



Roslyn Public Schools

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Dear Members of Our Roslyn Middle School Community:

Seven years ago the constituents of the Roslyn Middle School learning community developed the following mission statement:

Roslyn Middle School will create a positive environment that promotes life-long learning through social, emotional and intellectual development. A culture of respect, understanding and integrity will be nurtured through the collaboration of educators, support staff, students, parents and our community.

We remain committed to this mission. At the beginning of the year, we plan to celebrate the reading of the book by using a common curriculum, as well as having an evening celebration with the community in October. These initiatives serve as important steps in integrating the principles of social and emotional learning into our curriculum and across multiple disciplines.

All Middle School students will again be part of this valuable common reading experience when we read *The Misfits* by James Howe this summer. The novel is a story of four seventh graders who take a stand against bullying and name-calling in their school. Central themes of the book include friendship, resilience and acceptance.

In addition, students will still have the responsibility to complete the regular summer reading assignment for each grade level, which is posted on the website.

The Misfits is readily available through barnesandnoble.com and through amazon.com as well as local bookstores. The ISBN number is 978-0689839566 and it is published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers.

We are truly excited by this and look forward to your support.

Sincerely,

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