and sign up today.

