

April 3, 2020
Five for Friday

As we finish our third week of a "new normal" that still doesn't feel very normal...

1. The last of many Chromebooks were loaned out to Hingham students earlier today. We owe a special debt of thanks to **Joe Andrews** and **Colin McGinnis**, the unsung heroes who organized the distribution of tools essential for remote learning. This district-wide project was a massive undertaking and they executed it to perfection.

2. With the award ceremony (like everything else) canceled last week, **Maryellen Holler** didn't get to experience an in-person ovation for winning the [Outstanding Athletic Administrative Assistant award](#) presented annually by the MA Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association (MSSADA). As you read this, wherever you are, please stand and cheer. She deserves it!

3. And, while you're up, please also raise a salute to **Jennifer Henriksen** and **Collin Shattuck**, since next week is **National Assistant Principals Week**. Our school is blessed to be able to count on their expertise, their compassion, and their tireless dedication.

4. Jenn, Collin and I will continue "virtual office hours" next week but will shift to a **Monday-Wednesday-Friday** schedule with all of our thirty-minute sessions moved to the afternoon.

5. With or without the meeting of traditional English classes, April remains **National Poetry Month**. No pandemic can stop the power of words to move and uplift us. In that spirit, [here's one](#) you might like.

Have a great weekend, everybody!

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