



NEW PALTZ MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

This year we wanted to take our first class novel, *How to Steal a Dog* by Barbara O'Connor, further by connecting it to our community. We feel this book's themes and content allows for students to make a deeper connection to world issues. The book focuses on a young girl's struggle with being homeless. The Middle School works to emphasize ideas of kindness and empathy toward our building community. Now, we'd like to extend our positive outlooks onto our local community.

Starting October 1st through the 31st, the sixth grade will be holding a Sock Drive. We will be collecting *new* socks of all sizes. Socks are the number one needed clothing item, but people rarely donate new socks to organizations. The socks will be donated to Family of New Paltz, a local organization which helps surrounding communities. Students can bring sock donations to any of their 6th grade teachers. A donation box will also be located in our Main Office for other grades, faculty, and parents to participate.

Last year's sixth grade collected almost 500 pairs! This year, we look forward to having an even more successful Sock Drive at the New Paltz Middle School. We appreciate your support! Please contact any of your child's sixth grade teachers if you have any questions.

Thank you,

6th Grade Team



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