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Dear MCS Community Members:

A new school year means a new year for Celebration Books! A Celebration Book is a book your child selects for the library's collection in honor of a special occasion or a special person. Celebration Books are a unique way to recognize a child's birthday, honor a relative, friend or teacher, or celebrate an important event while also contributing to the MCS Library.

All Celebration Book donations go to purchasing books for the library, which, thanks to the generosity of the Norwich Bookstore, are acquired at a 20% discount. The Celebration Books program provides crucial support for the library, providing over one third of the funds used to purchase new library books.

#### How it works:

- **COMPLETELY fill out the form** on the reverse side of this letter and return it, with your check made out to the **Norwich School District**, to your child's teacher or to the front office. Forms can also be downloaded from the PTO section of the MCS website. **Forms can be submitted at any time during the school year.**
- On Celebration Book Days (held once a month), your child will be invited to the library to **choose a book**. Jillian Van Ells, the librarian, has pre-selected a wide range of books for every age and reading level. For birthdays, we try our best to have students select their book during their birthday month. For summer birthdays, we try to use the student's half-birthday month unless the parent indicates otherwise.
- A **special bookplate** with the child's name, date, and event or person being honored is permanently placed inside the book's cover. A **certificate** with the name of the book selected and the person or event honored is sent home for you to share with the honoree. If you need a certificate before a certain date, please let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate your request.
- Your child will be the **first to check the book out** of the library, after which it goes on the shelf as part of the library's permanent collection, and your child's name on the bookplate will be seen by every user of that book!

If you have any questions about Celebration Books, please contact us.

Your support is greatly appreciated – both by the school and current and future students!

Thank you,

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