



May 26, 2026

Dear New MS 447 Community Members,

We're excited to welcome you to our Orientation to MS 447 on Thursday, 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 11**—during our opening days of the 2026-2027 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 Judy'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 **\$11.00** through MS 447 at the Orientation, and in the school's office, if you can't make it to the event. 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. Please bring payment in cash, check, or pay online with the QR code, and complete the form below 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 \$11.00 payment or more to donate (cash or check payable to MS 447 or pay online).

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

- Check and sign here if your child will purchase this book on an e-reader or get a copy from the library, and will not purchase a paperback copy: _____
- Check here if you are including a donation in addition to the \$11 cost of a book.
\$_____. *Thank you!!*
- Please check here if you need a donated book.