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Somerville Schools' Annual Wreath Sale Supports Students and Celebrates a Holiday Tradition

Proceeds benefit student activities, field trips, and athletics at Next Wave Middle School and Full Circle High School

SOMERVILLE, Mass. – November 4, 2026 - The holiday spirit is in full bloom at Somerville's Next Wave Middle School and Full Circle High School (NWFC) as students keep a beloved tradition alive with their annual wreath sale. The longtime seasonal fundraiser brings students together with the community to not only spread seasonal cheer, but also help fund enriching experiences and memorable opportunities for students.

The Somerville community has enthusiastically embraced the NWFC wreath sale over the years, helping sustain this close-knit, therapeutic learning community, where project-based learning and individualized attention help students thrive.

Proceeds from the sale directly support student activities and enrichment opportunities. This fall, students visited Connors Farm to pick apples and climbed Mount Monadnock, with a roller-skating trip planned for later in the season. Funds also support NWFC athletics, allowing the schools to field both junior varsity and varsity basketball teams this year. The soccer team also received new uniforms and welcomed four other schools for competition.

As for the fundraiser, this effort dates back several decades to when the school hosted a Christmas tree lot. Managing a tree lot at the high school became too logistically challenging, leading the staff to adapt the tradition into the wreath sale. Today, NWFC staff begins planning in late September to coordinate the many details that make the fundraiser possible.

The wreaths, shipped from Nova Scotia, Canada, are known for their quality. "We try to keep these wreaths at the same price as other wreaths, but these are nice, full wreaths," said interim principal Jack Haverty. "Even the bows are high-quality."

NWFC students play an important role in the fundraiser, preparing each wreath with a festive red bow and label before helping with deliveries. This year, students will deliver wreaths to their former schools, giving them an opportunity to reconnect with familiar staff and communities. The experience helps students strengthen community relationships while gaining hands-on experience participating in a fundraising project.

Wreaths are $28 each and are available for purchase through November 24. Orders can be placed online at tinyurl.com/NWFCwreathsale. Community members are encouraged to place their orders soon, as the wreaths typically sell out quickly. Pickup begins December 1 at NWFC, located within Somerville High School.