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Dear New MS 447 Community Members,

We're excited to welcome you to our Orientation to MS 447 tomorrow, and to announce our School-wide Summer Reading program! This summer, all MS 447 students and teachers will read *Rolling Warrior*, by Judith Heumann. This memoir tells the true story of how Judith Heumann's determination changed the laws of the United States and expanded accessibility for people with disabilities. Please note, there is also an "adult" version of this book, titled *Being Heumann*. but we will be reading the "Young Readers Edition."

Students and teachers are asked to read this book over the summer, and on **Friday, September 8**—during our opening days of the 2023-2024 academic year—our school community will engage in mixed-grade activities and book club meetings to discuss the book. We'll be thinking about how Judith's story connects to our lives, and how we can use her story to motivate and inspire us. It will be a great way for students and teachers to connect after a fun summer, and to kick off another successful school year!

Copies of *Rolling Warrior* will be available for purchase at a discounted price of **\$10.00** through MS 447 at the Orientation, and in the school's office, if you can't make it tomorrow. We invite families to make an additional donation to help defray the cost of books for families that may not be able to afford it. Every child will get a book, regardless of ability to pay. All students will receive a copy of *Rolling Warrior*, regardless of ability to pay. Please bring payment in cash or check and a completed form to help us ensure everyone receives a book.

Thanks for your support and participation, and have a great summer!

Sincerely, MS 447 Schoolwide Book Club Committee

## **Rolling Warrior** MS 447 School-wide Summer Reading Book Please enclose \$10.00 payment or more to donate (cash or check payable to MS 447).

Student Name, (First and last name. Please print clearly):

- □ Payment of \$10.00
- □ Check here if you are including an additional donation. \$\_\_\_\_\_. Thank you!!
- Please check here if you would like a book donated to your student because of financial need.