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Dear MRMHS Community,

Join us for the 2023 summer Monadnock Reads author focus on Jason Reynolds, National Ambassador for Young People's Literature from 2020-2022.

In-coming grade 9-12 students should choose one of Reynolds' novels to read over the summer. We encourage parents and guardians to decide which novel will be the best fit for their children. Included here are potential selections appropriate for high school students:

- *When I Was the Greatest* (2014)
- *All American Boys* (2015)
- *The Boy in the Black Suit* (2015)
- *Long Way Down* (2017)
- *Miles Morales: Spider-Man* (2017)
- *Look Both Ways* (2019)
- *My Name is Jason. Mine Too.: Our Story. Our Way* (2022)
- *Ain't Burned All the Bright* (2022)

*\*The Toadstool Bookshop in Keene will give Monadnock students a 25% discount on any summer reading book.*

*\*The summer reading list was also shared with the town libraries in the district. Students can check out books from their town libraries.*

*\*If for any reason a student cannot purchase a copy of one of the selected books, please contact the school at 603-903-6704 for a copy.*

**Here is the full reading list for all students and courses:**

- **ALL students entering grades 9-12:** Read at least ONE book written or co-written by Jason Reynolds.
- **Grade 9 Honors English:** *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- **Grade 10 Honors English (Read both texts.):** *Parallel Journeys* by Eleanor Ayer **AND** *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- **Grade 11/12 Advanced Placement Language and Composition:** *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers* by Loung Ung
- **Grade 11 Honors:** *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson

*\*Honors and AP students should check for Google Classroom invites from their teachers in order to see additional assignments and course information.*

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Sincerely,

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